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## **EDITORIAL**

It begins to look as is we have a real governor in the saddle up in Santa Fe. He has ordered all state destroyed by fire Saturday. \$100,000 cars to be used for official use only and he has weeded out a lot of dead was saved. timber from among the state employes. But what affects us the most selling the city hall and then buildor Mabry is doing his utmost to get State Highway 83 constructed in 1947. So many governors have used Highway 83 as a springboard for their second term that it is rather unusual to find a governor that is really, truly trying to do something for this end of the state. It has been customary for state officials to come down to Eddy county about two or three days before election, buy the what the State Legislature is trying voters a coke and slap them on the to determine. At the present time Hope seem to act as if they don't back and then go back home with the Eddy county vote in their pocket, should get \$5.00 per day at least. but it seems as if Governor Mabry is going to change all this. The following dispatch from Alamogordo to The El Paso Times says: "Of much interest to Otero County is the plan for the state program to include a 7.6 mile project on Highway 83 from Elk to Hope at a cost of about laws as yet. He is leaving \$500,000." That certainly sounds the Attorney General to do. good to Hope people and to the Artesia folks as well. When Governor Carisbad schools, has been a visitor stand still. They either go forward Mabry visited Hope during his camin Santa Fe a few days the past or go backward. Let's keep going Mabry visited Hope during his campaign he said to the writer that if week. I wonder what bill he is lob- forward. he didn't get a single vote in Hope, bying for? he was going to do his best to get

loss. \$350,000 worth of cotton seed

ing a better one. Which reminds us that the jail at Hope was sold for taxes at one time

been only one man in it during a period of ten years.

Do election clerks and judges deserve an increase in wages? That is

Charlie Rose, former superintendent of the Carlsbad schools and now struction, seems to be handling the there in time. affairs of his office satisfactorily. He has not started to interpret the

Wnat has happened to "The Duch-

some work done on Highway 83. And ess" that used to give us the Santa the same old Dick as we first knew Germany and the Hawaiian slands. very nice way, of course.

to have another hotel, another servand then the town of Hope had to ice station or two and more stores. been informed that Mayhill is getstore buildings are going up and oth- the past week. er improvements contemplated.

Some of the school children in they are paid \$3.00 a day. They care whether they are in time for school or not. The last bell will be ringing and some of them will be sauntering toward the school with State Superintendent of Public In- not a thought in mind of getting

Ninety-nine out of 100 will tell you that we have had the best schools laws as yet. He is leaving that for the past year and a half that we've had for ten years past. Schools are Pat Murphy, superintendent of the just like anything else, they can't

> At the recent school election at Artesia three new board members were elected. We imagine there will be some changes made. The platform on which these candidates ran called for a broader educational program, a sound and economical expansion of the school system, a school cafeteria, improvements of school athletics, board meetings open to the public and cooperation with community groups.

> The cold weather which we have been having may mean that we will have another fruit crop. But what would we do with a fruit crop and no sugar?

#### STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES Eddy County Board of Education

		Disburse-
Fund	Receipts	ments
Adm	\$ 1575.80	\$ 565.68
Main	14785.29	16436.34
Emer	3890.86	
D. C	6559.88	633.14
TOTAL	\$26811.83	\$17635.16
	Mrs. R. N.	Thomas
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A Little About This

And A Little About That

Artesia



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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Valentine's Day is Feb. 14th

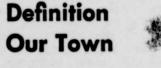
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**A Definition** of Our Town



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I've got to admit there's something to it. A lot of our folks are inclined to be pretty outspoken and quick to criticize . . . even about little things, like a woman's hat, or a man's preference for a glass of beer, or the color of Cy Hartman's new barn.

But when anyone's in trouble, those derences and points of

criticism are forgotten . . . and folks become neighborly and helpful, like they really are.

From where I sit. criticism never did much harm to anybody, so long as folks don't let it guide their actions . . . so long as the respect our individual prefcrences, whether they apply to hats or beer. That's the way it is in our town, anyway, and I hope that it's the same in yours.

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it looks as if he is making good his Fe scandal through the columns of him 10 years ago; he is one of the We will write to them. Good work, Governor, The Eddy County News, when Mar- most efficient county officials that come on down and see us some time. cus Griffin was the editor? Boy, and we have . . . Traffic rules are not Friday afternoon at 1:30. The room observed in Hope; motorists turn mothers are invited to come. around in the middle of the street Within a very few months there and park on the wrong side of the visiting in our room Monday. will be road crews working east and highway, oh, well, they do the same west of Cloudcroft bent on construct- thing in Artesia . . . Not enough of- Joe Helen Bailey missed school Moning a modern paved highway across ficers to enforce the law . . . At this day. the mountain. When this highway is season of the year it is always necescompleted it will treble the number sary to call the attention of the peoof tourists through Hope. We'll have ple of Hope to the condition of the irrigating ditches . . . Some of them lene, and sister, Mrs. Mildred Beaty, are completely choked up with weeds of Watsonville, Calif., visited their buy it back again. Can't see why the completion of Highway 83 will they ever bought it back. There has be the making of Hope. We have been only one man in it during a been only one man in it during a beautiful the completion of two and more stores. The completion of Highway 83 will and grass . . . Mrs. John Prude has aunt, Mrs. A. A. Smith, from Jan. been only one man in it during a beautiful the completion of Highway 83 will a crew of men at work constructing the completion of the completion of Highway 83 will a crew of men at work constructing the completion of Hope. We have her tourist court . . . And that is ting ready for the boom. Two new what has been happening in Hope

**Uncle Sam Says** 



retary of the United States Treasury Edward H. Foley, made a few remarks the other day which are worth the attention and action of all my other nieces and nephews. In talk-ing about buying Savings Bonds through the payroll savings plan, he said: "Workers are doing them selves a favor when they increase their take-home savings. The man who has saved up a reserve has a sense of security which the man who lives from hand to mouth can never know. He gets more out of life. He can take today as it comes, rather than spend it worrying about tomorrow." The same reasoning applies not only to Americans on somebody's payroll but to the millions of men and women who earn' thei - ving as doctors, lawyers and le-pendent business men who can arrange for regular purchases of Savings Bonds at their banks.

U. S. Treasury Department

#### School News

The average daily attendance for the first eight grades in the Hope school for January was 75 plus. For We are glad to note that Mrs. Ben the high school it was 45 plus. For Babers is improving . . . Mrs. Chester the first five months of school the Schwalbe is recuperating from in- average daily attendance for the juries recently received . . . Ben grades was 82.25. For the same per-Marable is taking plenty of time in iod for the high school it was 47.03.

stacking up his lumber, but he is The State Department of Educadoing a good job. Mr. Marable tells tion notified Superintendent Moore us that he is able to fill any size last week that the Hope High School bill for lumber on very short notice. was accredited and in good standing We need a lumber yard here in Hope for the year of 1946-47.

. . We heard that Mr. Moore pre-The following boys have completsented a very complete report of ed large cedar chests in shop, Harold where and how the money is spent Parrish, Marvin Holley, Edgar Davbelonging to the Activity Fund at enport, Lynn Menefee, Dale Young, the Board meeting Tuesday night Harvey Taylor, Eugene Bates, Alfred ... J. W. Mellard has been busy this Willburn, Donald Menefee, Thomas week in moving his furniture to the Lee Harrison, Andy Teel, and Junior mountains . . . The Town of Hope Newsom.

The Hope school received \$63.35 will be looking for a new Mayor . . . It was reported around Wednesday from the Alamogordo basketball that a department store is to be tournament. Our expenses at Alaopened up in Hope . . . . Hope had mogordo were \$100.29. The Alamoirrigating water Monday . . . John gordo superintendent sent \$3.50 to Hardin has been pruning fruit trees have the trophy engraved, which our for Cecil Coates this week . . . Wal- boys won.

lace Johnson attended the farm bu- The Hope school board of educareau meeting at Cottonwood last tion met in regular session Tuesday, week . . . Bonnie and Ethel Altman Feb. 11, with all members present. are very pleased over their new store Andy Teel was elected president, Alwhich they purchased a few weeks vin Kincaid, secretary; Jess Musago . . . Dave Lewis has been out grave, vice president; J. P. Menefee pruning his orchard the last few and Leonard Akers.

days . . . Leonard Akers was a visit- First, Second and

or in Roswell Tuesday . . . L. E. Hall Third Grade News went to Roswell Tuesday and was Our room mothe Our room mother, Mrs. Joe Young, thinking of going over on the Hondo gave each of us an ice cream cone for to look at a truck farm . . . Andy keeping our health rules so well Teel was put in as president of the While we were at the store eating school board Tuesday night; he is a the cones, Pete Blakney gave each of

good man for the job . . . An oil stove us a pop. Thanks to him. exploded at the Jim Banta home last Mrs. Green and Mrs. Stegall are week and came very near setting planning a Valentine party at Mrs. the house on fire . . . Rush and Char- Stegall's home for us. We are looklie Coates have been remodeling and ing forward to an exciting time.

repainting their truck preparatory to Fourth, Fifth and

go to Elephant Butte Dam on a fish- Sixth Grade News ing trip . . . Xury White, Probate We have drawn pictures of Lincoln Judge, and Richard H. Westaway, and Washington. We have collected Eddy County Deputy Assessor, were names of children in Mexico, South in Hope Monday and called at The America, Canada, Alaska, France, News office . . . Dick Westaway is England, Spain, Africa, Argentine,

We will have our Valentine party

Kenneth and Jimmy McCabe were

Everyone is doing better in music.

#### HOPE NEWS

Joe (Red) Teague and wife, Eriew through the Caverns Sunday by Mrs. Smith and Bill Ordunez. They also visited their aunt, Mrs. Jennie Schwalbe, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Schwalbe and the Chester Teague family. Joe and Mildred attended school in Hope in the 20's.

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Mr. Musgrave and J. P. Menefee went to Artesia Wednesday.

Rev. A. C. Douglas, district superintendent, was here Sunday night and held conference in the Methodist church.

Dance in the Hope Gym, Saturday, February 22. Bates-Fisher music. Admission 60 cents per person.-adv. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at the Baptist Church.

For Sale-One 24,000 B.T.U. circulating gas heater. Can be seen at The News office at Hope. Mrs. A. A. Smith was taken to the Memorial Hospital at Artesia Monday, suffering from a severe attack of the flu.

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# WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS-Fear Red Penetration in China;

Iron Out Wage Inequalities; Act on Box Car Need in West

Released by Western Newspaper Union. \_ (EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newsyaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.



Russian military leaders grow up into army life under the Soviet training system. Picture shows new group of youngsters admitted to Surerov military school. Bemedalled youth at right was said to have fought in Berlin and Manchuria.

#### CHINA:

U.S. Out

Diplomatic eyes turned anxiously to the Orient following the U.S. decision to abandon its peace-making in China and withdraw most of the 12,000 marines on duty there.

Concern was expressed lest U. S. withdrawal would invite Russian intervention in China on behalf of the Chinese Communists. While Secretary of State Marshall had diligently sought to bring the Nationalists and Reds together during his special peace mission, the U.S. had proceeded on the assumption that the Nationalists constituted the legal government. In supporting the Nationalists, the U.S. has advanced an estimated 11/2 to 3 billion dollars of lend-lease, and also provided technicians for training their military

Since the U.S. pulled out of China without making any strategic arrangements, the Russians maintain a distinct advantage in view of their half-interest in the Manchurian railroad and their joint control of Port Arthur and Dairen. Russia's strategic position thus leaves Moscow in a key position if it wishes to supply Chinese Communists entrenched in the north or actually intervene on the pretext of stabilizing conditions in the Orient.

#### LABOR: Pay Equality

Announcement by the department of labor that a special commission had simplified job classifications and ironed out rate inequities in the Big Five packing plants pointed up the growing acceptance of the principle of equal pay for equal work in U. S. industry.

Consisting of representatives of the public, government, industry and labor, the commission cleaned up differences between Swift, Wilson, Cudahy, Armour and Morrell and the AFL, CIO and independent unions over rate inequalities. The companies and unions had agreed on conditions for 90,000 jobs in collective bargaining procedure, and the commission acted on the remaining 10,000 jobs.

The number of labor grades carrying varying pay rates was cut from 250 to 25 under the negotiations and wage boosts averaging 1.8 cents an hour were awarded to approximately 75,000 workers to iron out inequalities. In general, packing house employees doing the work in the same geographical area now draw equal pay.

Previously, the CIO-United Steel Workers and U. S. Steel corporation had ironed out wage inequalities for 175,000 employees. Retroactive to January 4, 1944, the cost of readjustment was estimated at 30 million dollars, with many workers receiving the equivalent of a 11/2 cent an hour wage increase.

#### FREIGHT:

Want More Cars

For the fifth time in three years, Senator Reed (Rep., Kas.) acted to alleviate the shortage of box cars in the West caused by the retention of rolling stock in the East by seaboard railroads.

As elevators and millers clamored for cars to move grain stacked in the West, Reed threatened to draw up permanent legislation to relieve what has developed into a perennial problem in recent years. On previous occasions, the railroads shift-

ed cars west upon Reed's demands. The shortage of rolling stock resulting from inadequate additions lief which might chiefly benefit the during the war years has figured in upper brackets.

the scramble for cars between East and West. Once cars roll in from the West with agricultural products, eastern railroads have sought to hold onto them as long as possible for shipment of industrial goods to seaboard points. Because the railroads also are loath to send the cars back empty, valuable time is lost by shunting them westward with short loads.

#### ARGENTINA:

Peron Scores Long the target of American lib-

erals, President Juan Peron of Argentina shook some of the ground from under them by employing a firm dominated by former

New Dealers to help plot the industrial and agricultural development of the country. As directors of

the Worldwide Development corporation of New York engaged by Peron, Economists Robert Nathan and

Laughlin Currie are the two prominent New Dealers involved in the enterprise. Along with engineers, agronomists and geologists, they will help Peron lay out an ambitious program of rural electrification, hous-

ing and harbor improvements, road construction and hydro - electric In undertaking

the development, Rear Adm. Howard Currie A. Flanigan, USN retired, who is president and board chairman of Worldwide, was quoted as saying that the firm was interested in the deal because expansion of the Argentine economy would provide lucrative trade possibilities for the U.S. Like other Latin-American nations, Argentine has millions of dollars available for purchases of foreign goods.

The wily Peron also has taken other steps to woo the U.S. Taking cognizance of state department insistence that he rid Argentina of axis firms and agents, he promulgated a decree for expropriation of fascist enterprises.

#### CONGRESS:

#### Retain Luxury Levies

Bent on trimming income taxes, the Republican congress moved to preserve other sources of revenue to carry the huge 1947-48 budget and reduce debt by extending wartime rates on luxury items.

As a result, taxes on liquor were scheduled to remain at \$9 a proof gallon; 20 per cent on furs, luggage, jewelry and toilet preparations; 1 cent for each 5 cents charged on theater admissions; \$8 a barrel on beer; 25 per cent on long distance telephone calls and 15 per cent on local service; 15 per cent on transportation, and 20 per cent on light bulbs and tubes.

Meanwhile, Republican ranks were split on the proposal of Chairman ly important legislation was adopted Knutson (Rep., Minn.) of the house ways and means committee to reduce income taxes 20 per cent on earnings up to \$300,000. Increasing favor was shown for the suggestion of Representative Engel (Rep., Mich.) that exemptions be increased to cut the taxes of low income groups rather than offering broad re-

# Washington Digest

# Congress Putting Its Reorganization to Test

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

Washington, D. C. WASHINGTON. - The 80th con-

gress has been operating long enough under the new reorganization plan to note some of the latter's virtues and

shortcomings. The first hotly debated issue in the senate had a fortunate effect on the plan. I refer to the fight over retention of two of the standing committees - the committees on war investigation and small business. Despite the fact that the 80th con-

gress had expressed the intention to abide by the reorganization plan accepted by the 79th congress, and that one of the purposes of this plan was to eliminate the special committee, the senate Republicans fought hard to extend the life of these two "specials" -and they won.

But so much attention was directed toward the issue that Senator Taft hastened to make it clear later that creation of further special committees would be a very difficult job. Net result of the whole discussion was to strengthen rather than weaken the reorganization.

One of the most important steps toward increasing efficiency of congress was elimination of overlapping committees but, like attempting to abolish the seniority rule, it just couldn't be accomplished. As a matter of fact, when the bill finally was passed, the house rejected the senate-approved provision which did away entirely with special committees. It was admitted at the time the reorganization act was passed that it fell considerably short of the original recommendations by the various bodies which had made unofficial studies of the situation. Indeed, the act did not carry out all the recommendations of the report of the joint congresand then to make its own.

#### Experts to Advise Solons on Problems

Probably the most important change yet to be made is to provide additional help for members. That is, providing additional experts to advice committee chairmen and committeemen. I recently heard it remarked that: "Senator Taft usually knows what he is talking about when he takes the floor. You may not agree with his policies but when it comes to facts he seldom makes erroneous or misleading statements. This is largely because Taft has the best staff of advisers in congress —he hires and pays for them out of his own pocket."

It is impossible to expect that more than a few members of either house can devote enough time to any single subject to become expert on it. It is true that we have had some outstanding examples of men and women who have been able to specialize and still carry on their other duties. For example: Senator George on finance and Mrs. Rogers on veterans' affairs, to name two widely different fields.

It is natural that most congressmen got into politics by way of the legal profession, which is a good basic training, but today, when many of the most important issues are economic rather than political, no professional training is in itself broad enough.

The staffing, however, that has been done is invaluable. Now for the first time there will be experts instead of a new inexperienced set brought in with each chairman. More are needed.

Some phases of the reorganization plan probably will prove impractical. One of its objectives was to reduce the number of measures passed by unanimous consent. This was recommended because frequentin this manner with only a small number of senators on the floor. The roll is not called - merely "no objections." Various steps were taken to check this custom but there is a human element involved that has to be taken into considera-

One thing which helps attendance considerably is the reduction of the

WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street, N. W., | number of committees upon which a senator serves. This gives him time to participate in debate.

It is not improbable that the filibuster will be curtailed, perhaps this session, if not entirely ruled out. But there never will be "a limit to debate" and "debate" easily can become largely a monologue when addressed to few hearers except a patient visitor or two in the gal-

#### Additional Reforms Are Recommended

George B. Galloway, staff director of the Monroney - LaFollette congressional committee which drew up the reorganization legislation, recently proposed seven new fields of congressional reform:

1. Avoid legislation deadlocks and promote better teamwork between congress and the Pres-

2. Create unified, clearly located, responsible leadership in congress for the legislative pro-

3. Reduce the non-legislative work load on congress so as to free congressmen from errand running and permit them to concentrate upon their legislative duties.

4. Choose committee chairmen other than on the basis of seniority.

5. Eliminate the filibuster in the senate.

6. Solve the problem of the powers and procedure of the house committee on rules.

7. Establish adequate safeguards against extension of the patronage system to the new professional committee staffs.

It will be a long time before all these suggestions are adopted. Meanwhile some of those already in the law will be modified slightly in use, just as an automobile or ship "shakes down" after a certain amount of mileage has been achieved.

One thing that simply won't work now and probably never will in the sional committee created to ex- senate, at least, is the printing of amine various recommendations the schedule of the next day's work in advance. There is too much freedom of action, too much deeply inrooted senatorial courtesy to prevent a senator from obtaining "unanimous consent" to lay aside what was planned and introduce an entirely different matter.

But this is a small point. It is agreed that the advantages outweigh the minor disadvantages. The staffing alone even though not carried out to the full is a tremendous gain. Expert guidance of specialists who know their jobs and are not subject to political interference is invaluable.

#### Makes Farming Pay



Gideon E. Mettler, wearing a fatigue cap and fondling milo raize, cleaned up \$40,000— \$20,000 for himself and \$20,000 for his father-on 240 acres of irrigated land near McFarland. Calif., in his first year out of the army. Mettler made his money raising potatos, not corn, but corn proved more photogenic (as well as more useful to radio comedians). He attributes part of his farming success to the fact that the area in the Central valley project seems fairly free of spud-seeking insects.

#### Gems of Thought

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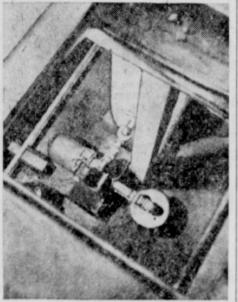
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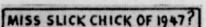


isfaction and needless expense in the use of electricity for anything beyond lighting and minimum power uses," William A. Ritt, Minneapolis, Minn., declared at the national farm electrification conference.

In planning the wiring for a farm, Ritt declared, the average farm must be considered as an industrial plant, a production and processing plant for products. The greater the degree of processing performed on any farm, the greater is the return in terms of farm income, he explained.

No matter what efficient equipment the farmer may employ to atrive at more complete and profitable electrification, its successful operation depends upon a good wiring installation.

Larger capacity service entrances, heavier conductors to farmstead buildings and also for serving the higher horsepower motors now being used, an increased number of circuits and more attention to balancing loads among the various circuits, are among the outstanding needs of farm wiring systems today, Ritt said.





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# **Unique Library Started** With 'Bible and Prayer'

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MOUNT SHERMAN, ARK .- Started 12 years ago with "a Bible and a prayer," the Wilderness Library in the deep Ozarks hill country along the Buffalo river in Arkansas now ranks as one of America's most unique educational and recreational projects.

Hillbillies, some of whom previously were 100 miles away from the nearest library, now trudge daily over the rugged, wooded trails to the log cabin library perched atop Mt. Sherman. For many of the men, women and children, the library, which serves as a community gathering center, is the only educational facility available.

Founder of this novel library is James Ted Richmond. The inspiration for his project came in France, where he remained after service in World War I to study at University of Toulosse. While there he organized a small library designed to acquaint the French with the American way of life.

#### Lives Atop Mountain.

After returning to America, Richmond reentered newspaper work, and while writing radio plays in Little Rock became interested in hillbillies. Deciding to live as one of the mountain folk, Richmond staked a claim for a homestead atop Mt. Sherman. Friendly mountain folk helped the newcomer build his cabin in a log raising bee.

One of Richmond's first impressions of his neighboring hillbillies was that they were deprived of educational advantages but hungry for reading matter. To fill the void, he at first began circulating his Bible. A plea to Little Rock newspaper friends netted some books, with which he started a free library in a hollow tree outside his cabin.

From this meager beginning, the Wilderness Library has grown until it now contains more than 10,000 volumes. Newspaper friends boosted Richmond's cause and books began coming in from all parts of the country. The hollow tree overflowed, forcing Richmond to move the library into his small cabin. Now the cabin is lined with shelves, with books stacked high to the rafters.

#### Ambitious Plans.

Improvement and enlargement of the library to convert it into a community recreational center are among Richmond's plans for the future. First, however, he hopes to build another log cabin home for himself. The encroaching book shelves have practically forced him out of his humble abode. During the summer time he even does most of his cooking on an outdoor stove, but, as the hillbillies' librarian explains, his principal foods are goat's

milk and "garden sass." Richmond also envisages that some day he will be able to use the Wilderness Library as the nucleus for a new College of the Ozarks to provide higher education for mountain boys and girls. He would like to have a jeep and library trailer to permit taking his books to homes is seeking advice on the subject. beyond walking distance over the His address: Ted Richmond, Wilrough trails. He also wants the derness Library, Mount Sherman, roads improved and other advan- Ark., via Twilight Trail.

tages brought to his mountain peo-

Last fall Richmond decided he could achieve these objectives by political action. He announced his candidacy on the G.I. ticket for representative from Newton county in the Arkansas legislature. In his platform, he pledged himself to work for better schools, building of farm to market roads, improvement of the dairy industry, equalization of taxes and abolition of the poll tax. He was defeated, however, by the long-entrenched political machine in Newton county.

#### Pledges Future Fight.

"This fight for good government is only starting," Richmond insisted, adding that "there's another election coming.'

On his wild homestead lands, Richmond earns his livelihood by milking about a hundred goats, rasing pigs, chickens and turkeys, and growing potatoes and vegetables. If he receives \$10 for goat milk sold to the creamery several miles away, he gives a dollar "as a tithe to God," \$4.50 to his library and the remaining \$4.50 for his own upkeep. Often he deprives himself of necessities so he can finance his rapidly expanding Wilderness Work.

In addition to the free library, the Wilderness Work includes a number of other activities launched by Richmond to improve the lot of the mountain folk.

One of the major projects is the annual Wilderness White Christmas, launched in 1933 in memory of his mother, Mrs. Etta E. Richmond. Without any compensation for his work and paying all personal expenses, Richmond directs the collection of clothing, toys, medicines and other household articles for distribution to the poor Ozark families at Christmas time.

#### Seeks Medical Aid.

Another objective for the hillbillies' librarian is to secure proper medical services for the mountain people. Injured and ill persons, isolated from the larger communities, have died for lack of prompt attention, Richmond reports.

"First aid is a necessity here," he says. He lists a hospital cot complete for first aid, antiseptics, surgical powders and sickroom supplies as articles most sorely needed.

"I am sure that churches, schools, clubs and individuals everywhere would help if they only knew the predicament of these people," Richmond maintains.

He is considering the possibility of establishing a non-profit educational foundation to raise money for financing the expanded Wilderness Work. Main difficulty is that he's not versed in the procedure, so he



LATEST STYLE NEWS . . . For the first time in 20 years, marine corps uniforms have been modified. Left to right are new winter "greens"; old style; new dress "blues"; old style.



TOUCH SYSTEM . . . Julie Gibson, movie starlet, gets her hair styled by Helen Lopez, one of six blind girls learning beauty culture and hair styling under auspices of American Beauticians association and Braille Institute of America. Their highly developed sense of touch permits the blind to learn quickly.

# Skin Revealed As Indication Of Occupation

BOSTON. - If your amateur detective tendencies lead you to wonder about a casual acquaintance's occupation, all you have to do is to glance at his skin. That is the theory propounded by Dr. Francesco Ronchese, instructor in dermatology at Boston university school of medicine.

After a study of "calluses, cicatrices and other stigmas" peculiar to various trades, Dr. Ronchese insists that they offer an infallible guide to a person's occupation. He even suggests that they be used as an aid to identification in case of amnesia victims and unidentified

Just as sure as a cauliflower ear will lead to a fighter, a foundry worker will have a red discoloration of the forearms from constant exposure to the intense, dry heat of ovens, he says.

The jeweler's trademark is a large callus in the center of the right palm, the result of working with pliers, while bricklayers probably will be missing the fingerprints of their left hands because of constant handling of rough bricks.

In the realm of musicians, Dr. Ronchese referred to the "trumpet player's lip" and "violinist's acne," a lump on the neck near

the angle of the lower jaw. Practically every occupation, even sedentary jobs, has a distin-

guishing mark, he points out. Colors and odors also are listed as special features of an occupation. Silversmiths often carry traces of slate gray while photographers, shoemakers and others invariably have stained fingers.

In regard to odors, Dr. Ronchese declares that it would be hard to go' wrong on the characteristic smells of ash collectors, stable hands or fish dealers.

Admitting that there is one odor that might be misleading, he says: "The peculiar smell of the barroom does not necessarily denote a bar-

#### Dog Stands Guard After Rescue Fails

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. - Although he failed in a valiant effort to save his mistress, Mrs. Elizabeth Ray, 77, from drowning, Corky, a Boston bull dog, still stood guard over her lifeless body until help ar-

Police, who paid tribute to the heroic dog, told this story:

Mrs. Ray fell into the raging waters of Chickamauga creek. Corky plunged in after her, swimming for almost a quarter of a mile before he could reach his mistress' side. Then he tugged her to shore.

When police found them, the little dog had its left forepaw around a small sapling on the bank and was fighting to keep the current from dragging him and his mistress downstream. Police estimated the 25-pound dog had been fighting the waters for four hours.

#### Sounds Complicated

OAK PARK, ILL. - Ellis Denny of Oak Park chamber of commerce proposed to the village board that parking meters be bought to make enough money to buy parking lots to eliminate parking meters.



#### COLORADO SURVEYS NEEDS

Approximately six million dollars will be required to build an adequate system of airports in Colorado outside the metropolitan areas of Denver, Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Grand Junction, a Colorado Aeronautics commission survey shows. This system will be required by 1955 to handle the more than 4,000 planes expected to be owned by Coloradans by that time, Henry B. Moore, director of the Colorado university bureau of research, de-

Engineers and economists from the university have visited nearly every airport in the state and every town with a population of more than 750 in their survey of Colorado's airport conditions.

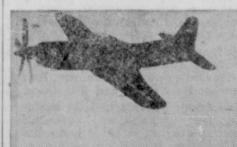
The survey disclosed that there are 157 towns in Colorado under 1,000 population with 44 landing areas, 44 towns from 1,000 to 2,500 with 31 landing areas, 13 towns from 2,500 to 5,000 with 12 landing areas, 9 towns from 5,000 to 10,000 with 12 landing areas, 8 towns over 10,000 with 21 landing areas.

Special religious services were held in the First Baptist church of Minneapolis, Minn., to dedicate a two-passenger airplane to be used by Minneapolis Hospitality house for expanding its youth work. The plane was dismantled and brought to the church sanctuary for official dedication ceremonies in front of the congregation.

#### OVERLOOK PRIVATE FLIERS

In the rush for aviation supremacy among cities in the postwar flying boom, the needs of the private flier too often are overlooked. This condition is leading private fliers, particularly in rural areas, to take a more active interest in aviation development in their

The attitude of cities varies widely in regard to the private flier. In Burbank, Calif., for example, a \$2.50 landing fee has been instigated for single-engine, private planes. A \$5 fee is assessed for twin-motor jobs landed at Lockheed air terminal there. On the other hand, Milwaukee, Wis., has spent \$350,000 on Maitland field, a downtown landing field, and is contemplating spending another \$200,000. This field is intended primarily for private fliers and there is no landing fee.



NEW JET FIGHTER . . . Latest of jet fighters is the Ryan XF2R-1, which is serving as the navy's flying laboratory to test prop-jet engines. This Fireballtype fighter is the first navy combat plane to be powered by a gas turbine turning a propeller.



HISTORY IN MINIATURES . . . Crowded into the 4,000 square feet of Roadside America, world's greatest indoor miniature village, is the panorama of American history: (1) Sleepy Hollow is typical of the pioneer days of the West; (2) Shrine church is a replica of a memorial chapel in the Alps; (3) a pioneer village of 300 years ago is reconstructed; (4) the airport, laid out like a real field, lends note of modernity; (5) an idea of the scale on which the miniatures are built is obtained by comparing Laurence Gieringer with the figures he is placing on a railroad station platform, and (6) the village of Fairfield represents the

# Picturesque Miniature Village Depicts History of America

Childhood disillusionment at the shattering of a dream did not mill about the village, the lights are deter Laurence Gieringer; instead, it embarked him on a hobby which over a span of 44 years has resulted in creation of a pic- the church pours religious music turesque miniature village which has attracted nationwide attention and lured millions of visitors.

With the passionate covetousness of a child, the 5-year-old Laurence | millions of visitors every year. used to sit nightly in the window of his home in a Pennsylvania valley and gaze longingly at a house on the mountainside—a toy house, it seemed to him, as its lights blinked enticingly in the distance. He wanted that tiny house, wanted to pick it up in his hands and bring it home.

When his repeated pleas to set out in quest of his house were ignored, the little boy finally became desperate and, stuffing a banana and a few crackers into his pockets, trudged off up the mountainside in search for the little house. Searching parties were out all night and at o'clock in the morning the frantic parents finally discovered the grimy but undaunted boy two-thirds the way up the mountainside. Bitter at being overhauled, the boy was comforted only when his parents agreed to take him to the end of the road.

Dream Shattered.

Disillusionment clouded Laurence's eyes when he beheld just another ordinary sized house with no lights at all in the bright morning, no enchantment, no magic lure.

But Laurence Gieringer's dream was not ended; in fact, it had only begun. Today, at 54, he owns countless lighted houses that he can pick up in his hands, along with churches, barns, bridges, highways, railroads, lakes, fields, grist mills, factories and scores of other miniature models depicting the architectural and industrial panorama of the America of the last. few hundred years.

Collectively they are known as Roadside America, which is situated four miles west of Hamburg, Pa., between Harrisburg and Allentown.

Roadside America had its beginaing four years after Laurence's abortive attempt to bring home the lighted house from the mountaintop. With his younger brother, Paul, he had climbed another mountain near Reading. Far below them Reading looked like a city inhabited by doll men. Fascinated by the sight, Laurence said eagerly: "Paul, wouldn't It be swell to build little houses the same size they look from here?"

Delving into their venture with enthusiasm, the boys scoured the library for books on American architecture from the pioneer days to modern times. A kindly art teacher gave them drawing lessons at three cents for plain sketching, five cents for pastel work, the fees covering only the cost of material.

Early difficulties soon induced Laurence to adopt an arbitrary scale of three-eighths of an inch to a foot, a scale he has employed through all the intervening years.

Pictures and stories of the way the early settlers in America had lived induced Gieringer to build history into his miniatures. His models, he decided, could show the development of American home and business life as exemplified in the structure of homes and business buildings.

As a result, there now are three separate sections, one depicting the life of the early settlers, another that of Pennsylvania at the turn of the century and a third showing a modern setting. Gieringer plans a fourth eventually-his version of the village of tomorrow.

Built From Scraps.

Scraps of wood, discarded tin cans, wire, pieces of metal, pipe cleaners, paper and numerous other odds and ends have been utilized as construction materials for Gieringer's intricate models.

An idea of the scope of the exhibit may be gained by noting some of the materials which have gone into its making. They include 9,520 feet of board lumber, 4,000 feet of building paper, 1,728 feet of railroad and trolley track, 11,080 feet of electric wire, 513 light bulbs, 12,000 pounds of plaster, 4,000 miniature figures, 10,000 miniature trees and shrubs, 250 pounds of nails, 42 gallons of sand, 145 miniature railroad cars and 1,700 feet of tracks for trains and trolleys.

Highlight among the miniatures is a high-spired church with beauti-Thus was born the idea which was | that required months of exacting lato grow into a project enchanting bor as Gieringer sought means of summer.

dimmed and fro mthe open door of from a tiny organ. Outside the church a ragged tramp leans lazily against a white fence, a dog at his heels.

When the organ strains fade, a different type of music issues from a large barn, in which an old-fashioned barn dance is progressing. Nearby planes seem about to take off from an airport while a few feet away people are packed into a grandstand watching a baseball game.

Animation marks the exhibits. There are youngsters walking on narrow curbstones, a boy whose feet are tangled in an electric wire, dogs sniffing at fire hydrants, women hanging out their washing or gossiping over back fences, trolleys and train in operation, water wheels turning grist mills.

Receive Wide Acclaim.

The Gieringer exhibits have been widely heralded as the world's greatest miniature village and the most unique and detailed masterpiece ever evolved.

A staunch exponent of hobbies as a means of preventing juvenile delinquency, Gieringer insists that "hobbies keep children off the street," adding that "if youngsters' hands are busy, they don't get into mischief." His dream is to see establishment of a national hobby center where exhibits of all kinds can be shown to inspire other hobbyists.

Throughout the years both Mr. and Mrs. Gieringer have worked with countless children from nearby schools and orphanages.

Although Gieringer allows boys training in his workshop to use mechanical equipment, all of Roadside America has been built completely by hand and with ordinary carpenter tools.

Originally set up as a Christmas display in the Gieringer home for showing to neighbors and visitors, the miniatures later were exhibited in a Reading fire house and in a paint, two barrels of green sawdust, local park, all earnings going to six tons of stone, 8,000 pounds of charity. The present Roadside America was established in 1941, a portion of the proceeds still going to charity. Although wartime gasoline rationing shattered attendance, a record number of visitors viewed fully handpainted windows, a task the displays last season and still larger crowds are expected this

#### IMPROVED " UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL CUNDAY CHOOL Lesson

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#### JESUS AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

LESSON TEXT-John 8:12-16, 31-36; 9:1-5. MEMORY SELECTION—I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not of life .- John 8:12.

"The Light of the World is Jesus!" Who does not remember with what delight we as children sang, "Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee . . . The Light of the World is Jesus." How precious was

the truth that thus flooded our souls! Our study centers around three simple words fraught with beauty and rich in meaning.

I. Light (John 8:12-16).

The text says, "Then spake Jesus." When? Just after he had silenced the hypocritical accusers of a woman taken in sin, and had spoken the word of peace to her troubled soul. She was to "go and sin no more" because she had met him who is the light of the world. They that follow him "shall not walk in darkness"; they are the children of light, they have the very light of life.

How sad it is that with the light of the world shining in all its brightness, men loved their own darkness. The Pharisees, instead of receiving the Light, had to argue, and to do it on a low, fleshly plane. They even accused Jesus of being a liar. Think of that!

So it is that men may reject the Light of God and go on into a darkness made deeper because they have seen the light.

Now we look at our second beautiful word. How sweet it sounds as we repeat it-

II. Freedom (vv. 31-36).

Free! Four letters, but what a depth of meaning! Chains have fallen off, prison doors are open. The one who was bound is free. But here we are concerned with an even more important liberty, the freedom of the soul. Many there are who boast of their independence, but who are merely slaves. Jesus said: "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (v. 34) not its master.

How shall they be freed? Note three things in these verses. (1) A condition-"If ye continue in my word." This means not only a profession of faith, but a daily appropriation and realization of his truth in life. (2) A promise—"Ye shall know the truth." The philosophies of men profess to be a seeking after truth, but how few there are who look to the one place where it can be found-in Jesus Christ. (3) A result-"The truth shall make you free." Truth always sets free.

Men are enslaved because, as in some foreign lands, they have not had the opportunity to learn the truth (we have failed to send it), or because they have rejected it.

Freedom and light can lead only

III. Vision (John 9:1-5).

This is one of the most instructive passages in Scripture. A man born blind is seen by Jesus. His disciples note his interest and begin to theorize on a theological question. They had learned so little of the compassionate spirit of Jesus that they saw in this blighted life only an illustration of a theological problem. May God help us that we may never be so blind.

Jesus goes at once to his blessed work. He was in the world to do the works of God. He and the Father always work. Let us follow his blessed example. The King's business requires haste. Let us work "while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work.'

By a loving and gracious act. Jesus stirs in the heart of the man that faith which causes him to go, to wash, and, glory to God, he sees!

Such a personal experience of the divine power of the Son of God leaves no doubt in the man's mind that the One who caused him to see "is a prophet." All of a man's doubts concerning the deity of Jesus Christ disappear when he becomes his Saviour.

Do not fail to read the remainder of the chapter and note how this man's faith was victorious in the face of trials, persecution, and even of excommunication; for outside the temple he met Jesus and took him as his Lord. As Dr. Scroggie puts it, "His excommunication was a promotion. He went from the synagogue to the Saviour."

Bill-What in the world ever

happened to Pete? John-Oh, he was being shaved by a lady barber when a mouse ran across the floor.

Not Dry Cleaned

"He's so very slovenly."

"Do you think he washes?"
"Oh, he washes all right, but he dries a had color."

There was a man who was so fat that he was two inches taller sitting down.

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# Murder in Plain



Duke McCale, private detective, is investigating the murder of Curt Vallaincourt, who was about to marry Veronica Bigelow, heiress to thirty million dollars. She is the principal suspect. McCale learns of a deep plot to keep control of the great fortune in the family through a deal with Vallaincours. Shari Lynn, Vallaincourt's former wife, is shot to death, apparently to silence ber. Someone fires at McCale, wounding him in the shoulder. Then Veronica calls, telling him that the police have arrested Christopher Storm, noted architect, and former suitor of Veronica's. McCale phones police lieutenant Donlevy, in charge of the case, and asks him to hurry over.

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The case was beginning to irk him badly. Not only was he not making progress, he almost seemed to be going backwards.

"We gathered in Christopher Storm," he began.

"I told you to tail him, not ar-rest him," McCale interrupted. "But why did you give me that

cryptic message just before you were blitzkrieged last night? Why did you want me to put a tail on him?" Donlevy asked.

"Because, my good friend, I began to suspect that the lad thinks a lot, that he has more than a glimmer as to what this mess is all about. I was sure that eventually his elephantine mind would hit on something important. Would he come to me with it? Oh, no. As you say, the naive honesty of the lad is amazing. I was almost sure he'd start digging around by himself. A dangerous game." He patted his bandage. "I wanted to avoid another catastrophe."

Donlevy muttered to himself glumly.

"Instead of that," Rocky put in, "they had the mark on you for the next victim, boss."

"It won't happen again," the lieu-"I've put a man on tenant said. this house.

"Oh, Lord," said Duke, ill humor

covering his voice.
"All right. You may not like it, but he stays just the same." He got

up to go.
"Anything new besides that?" McCale inquired.

"Not a thing, unless you think Karen is the girl we're after. I've got a man on every last one of them now. She drew \$800 from the bank this morning."

'She did? "Yes. Looks more like she was going to pay blackmail again, what?" He studied McCale's expression closely, but got no visible reaction. He shrugged. "Well," he looked his chagrin, "glad to see you're breathing. If you think of

anything-"
"Yes," McCale's eyes were far away.

He finally persuaded Ann to go home. She wouldn't admit how fatigued she was until he callously called attention to the droop of her shoulders and the dark circles under her eyes.

#### Someone Strikes Down Sybil

At six o'clock Rocky came in

from the bedroom where he had been getting some sleep. He pulled the curtains over the dark windows. McCale sat wrapped in thought. "You've got to go out for me,

Rock," he said, his voice packed with excitement. "Somehow, you have got to get into the Lynn girl's suite at the Baysreuth. Bribe the officer if there's one on guard, or the desk clerk, if there isn't. If the rooms are sealed up, get in some other way."

"What do you want there, boss?" "A list of the pictures over the desk in the living room. Just a description. There's one missing." "Where'll I look for that one?"

"I don't want it. I want the others. If you can't get them out, make a list. Get back here as soon as you can." "Right you are."

McCale was alone when the call came an hour later. He lifted the receiver with his good hand to hear the frightened voice of Adelaide Bigelow.

"Mr. McCale's residence?" In spite of the feverish anxiety in her tone, she clung to the formalities. "Right here, Miss Bigelow."

"Oh, I'm so glad you're up and about. I heard you had been in-

"Yes, but I'm quite all right. What is it?" He was urgent.

"It's Sybil. She's been attacked. Right here in the house. I am frightened. What can it mean? I thought-"

"Yes, yes. Is she—?"
"Alive? Yes, but unconscious. A
doctor's here."

"Tell me, is it a bullet wound?"

McCale was surpoised to hear

this. "How was she hurt?" back of the head. Oh, it's so horri-

you, but-"Not at all. Keep calm. I'm coming right over.'

As he stood on the sidewalk, waiting, a shadow detached itself from the cold, dark February night and walked toward him.

"That you, Mr. McCale?"

"Yes, officer-or-hello, Humphrey. If I'd known it was you I'd have invited you inside long ago." "Hell, so you knew the office had

a tail on you. And me thinking it was a real mysterious job I was given. That Donlevy! Tells me I wasn't to bother you, but to stick to your door like it was me mother's." McCale got in. He held the door

"Come on, Humph. You'll get a dusting from the lieutenant if you lose your quarry."

McCale gave the Beacon street number as Humphrey clambered in. The big red-faced officer settled himself with a sigh. "We going for a long ride, Mc-

Just over the hill, and I "No.



McCale unfolded a large black silk handkerchief.

can't take you in. Too bad. The house is full of beautiful women." "You'd better let me come in," Humphrey gibed. "You can't do your best work with that arm in a sling."

#### 'The Murderer Must Be in the House!

"You don't know me. Besides, the lady I'm going to see is in a worse condition than yours truly. Some-one tried to bump her off."

"My God. Who is it, Mata Hari?" McCale laughed and lapsed into silence for the rest of the ride.

Adelaide Bigelow seemed changed. Like the house, she was enveloped in tragedy. To be sure, tragedy had touched her life more than once in the last hours, had crouched on her own doorstep. But now it had entered the very house, the room. It was this fact that seemed to have shattered the last remnants of her courage. She sat huddled in an armchair like a paralyzed person, powerless, watching death like a slow-burning flame

creep toward her across the floor. "Oh," she said, seeing him standing before her, noticing his arm in its hammock. "Your arm. I knew, of course, you were hurt, but-oh, I shouldn't have called you." Her voice was dull, hopeless.

"I'm sorry I had to come in my dressing gown, but I had no one to help me dress. I didn't want to waste the time it would have taken me to do it by myself. I hope you'll excuse it.'

"Of course." "When did it happen?" His tone was more like a doctor's than a de-

"About five o'clock. She must have lain there a good hour."

"Where?" "In the attic." An eyebrow shot up. "The attic? What was she doing up there?"

"I-I don't know. Putting some things away/or-" "Looking for something perhaps?"

"I couldn't guess." "Who found her?" It flashed through his mind that someone must have known where she was. would have had subtly to reveal her hiding place.

"She recovered her senses aftergoodness knows how long. She

walked downstairs by herself. Ver-"She was-was struck on the onica found her pacing up and down the hall on the third floor, in a ble. I suppose I shouldn't bother daze. She-she couldn't find her own room."

That was logical. Many people, after being struck over the head, regain enough of their senses to walk about automatically seeking help, though still in a semi-conscious condition. "She collapsed again?"

"Yes, as soon as we got her to bed and had sent for the doctor." "What prognosis does the doctor give?"

"She will probably recover, but she may not remember things-who hit her-how it happened-for a long time. The police were quite nasty about it, Mr. McCale. They A taxicab slid up to the curb and have insisted on a police nurse so that she may be questioned the moment she regains consciousness. Oh, it's awful-awful!"

> She reached out an old blueveined hand toward him, like a distressed child. Her voice was emp-

ty, drained.
"What can we do, Mr. McCale?" He shrugged away the pity that flooded his mind. No time for sympathy. His business was not commiseration. His mouth was grim; his voice held no clemency, no hope. He turned with a violent movement, striding toward the door.

"I want to see the attic." She rose obediently, mechanically. In the hall, she led the way, some of the granite in her taking possession again. She preceded him up the stairway, dead eyes straight, her fine-drawn lips set in a firm

Up the dark, heavily carpeted stairways of the brooding house they went, past the double doors of the drawing room where Karen still played her macabre music, up to the third floor, where a policeman sat dozing before the closed portal of Sybil's room where death was hovering, up the last flight, darker and narrower than the others, to the attic where murder had beenperhaps only delayed.

Miss Bigelow pressed a switch and two yellow bulbs came into view, dimly lighting the place. A well-kept attic came into focus, shadowy, but unlike most attics, orderly. No dust there, no dark corners, no cobwebs or broken furniture. There were a few chests of drawers, any number of trunks and

An old trunk had been pulled out under one of the lights for easier perusal. It stood open. There was a damp red stain on the bare boards where the blood had spilled from Sybil's wound.

McCale dropped down beside the trunk, asking curtly, "The weap-

"The police took it away-a chimney brick wrapped in a towel. The towel was from the third floor bathroom." Miss Adelaide's eyes avoided the blood on the floor.

Miss Bigelow's voice came hollowly, futility dulling it. "Then it must have been-oh, if it were not true-but it must-"

"Yes," he said quietly. "It could only have been the murderer of Curt Vallaincourt and Shari Lynnthe person who attempted to remove me from the world last night -here in this house. Surely you have known, have suspected, Miss Bigelow, that the murderer is either one of your family, or someone who goes and comes at will to and from this house."

#### A Black Handkerchief Intrigues McCale She looked at him bleakly.

He began to go through the contents of the trunk, swiftly, urgently. It was apparent that Sybil had stored her keepsakes there. Written labels were pinned to a number of articles. There was a girl's white dress with a card that read: "Vic-

toria's graduation." Sybil's own wedding gown. Two envelopes contained locks of Stephen's and Victoria's childhood curls. There were several schoolbooks. As he removed other souvenirs from the depths of their hiding

place, a brand-new picture of Sybil flashed across his mind. She was revealed, not so much as the woman who clung so desperately to her fading youth, who made vapid, silly conversation, who bolstered her empty middle-age with sherry, but more as a doting mother secretly keeping alive the brighter moments

of a not too easy life. McCale unfolded a large black silk handkerchief, the last thing in the trunk.

"This?" A puzzled look came over her face. She struggled with memory. "I don't know. I can't place that. Could it have been my brother's?" "I hardly think so."

(TO BE CONTINUED)



#### By VIRGINIA VALE

ALF an hour spent with LEdward G. Robinson is so stimulating that for days other people look pretty drab. He's been having a brief vacation in New York, after finishing "The Red House," while waiting for the script of his next picture to be prepared-as co-producer he has a special interest in both of them. "Vacation" meant seeing friends and relatives, looking at paintings, giving interviews, doing guest shots on the radioeverything but resting. "I have to



EDWARD G. ROBINSON

come to New York about three times a year, to get re-charged,' said he. Though his success on the stage was unquestioned, he's not yearning to go back; to make better and better pictures will satisfy him.

Katharine Hepburn, on the other hand, won't give up the theater. But whatever she does on the stage, she says, must be in the nature of a challenge, or something different from anything she's attempted before. After making "Undercurrent," with Robert Taylor, and five days later starting "The Sea of Grass," with Spencer Tracy, she too headed for a vacation, in her Connecticut

Barbara Britton's theme song should be "I Love a Parade"; after she rode on a float in the 1941 picture appeared in a local paper, Paramount auditioned her, and she was all set in the movies. From minor roles she worked up to the lead opposite Ray Milland in "Til We Meet Again"; she'll co-star with Randolph Scott in "Albuquerque."

Groucho Marx is afraid he may have a hit on his hands. He has a play, "The Middle Ages," which he'd like to do on the New York stage. But experts have read it and think it will have a long run. If it does, and he appears in it, that will mean that he'll have to be away from Hollywood indefinitely. He wrote it with Norman Krasna, so he may just rest on his laurels as co-author.

Mercedes McCambridge shocked everybody at a rehearsal of "The Adventures of the Thin Man" by announcing that she's quitting radio. maybe forever. She's decided to settle in the West Indies with her novelist husband, William Fifield, and John, her five-year-old son.

It's good news that Katina Paxinou is to appear in another picture; dropping her after her magnificent performance in "For Whom the Bell Tolls" was one of Hollywood's glaring mistakes. She recently returned to this country to play the role of Raymond Massey's wife in RKO's screen version of "Mourning Becomes Electra." Eugene O'Neill. Dudley Nichols signed her. Congratulations!

Thelma Ritter had a fine reason for omitting playing "Bernice" on a recent "McGarry and His Mouse" broadcast. Last Thanksgiving she played a small role in "It's Only Human," starring Maureen O'Hara and Edmund Gwenn, when some scenes were shot in New York. When the film was developed in Hollywood her comedy scene was so funny that her role was enlarged, so she flew to the coast for new scenes.

Two of the outstanding radio programs for children are guided by men who are childless. Robert Maxwell produces the trail-blazing "Superman," and Jack Barry is the originator and moderator of the hilarious "Juvenile Jury." Maxwell's married, Barry's a bachelor.

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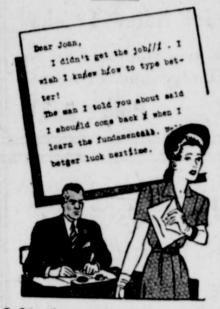
A lot of this stuff that passes as "food for thought" is merely propaganda artfully disguised.

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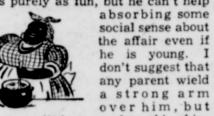


Let Children Play and Frolic! See recipes below)

#### Youngsters' Parties

Has your youngster had a party recently? There's nothing quite so excellent for social training for the youngsters as having a party completely their own. Social graces, unselfishness and consideration of others can be taught easily this way.

Of course, a child may look upon this purely as fun, but he can't help



there are little ways of coaching him to see that his small guests are comfortable, and the fact that they have come to see him in his own home gives the child a certain awareness about his role in the matter.

As a mother, you should be careful in planning the food for the children and seeing that everything goes smoothly. Little tots are apt to get very excited at the prospect of a party, so it's a good idea to have food simple and easy-to-digest.

Since birthdays are good occasions for parties, you might plan a simple supper party for the youngsters. Creamed chicken made with plenty of milk, an easy to get salad of molded fruit, and ice cream and cake is a good starter.

#### \*Creamed Chicken. (Serves 4 to 6)

- 5 tablespoons butter 5 tablespoons flour 3/3 cup sliced mushrooms 34 teaspoon salt
- 1% cups chicken broth 1/2 cup light cream or top milk 11/3 cups cooked, cut up chicken 2 egg yolks, beaten

Melt butter in top part of double boiler, then saute mushrooms in it for 5 minutes. Blend in flour and stir until smooth. Add salt, chicken broth and light cream, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Add chicken and heat thoroughly. Remove from heat, pour slowly over

#### ly. Serve over thin wedges of toast. Molded Salad. (Serves 6)

beaten egg yolks, stirring constant-

- package lemon-flavored gelatin
- 1 cup boiling water 1 cup cranberry juice or canned, jellied sauce
- 1 apple 1 orange
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice Lettuce, mayonnaise

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water and chill until it thickens. Crush the sauce or add the juice to gelatin. Grind apple and orange, leaving skins on and combine with lemon juice and gelatin. Pour into mold and chill until firm. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise.

If a birthday cake is a must at the party, plan to make a delicate white one yourself, frost it with chocolate icing and put the writing on with a tube. If you're not quite adept at this, practice the letter-ing on waxed paper. It can be scooped up and used again.

Birthday Cake. (Makes 2 8-inch layers) 1/2 cup shortening

1 cup granulated sugar

2 cups sifted cake flour

# LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU

 Creamed Chicken on Biscuits Buttered String Beans with Pearled Onions

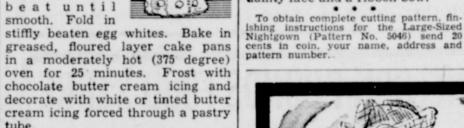
Tomatoes Stuffed with Cole Slaw Peach Cake Beverage ·Recipe given.

- 21/2 teaspoons baking powder 1/4 teaspoon salt 34 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla 3 egg whites

with milk. Blend

in vanilla and

Cream shortening and sugar together until light and fluffy. Sift flour, salt and baking powder together. Add alternately to creamed mixture



For youngsters who are a little older you might like to have a slightly different menu. If the youngsters are able to manage in the kitchen themselves, it might be a good idea to let them dig in and toast hamburgers themselves. Or you might let them fix their own sandwiches from bowls of different kinds of spread. Have milk to drink and serve with ice cream and cake or cookies, and watch them enjoy themselves!

#### Toasted Deviled Hamburgers. (Makes 8)

1 pound beef, ground

- 3 cup chili sauce 11/2 teaspoons prepared mustard
- 11/2 teaspoons horseradish sauce 1 teaspoon minced onion 11/2 teaspoons worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt 8 buns or slices of white bread

Combine all ingredients except



side in broiler and spread with mixture. Return to the broiler and broil for 6 minutes. If desired, the sandwiches may be cut in halves or strips.

With the sandwiches, serve a salad like cole slaw or one of sliced tomatoes, potato chips or french fried potatoes.

If you don't want the children working in the kitchen for the party, plan to make the meat mixture early, refrigerate it and then pop the sandwiches in to broil while you are working in the kitchen your-

For children's parties where excitement tends to run high, better plan to have checked cloths and old napkins or a paper set so there's no worry about laundry. The children will feel more at ease, too, if there aren't too many breakables or things that ruin easily while they're having fun. Thin glassware is especially undesirable, as some of it is sure to be broken and it may hurt someone. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

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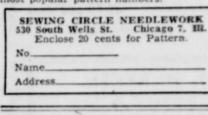
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