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Blindsnake May Open Large Oil Drilling Area

Oil operators over a wide area are watching with interest the Mesa Retailers, Inc., Blindsnake No. 1, rank wildcat, on one of the Oscar Pearson farms northwest of Artesia, which has shown indications it may develop into a gasser of great capacity, after great pressure blew the tools out of the hole and lodged them, requiring about 10 days in retrieving them.

If this test well hits, it will open up not only a new field west of the Pecos, but a wide territory of operations, observers said. Since the tools were recovered last Sunday, Paton Bros., drillers, have been cleaning out about a thousand feet of water, mud and chips.

The water, placed on top of the string to drive it loose after acidizing, is saturated with what appears to be a good grade of sweet gas, and as samples of water give off gas, it may be ignited.

The gas filtering through the water has been piped off a safe distance from the rig, where it has been tested for burning qualities. Cave-ins caused by the water in the hole, which has a total depth of 4870 feet, have slowed the cleaning-out job. This is being done with caution, for fear the hole will blow out, or again blow tools or bailer out of the hole.

Many observers, who have been watching the Blindsnake, as well as other deep tests west of the Pecos river with great interest, said that if the well makes a commercial gas show, "THE LID WILL BE OFF FOR ARTESIA."—Artesia Advocate.

The above item of news is mighty interesting to everyone, Hope people and Artesia folks. At Hope we have two rotary rigs that are doing their best to pry the lid off. And if that should happen the boom for Hope and the Penasco valley will be on in full swing.

The Southern Union Production, 10 miles southeast of Hope, is down better than 9000 feet and still drilling. It has been rumored that they have encountered several good showings of oil, at least enough to warrant them to go down deeper. At a depth of 9000 feet they might drill into oil or gas any time.

The rotary rig that has been located near Pimon putting down a test hole for the Standard of Texas, has been moved to the Robert Parks acreage near the Y-O crossing. They were expecting to be set up and drilling this week. As a result of these two test wells being drilled in the Hope area, business in Hope has picked up and the demand for furnished apartments has increased. Several citizens have about made up their mind to build a few rent houses to accommodate the increase in population.

If oil or gas is encountered in commercial quantities in either of the two test wells now being drilled, Hope will be assured of a water system. The increase in population will warrant someone to

come in here and get a franchise from the Town Board and drill a water well and furnish water to the people of the town, which would be a good investment, even at the present time. The old saying is "that everything comes to those that wait," and it is firmly believed by observers that Hope will have a water system in operation sometime in the near future.

Will Owens, Former Resident Of Artesia And Hope Dies At 62

William James (Will) Owens, 62, a former resident of the Hope and Artesia communities, died March 10 in a hospital in San Fernando, Calif., of pneumonia, it has just been learned here.

Funeral services were from the First Christian Church of San Fernando March 13. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery there.

Mr. Owens, who lived in the San Fernando Valley the last 26 years, since moving from Artesia, is survived by his widow, Dixie Owens; four daughters, Mrs. F. S. Knapp, Mrs. Peter Lubishich, Jr., and Mrs. Earl Foltz; a son, W. M. Owens; two sisters, and 10 grandchildren.

Mr. Owens was born Oct. 5, 1885, in Texas and was reared at Hope, from where he came to Artesia.

John Miles For Congress

John E. Miles today announced his candidacy for Congress, subject to the Democratic primary, June 8. Governor of New Mexico from 1939 to 1943, he is now completing his second term as State Land Commissioner.

"I feel that my long experience as a public official will be valuable to the people of New Mexico, in the Congress," Miles stated.

"As secretary of the State Tax Commission, as Governor, as member of the Oil Conservation Commission and as Land Commissioner, I have gained a broad background of knowledge concerning our state. I believe this will enable me to render a valuable service in Washington to both New Mexico and the nation."

Miles said he would express his views on national and international problems in the course of the next few weeks.

Records of his present office show that he has increased the income of New Mexico's institutions and schools from state lands by upwards of a million dollars a year, since 1945.

A resident of New Mexico for more than 45 years, Miles formerly lived in Quay County where he operated a ranch, and later a general store, before entering the public service.

"Mercy Mission of a Merchant Prince." Millionaire Maurice Goldblatt retires from business to become a driving force behind cancer research program. This stirring commentary plus many other colorful features in the American weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Begins Twentieth Year Of Service

Last week's issue of the Penasco Valley News rounded out 19 years of continuous service for the people of Hope and the Penasco Valley. Not a single issue has been missed during that time, that we know of. During the past 19 years much progress has been made in Hope and in the valley and the News has always tried to do its part for the betterment of the town of Hope and the Penasco Valley.

Federal Government Must Complete Road Project

The state of New Mexico has about completed its part of finishing Highway No. 83. The remainder of this project is now up to the Forest Service and that means that the federal government must complete the highway.

Gov. Thomas J. Mabry promised Artesia and Hope citizens shortly after he went into office that he would complete the state's part of this project. HE HAS KEPT THAT PROMISE and carried out his part of the agreement.

As a result, there has been considerable blacktop work done; straightening of the road; building of bridges and culverts, and shortening of the road west of the Sacramento Mountains, where it links with Highway No. 70, north of Alamogordo.

And he is continuing his interest in the highway as the New Mexico Congressional delegation continues its efforts to have the federal government appropriate sufficient funds to complete their part of this project.

The highway from Elk to Cloudcroft is in the forest reserve. This means, of course, that this part of the highway is a federal project and it is up to Uncle Sam to provide this part of the highway. But it will take considerable effort and considerable pressure to obtain this part of the highway.

And if we want it done it is going to mean that we will have to continue to demand that it be done. The state has, or will have, its part of this project completed.

But for the entire route to be completed and to provide a paved highway from Artesia west across the Sacramento Mountains, we must continue our efforts and our interest in this project. We must continue to do anything and everything that we can to emphasize its importance and to help secure the completion of this highway.

This highway will not only provide a short cut from Texas into this part of New Mexico to make connections with Highway 80 for the west coast, but it can and will mean much to the lumber industry and to the farmers of these mountains and valleys, who produce cattle, sheep, fruits, vegetables and farm products.

Let's continue our efforts to get Highway No. 83 completed.—Editorial in The Artesia Advocate.

Hope News

"Bartered Brides" The story of sorrows of lovely Lorando and the tragic marriage of a beauty and an Italian count. For this and other fascinating reading entertainment, see the American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner. adv
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith and Pilar Ordunez were in from the South Taylor ranch Sunday and ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Schwalbe. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rood and Mr. and Mrs. John Hardin in the afternoon.

Bill Jones left for the mountain section Monday where he will drive a tractor for the SCS on the Bryant Runyan and Bernard Cleve ranches.

For Sale — Five-room residence with pressure pump, barn and four lots in Hope. \$1000 cash. See Mrs. Ruby Babers, care of the Irby Drug Store in Artesia. adv

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Musgrave, Mrs. Ernestine Cogburn and her two children returned Monday morning from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Nelson in Las Vegas, N. M. Junior Newsom sold his Ford to J. C. Bumgardner for \$100. Junior paid \$60 for it.

Walter Coates went to Carlsbad Monday to interview a doctor.

Ballot For The Municipal Election

The ballot for the municipal election which will be held Tuesday, April 6, will contain the names of Mrs. Ida Prude and B. L. McElroy for Mayor. W. B. Durham, Chester Teague and S. C. Lovejoy for two-year term, Town Board. W. E. Rood for Police Judge for a two-year term. The election will be held at the Clerk's office at the News building. Polls will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Town Board Met In Special Session

The Town Board met in a special session Monday night, March 30. Mayor McElroy and members Chester Teague, Jess Musgrave and S. C. Lovejoy were present. Visitors present were Mrs. Ida Prude, M. C. Newsom and Ezra Teel. Mrs. Prude wanted the ground in front of her cafe leveled up. The Board took no action on this matter. The subject of town water was discussed, but no action was taken. The following bills were ordered paid: Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., \$8.00; Erven Miller, Mayor-domo, \$20.00; W. E. Rood, town clerk, \$20.00. The town water being now on half time, the Board recommended that everyone should conserve as much water as possible.

New Mexico Boys' State Sponsored By The American Legion

Boys' State, which was originated in Illinois in 1934, is now being sponsored by the American Legion in 42 states. The American Legion, Department of New Mexico, will join the ranks of these states by sponsoring its first Boys' State Program, which will be held at the Northern New Mexico Normal College at El Rito, N. M., June 6 to 13, inclusive.

The pledge of the American Legion is to educate the youth of New Mexico in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of true American citizenship. To inspire and install a deep sense of personal responsibilities and obligations which this citizenship entails.

Boys' State will be sponsored by all the Legion posts in New Mexico; in addition, civic, patriotic, church and other organizations are invited to assist in this program by sponsoring one or more boys to attend Boys' State. Enrollment is limited to 200 boys, therefore, local Legion posts are urged to contact sponsoring organizations immediately.

In order that Boys' State credentials may be forwarded to the applicant, applications must be received not later than May 15, 1948. Registration fee is \$27.50, which includes all cost of the program.

Candidates for Boys' State will be selected from the recommended lists of outstanding juniors in high school, ages 15 to 18, inclusive. Selections will be made by high school superintendents, based upon the following five points: Leadership, character, scholarship, service, and citizenship. Membership of New Mexico Boys' State is limited to 200 boys for 1948. Every Legion post is expected to sponsor at least one boy. Hope will furnish one boy, Artesia three and Lake Arthur one.

At the conclusion of the Boys' State program, the two outstanding boys will be selected to attend the Boys Forum of National Government in Washington, D. C., with all expenses paid.

'THE FIRST EASTER' WILL BE SHOWN AT METHODIST CHURCH

A film, "The First Easter" will be shown at the Methodist Church next Sunday evening by Mr. John Elliott at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited.

RUTH DREW CIRCLE MET WITH MRS. SCHWALBE

The Ruth Drew Circle met with Pauline Schwalbe March 26. Two guests were present, Mrs. Jimmy Thompson and Marie Elizabeth Cahape. A short business meeting was held. The Ruth Drew Circle and the W. S. C. S. met at the home of Mrs. George Teel on Thursday, April 1. Helen Seeley had charge of the devotional services.

Robert Cole was taken to the hospital at Artesia last Sunday for medical treatment.

O. E. S. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Order of Eastern Star will be held Tuesday, April 6.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Hope merchants who are selling firecrackers to school children are asked not to do so as they are dangerous around the small children. Firecrackers are not permitted on the school grounds.

Parents will be glad to know that tooth decay among children can be cut as much as 40 per cent by applying a 2 per cent solution of sodium fluoride (distilled water) to the teeth of children at the ages of 3, 7, 10 and 13 years. The solution should be applied only by one who is qualified to do so.

The senior class took the examination Wednesday which was sent out by the University of New Mexico to all schools of the state.

All of the seniors and Mr. Elliott, their sponsor, journeyed to Artesia Tuesday to have their pictures taken.

Rev. Robert Wallter of Artesia has been selected by the senior class to give their baccalaureate sermon, Sunday night, May 16.

First, Second and Third Grade News

We have four new pupils, Mary Bryant, and R. B., Virginia and Robert Wilson. We had a delightful Easter egg party at Mrs. Joe Young's. Mrs. Young served candy eggs and Easter cookies. Mrs. Seeley sent pops and Mrs. Marable candy eggs. After the egg hunt, outdoor games were played. Thanks to Mrs. Green and Mr. Babers for furnishing transportation. Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Marable had 6 o'clock dinner with Peggy Clements Monday evening. Marie Cogburn visited in Las Vegas Easter. Thanks to Mrs. Andy Teel for the candy.

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade News

We had our Easter party Friday the 26th at Mrs. Anderson Young's. We had a very nice time except that we couldn't find 28 eggs. We were very disappointed with that. We left at 11:15 and stayed until 1 o'clock. Mrs. Trimble and Mr. Young took us out there. Mrs. Trimble gave us each a sucker and some bubblegum before we left. Roy Trimble found the prize egg and Sammy found the most eggs. Afterwards we had potato chips, cake, ice cream and punch. For a treat we had candy rabbits. The cake was the nicest one we have seen for a long time. We wrote "Thank You" letters to Mrs. Madron, Mrs. Trimble and Mrs. Young for the nice things and good times they provided for us.

Seventh and Eighth Grade News

Our spelling contest was a close race. Lee Mack, seventh grader, won first place and Oleta Melton, seventh grade, won second place. Lee will represent our school at the spelling bee at Carlsbad April 10. We had our Easter party last week. We had cold drinks, ice cream, and cake. Dolph and Glenn said they baked the cakes. However, we think part of the credit should go to Mrs. Jones. Oleta Melton was absent last week. She was ill with tonsillitis. Nancy Raley and Dolph Jones won gold basketballs for being on the winning teams in the Mix-Up tournament. On Easter Sunday Sammie, M. G., Lynn, Bobbie Jo and Oleta went to Artesia. Ned went to Roswell. Mrs. Lipsitt went to Oklahoma. Betty and Jean spent the day in Mayhill.

Madeline Prude went back to Dunken Thursday, where she is manager of the Dunken Emporium.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Max Johnson staged an Easter egg hunt for their children at the Johnson farm Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Smith of Levelland, Tex., were here over the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith. Saturday night they went up to Weed and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey.

Eula Madron and her mother went to Artesia Monday to consult a physician.

Dorothy Weddige, who is employed at Lubbock, Tex., was home for the Easter season.

Curtis Harrison, who has been employed in Los Angeles, Calif., is home on a visit.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Masaryk's Death Crystallizes Red Menace as U.S. Prepares to Act; Spring Rash of Strikes Breaks Out

Released by WNU Features

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

MASARYK: Death in Prague

Whether Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovakia's foreign minister, took his own life or was liquidated by the Communists really didn't make any difference.

The Communist government had announced that he had leaped to his death from a first, second or third-floor window (U. S. newspapers readers could choose their own version) of the foreign office in Prague.

Later reports by "highly authoritative persons" insisted that Masaryk had been murdered by Communists. An alleged "eyewitness" testified that he had seen Masaryk's body after its reported fall to a concrete pavement and that it bore no evidence that the foreign minister had died in such a manner.

Supporting the murder theory was the fact that Masaryk was reported to have met President Edouard Benes the day before his death, and the two were said to have planned something the Communists wished to prevent.

Unidentified Czech officials who have escaped from Prague reported also that President Benes was a prisoner of the Communist regime.

But whether Jan Masaryk, son of the founder of the Czechoslovakian republic, had been murdered or goaded to suicide by his intolerable position, one thing was certain: Communists had killed him just as surely as if they had put a pistol to his head and pulled the trigger.

If Masaryk took his own life it was not just because he was seeking an escape, but because it was the last service he could do for his country—throwing light, by his own destruction, on the terrible, destructive force that is communism.

NERVES:

Warlike

The alternate, ostentatious flexing of muscles by the United States and Russia was, it appeared, shifting in status from a cold war to a war of nerves.

There were the unmistakable signs of the military preparing to reassert itself. Many reserve officers had received letters pointing out that, although they were not being called to active duty immediately, they would do well to prepare themselves for such a possible eventuality.

In the Pentagon building in Washington army planners were working late at their desks. Procurement officers were reported to be showing great interest in cement factories, since cement is vital in building underground shelters and fortifications.

Russian troops were said to be massing in eastern Germany; but no one would venture to say whether this was pure bluff, a threat of retaliation to the Marshall plan and union of western Europe, or a show of force intended to influence the coming elections in Italy.

But President Truman himself precipitated the worst outbreak of war jitters when he publicly proclaimed that his faith in the attainment of real world peace had been shaken, although he still believes real peace is possible.

In this crisis the U. S. government was stressing these points which embodied administration policy for meeting the situation:

1. The European recovery plan should be carried out promptly.
2. The U. S. encourages formation of what Marshall called a political association in western Europe as the first step toward restoring stability.
3. Spread of Communist governments anywhere in the world, including China is opposed by the American government which will do everything in its power to block communism.
4. The U. S. will continue to work for world peace wherever possible.

Finally, any estimate of the situation must include this inescapable conclusion: Neither Russia nor the U. S. wants war now; and, more important, neither could afford to fight one. This particular decade continues to be a period worked by a shifting of forces and consolidation of strength where it will do the most good if and when the real showdown comes.

The Way Out



Added to the list of the world's numberless martyrs for liberty was the name of Jan Masaryk, foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, son of Thomas Masaryk who was the first president and liberator of the country.

STRIKES: Miners

Widespread strikes in the nation's soft coal fields were touched off by John L. Lewis' latest foray into the national scene, a demand for \$100-a-month pensions for his miners.

The United Mine Workers leader had asked rank-and-file "reaction" to his charge that coal operators had "dishonored" the 1947 contract by failing to grant pensions. And his miners produced the exact reaction he wanted as almost 200,000 of them in 11 states quit to support Lewis' stand at the very outset of the difficulties.

It was not a strike in the technical sense of the word, Lewis, in all his power, simply had nodded his shaggy head and his men, quick to catch the signal, walked away from their jobs.

The current mine contract does not expire until June 30, but it provides that the miners need work only as long as they are "willing and able."

Impact of the soft coal walkouts showed first in the nation's steel industry where output is threatened if the shutdowns continue for any length of time. Many of the closed mines are "captive" whose entire output goes to the steel companies.

Packers

Fraught with an even greater immediacy than the mine walkouts, however, was a nationwide strike for more pay by 100,000 members of the CIO packing-house workers.

The strike went off as scheduled despite an urgent request by President Truman asking the packing companies and workers' representatives to maintain the status quo without interrupting negotiations until April 1, at which time a board of inquiry was slated to report to him on conditions of the strike.

In reply to the President, the union strike board rejected his proposal because, it said, the packing firms would not agree to placing even their wage proposals in effect during the negotiation.

As the strike began, government records indicated that the entire nation would come to feel the curtailed meat supply after the first week, with some areas more severely affected than others.

GOVERNMENT: Expensive

Total per capita cost of running the federal government for one year has zoomed \$201 since 1939, according to a report by the Tax Foundation. It now is about \$270 a year, compared with \$69 in 1939.

War, of course, was mainly responsible for the increase.

Total estimated expenditures for the fiscal year 1948 are 37.7 billion dollars. War and its aftermath accounted for almost 23 billion of that.

But the blueprint for 1949, said the foundation, registers an increase. It quoted President Truman:

"In the fiscal year of 1949, 79 per cent of our expenditures reflect the costs of war, the effect of war and our efforts to prevent a future war."

TREATY: 50 Years

Communist expansion was going to meet a roadblock if the nations of western Europe had any voice in the matter.

Britain, France and the Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg) nations adopted a 50-year treaty for a political, economic and military union of western Europe in an out and out move to check the communism that threatens their independence.

Delegates from the five countries completed their efforts after more than a week around the conference table. The alliance was a direct out-growth of the union of western European nations suggested in January by Ernest Bevin, British foreign secretary.

The treaty was believed to bind the nations to mutual assistance in the face of aggression, mutual aid in the economic field, co-operation in improving their living standards and a measure of coordination of colonial resources.

It was just a beginning, but a good one. In the eyes of U. S. government leaders the alliance was not only a desirable but necessary element if the Marshall plan for recovery is to work at all.

SAY UNCLE: Palestine

People continue to ask the Arabs and Jews of Palestine to stop their futile wrangling.

France, China and the United States sent an appeal to the Jews and Arabs of Palestine and also to the six Arab state members of the United Nations, asking them to take steps to promote a truce in the Holy Land fighting.

There was no real confidence among delegates of the three nations that their request would be heeded. Russia, the fourth country taking part in the big power talks on Palestine, refrained from joining in the appeal because the Soviets have taken the typical stand that there is no need for the big powers to consult with the Arabs and Jews.

Most observers thought the truce appeal looked like wishful thinking. For one thing, no group among either Arabs or Jews in Palestine is in a position to control its dissident members and thus guarantee a truce.

Moreover, the idea of a military truce does not bear upon the heart of the problem. The United Nations is still committed, on paper, to partition, while the Arabs adamantly continue to reject that proposal and the Jews assert just as strongly that they will accept nothing else.

ACCIDENTS:

Women's

Accident rate among girls and women has been reduced by about one-half in the past 35 years as a result of modernization of the American home, according to statistics compiled by Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

Illustrating the reduction in home hazards, the statisticians said, are the shift from oil lamps and gas for lighting to the electric light bulb, replacing of the traditional coal stove by the modern gas or electric range, and use of central heating instead of stoves and fireplaces.

Mortality from burns fell from 10.3 per 100,000 in 1911 to 1.4 in 1946—a decrease of 86 per cent.

Headliners



IN DETROIT . . . Gary Batherson (right) saved Marlene Padar's life when they broke through the ice on a pond where they were playing, then suffered painful aftermath of heroism when Marlene insisted on bestowing a big smooch on his shrinking cheek.

IN CRANSTON, R. I. . . . Frank Trifoglio, serving a four-year term for automobile theft, escaped from state prison by stealing a prison automobile.

IN TORONTO . . . Mary Richardson attended the annual convention of the Prospectors and Developers association, was the lucky winner of the door prize—a genuine gold brick.

IN DAYTON . . . Garret H. Pumpley, only fireman at a school having 13 furnaces, was ordered to bed by his doctor to recover from a bad attack of overwork.

IN PECATONICA, Ill. . . . A farm horse, marooned on an isolated piece of wooded farmland for more than a week by flood waters, was kept from starvation by fodder dropped to him from an airplane.

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Oil Consumption

Americans consume 420 gallons of oil products per person each year. Britishers use 42 gallons and the peoples of all other nations average 14 gallons.

They Grow Mushrooms

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Fire Prevention

If you discover a woods fire burning uncontrolled, no matter how small, put it out. If it is too large to handle, report it to the nearest state or federal conservation officer.

Sails on Railroads

Experimental cars equipped with sails were tried out on both South Carolina and Baltimore and Ohio railroads in the early days of rail-roading.

National Defense

National defense constitutes the largest single item of the budget. It is placed at 11 billion dollars, or 28 per cent of the total.

Under the Lights

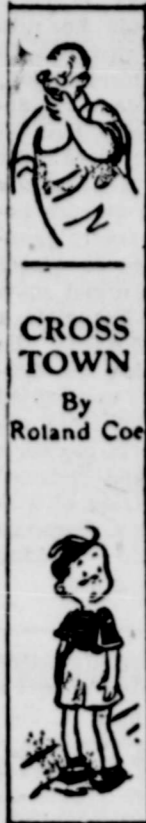
First night baseball game was played at Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1883, using 17 arc lights of 4,000 candle-power each.

Electrical Appliances

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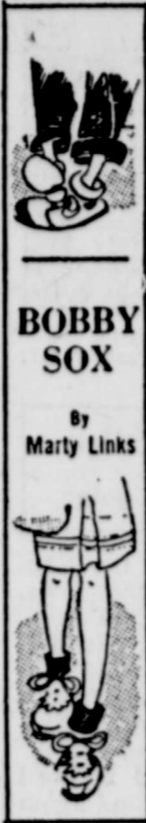
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CROSS TOWN
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By Marty Links



"We were good friends for awhile—until I learned she had the same preference in men!"



Farm Topics
Legumes Open Soil To Air and Water
System of Rotation Prevents Compaction

Tight "stuffy" soils are robbing many farmers of high bushel-per-acre yields of corn and small grains each year. Loams, silt loams and clay loams need large amounts of organic matter in the plow layer and deeper to keep them open and loose for high crop production. Heavy soils that are low in organic matter and worked with heavy tractors and machinery become



Tap roots of alfalfa and sweet clover, as shown in sketch, break through packed soil to assure water and plant food for growing crops.

packed, especially just below the plow sole. These compactions slow down the intake of water. They cut down the amount of water and air the soil will hold for crop use. They keep the fibrous roots of corn and small grain "upstairs" away from water and plant food held deeper in the soil.

Temporary relief can be had by using machines that reach below the ordinary plow layer and break up the plow sole compactions. Real relief, however, comes only through regular use of deep-rooted legumes in the rotation.

The driving tap roots of sweet clover and alfalfa force their way through the compactions and reach deep into the soil, thus opening it to air and water. The mineralized organic matter they leave there improves soil tilth and furnishes plant food for other crops.

Channels of the tap roots are routes for water and air and fibrous roots to follow deep into the soil. Compaction-busting alfalfa and sweet clover need phosphate and potash if they are to do a good job.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

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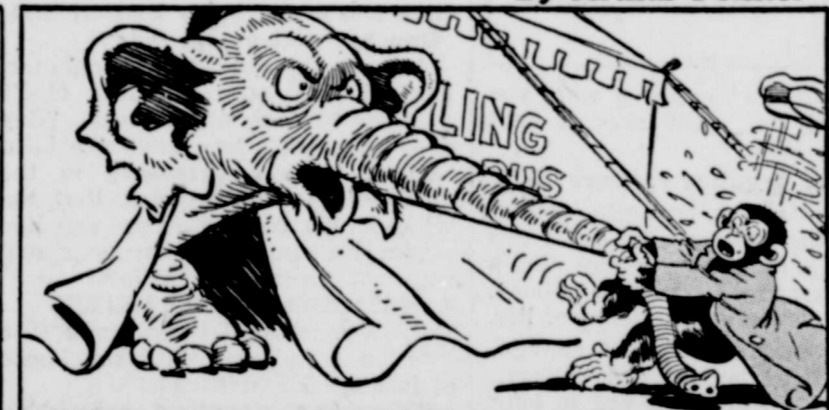
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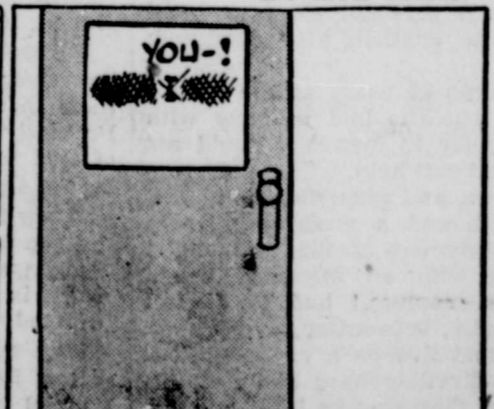
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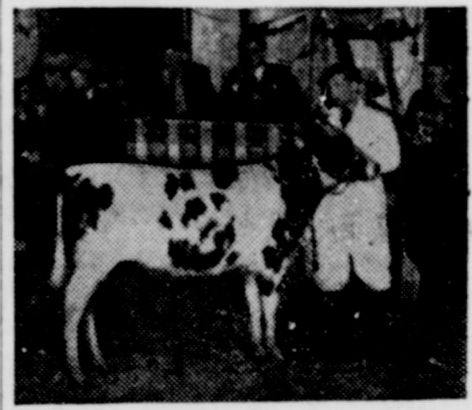
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Smash Sale Records



All records for Ayrshire auction sales in the U. S. were broken when an average of \$2,267.39 was paid for 23 Scottish bred Ayrshires imported and sold by Frank V. Lile of Bellefontaine, Ohio. The sale grossed \$52,150.

A new record price for Ayrshire bull calves was set at \$4,600 by Howard Baum and Sons of Paint Valley farm, Bainbridge, Ohio, in the purchase of eight-months-old Killoch Gay Spark (above).

Increased Yields Noted With Use of Fertilizer

Wheat yields can be stepped up 7 to 14 bushels per acre and the hay crop can be increased through use of more fertilizer in hay and pasture crops seeded in small grains, declares Dr. D. R. Dodd of the Ohio experiment station.

This practice is particularly profitable on land already highly productive, Dodd points out. As an example, he cites tests made by research men on plots at the Ohio station. The land's producing capacity already had been built up by good soil management so that it was producing an average of 85 bushels of corn, 23 bushels of wheat and 3 tons of hay per acre.

In the tests, a 2-12-6 fertilizer was applied at increasing rates to wheat.

Kathleen Norris Says:

Rheumatic Fever Stalks Children

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features



"I knew he was the right doctor because he said at once that it was rheumatic fever, that it would touch her heart..."

by Kathleen Norris

THIS is a true story about the children in our family; my telling it will show you how much in earnest I am about the great national killer, for I don't often get so personal.

About 20 years ago, an 8-year-old girl in my nursery had a severe cold at the end of Christmas holidays. While I was worrying as to whether she ought to start back to boarding-school or not, we took the short motor trip from the ranch to the city apartment, and when it came time for the small girl to get out of the car, she could walk only with difficulty, and she was white with pain.

We got her into bed, and got the right doctor. I know he was the right doctor because he said at once that it was rheumatic fever, that it would touch her heart if we didn't take care and that she must stay in bed, not leaving the bed for baths, changes of linen or anything else for six weeks. We followed these hard rules carefully, the little girl became well, and is now a happy wife and mother.

The instant the doctor diagnosed her case, I telephoned the neighbor who had shared our holidays, and whose two children had also had the heavy colds and the mysterious sharp pains in legs and stomach. But this neighbor was a happy-go-lucky soul who believed that children will do anything to get out of a return to school, and she packed them off with no further thought. They took a cold bus ride, sat on school benches, idled about the playground in recess and presently the small girl was seriously ill. For two years she was invalided, bright red spots on her cheeks, pain off and on, danger always close. But she survived, and although not a strong woman, still is living a normal life.

Boy Drops Dead

The boy seemed all right, but he dropped dead at 11 years of age, in a football game.

This story is factual, and may seem unusual. But unusual is what it isn't.

It is the saddest and commonest story of American childhood. It is the story of the heart trouble that touches thousands—tens of thousands of lives every year, weakening, injuring hearts, making them ready for final trouble.

Not as bad as the dreaded polio? Not like that? Why, it is 32 times more prevalent and more fatal than polio. For every child stricken by infantile paralysis, 32 are fatally or permanently injured by this insidious and voracious evil.

Children's deaths from polio, whooping cough, meningitis, measles, diphtheria and scarlet fever all combined, don't amount to more than a fraction of the deaths from injured hearts.

And this is not to say that in the end, inasmuch as the heart stops beating at death, all disease and death come from the heart. No, this is specific and localized trouble with the organ itself.

Considering all this, why do so many mothers strain their energies and incomes to the limit, on schools, amusements, clothes for the children and overlook the pitfall right at their feet, that pitfall that is dug by the heavy cold, the touch of rheumatic fever and the ignorant neglect? The minute you hear, from a competent pediatrician or diagnostician, that there is a "murmur" in the heart of the child you love, then that child must get straight into bed and be watched, kept warm and amused,

CARE HELPS

Rheumatic fever, an innocuous, harmless-sounding phrase has been nicknamed the great "National Killer" because of the fearful ravages it has made upon America's children.

Most mothers are prone to regard the disease lightly, unaware of the tragic consequences which may result if adequate counter-measures are not taken promptly.

Miss Norris illustrates the seriousness of proper care with a sad tale of two children who were afflicted with rheumatic fever.

Such useless tragedies are preventable. They are preventable by mothers who must realize the stark seriousness of rheumatic fever. It is 32 times more prevalent than polio, and children's deaths from whooping cough, meningitis, measles, diphtheria and scarlet fever all combined, don't amount to more than a fraction of the deaths from damaged hearts.

Cures for rheumatic fever are painfully slow and necessitate saintly patience.

Good health is a valuable asset. In monetary terms no price can be placed on it. It is incalculable. To preserve it, we must exercise necessary care and reasonable precautions.

and not allowed to suspect what you fear, until you know that it isn't rheumatic fever.

Cure Requires Patience

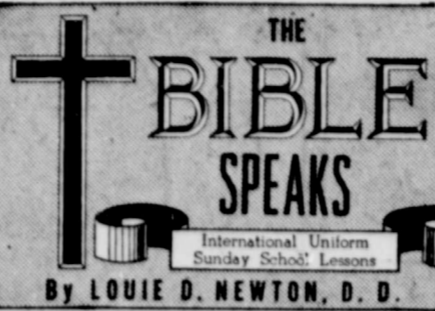
The cure is slow, trying to Mother, trying to the little invalid. But a few weeks of care now may buy him a strong heart and a healthy manhood, and those are the real riches of life.

Which one of us would change perfect health for a million dollars, if with that million we had to join the restricted, nervous, suffering thousands of those who have heart ailments?

American Heart association has a lot of data on this subject, and full instructions as to the conditions that cause heart trouble, the symptoms to watch for, preliminary precautions and actual care. You'll find it enlightening. If you will write today to the Public Affairs committee of American Heart Association, 22 E. 38th street, New York 16, N. Y., you'll be sent reading matter that may be invaluable to you and those you love.

Of course, the grown-ups get their share of heart sickness, too, but if we start with the children we'll get to them eventually. This article began with a personal story, and I'll end it with another, also absolutely true.

More than 30 years ago, a severe case of tonsillitis laid me low with arthritis; for 10 months I could not move without help. The suffering was severe, and when diet, comparative youth and a good constitution brought me out of that trouble, I was left with an impaired heart. For four months I had to neglect home, baby, typewriter, everything, lie flat and live on a rigid diet. It was unbelievably hard and depressing. But that was in 1917, and except for one short bout of surgery, I have not since spent two consecutive days in bed with illness.



SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 1-4; 33:1-9. DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 137:1-6.

Prophet Among Exiles

Lesson for April 4, 1948

THIS quarter we study the Captivity and Return of the Jews, using the Books of Ezekiel, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Sunday's lesson is found in Ezekiel 1-4 and 33:1-9.



Dr. Newton

It would be well for us to read again the history of this most interesting man, Ezekiel—how he came to be among the captives by the river Chebar. He is one of the most attractive personalities in the Old Testament—a man of surpassing culture and charm—and yet enabled to "sit where they sat." A MESSENGER OF GOD

EZEKIEL could never have adapted himself to the role of ministering to the captive slaves apart from the knowledge that he was the messenger of God—the messenger of God's hope to broken, beaten souls.

God spoke to his people through Ezekiel. He speaks to his people today through chosen messengers—parents, teachers, the Bible, the Holy Spirit. God may be speaking to you today.

HEAR YE THE WORD

EZEKIEL'S approach to the Jews in captivity was by the authority of God's direct message to them through him. Ezekiel was faithful to God's appointment and mission.

He studied their plight. He studied their mood. And then he spoke to them. But not only did he speak to them, telling them what God wanted them to know, but he moved among them. He loved them.

He had God's message, and he went in God's mood of compassion. We cannot help people until we understand them and love them.

GOD'S WATCHMAN

EZEKIEL reminded the people that he had been sent from God as a watchman, and he told them what terrible responsibility was upon him in warning them to repent and return unto God. Read Ezekiel 33:1-9.

If the watchman faithfully warns the people, and they refuse to heed the warning, their blood will not be on his hands; but if he fail to warn the people, their blood will be on his hands. Here is a lesson for every teacher and preacher and parent today.

And in this same 33rd chapter, Ezekiel goes on to declare God's attitude toward all sinners. "Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked," but that the wicked turn from his way and live—turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?"

A WATCHMAN UNTO EXILES

"SON of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel," Ezekiel 3:17.

This was the explicit commission of God to Ezekiel. And grandly did Ezekiel accept and execute to the limit of his ability that commission.

The Jews were far from their beloved home. They were driven by hard masters. They could not sing the song of the Lord in a strange land. They had hanged their harps on the willow trees.

With a sensitive soul, Ezekiel comes to them with the word of hope. He reminds them of the goodness and mercy of Jehovah to their fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He lifts their drooping spirits with clear and ringing words of promise. He pleads with them to confess their sins and claim the pardoning mercy of a loving God.

He used numerous means of gaining their attention—symbols of their former communion with God. Patiently he traced the dealings of God with them and their fathers before them.

They listened, and all who heeded the pleas of the faithful watchman were saved and restored to faith in the goodness and mercy of God.

We, too, are watchmen among exiles. Let us learn the high art of Ezekiel in our ministry as watchmen.

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'True Love' Wins Once Again; Clears Up Mistaken Identity

EVANSTON, ILL. — "True love" can accomplish miracles, and it saved Ley McFarland, a waiter, from a case of mistaken identity.

Two enterprising Evanston detectives, Robert Labbe and Elmer Dorband, heard on the radio that a man with "true love" tattooed on his fingers was wanted in Kentucky.

They stopped for lunch and, when McFarland came up to serve them, they noticed "true love" tattooed on his fingers. The detectives questioned McFarland and arrested him when he told them he came from Woodbine, Ky.

Later, fingerprint records cleared the waiter, and the detectives learned, to their chagrin, they had listened to a radio mystery thriller.

A-Bomb Defense Urged

American cities should be prepared to cope with atomic bombings, says Maj. Gen. Harold Bull, chairman of the army's civil defense board. He asserts that in the event of a new war there must be more than the "gentlemen's agreement" on civilian defense between city, state and federal governments that prevailed in World War II. General Bull urged upon mayors this program: Designate a civil defense director. Assign the control of order to police and fire-fighting to a greatly augmented fire department. School local departments of public works in debris clearance, demolition and "heavy" rescue work, and repairing of utilities and communications. Organize medical care units in handling wounded.

Putting a 'Punch' in Lunch

Packing a lunch that "picks a punch" and avoiding that day-to-day sameness is a problem of many homemakers. Aim always to include something crisp, something juicy, and one hot, one sweet, one tart or salty, and one colorful food, advise nutrition specialists. Each lunch box should contain one third of the food supply for the day for the person who eats it. Lettuce put in sandwiches is likely to wilt and is better when wrapped separately.

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TUNE IN P.A.'S "GRAND OLE OPRY" SATURDAY NIGHTS ON N.B.C.

PRAIRIE GUNS

By E. E. HALLERAN

A trail herd, led by Willie Andrews, arrives at an Indian agency to provide free beef to the Indians in a government attempt to appease them. Terry Donovan, a member of the crew leading the cattle, averts an Indian attack by talking to the leaders and explaining the white men's presence. Later, he saves Sue Leonard, lovely daughter of a nester, from advances made by Al Grinnel and Buttons McTague, two disreputable members of Willie's crew. Sue is on her way to Abilene and she and Terry feel they are destined to meet again. Back with the men, Terry is accused by Grinnel of siding in with the Indians. Only Willie's insistence saves the two men from a second fight.

CHAPTER V

"I'll be on the job," Terry tried to make himself sound confident and casual but there was more than a trace of uneasiness in his mind as he moved out into the star-flecked night. For days he had been hoping to find some clue to the mystery of the cattleman-nerster feud; now he was facing a showdown without any means of making his own decision about it.

He could hear the soft clop-clop of hoofs ahead of him and presently McTague's voice came sulkily.

"I ain't keen on this extra guard business. It ruins what little sleep a man gets—and there ain't no real reason for us to be all spooked up about the squatters. There ain't a particle o' reason for 'em to jump the herd—specially if it's Texas Fever they're skeered about. It would mess things up for 'em worse than ever if they stampeded our steers and got 'em loose among the local beef. Seems like they'd be plumb happy to help us get through to the railroad in a hurry."

Andrews' short laugh sounded in the darkness. "Yo' make it sound right reasonable, Button, but yo' can't figger out what kind of a fool play a nester's goin' to make. Mebbe they're tryin' to make matters so hot fer us that we'll stay away next year. Then again, mebbe it ain't the nesters at all. The trails used to be deviled with jayhawkers and there's a chance that mebbe some o' the old gangs are workin', makin' it look like it's the nesters."

"But what do they want?" McTague demanded.

"It's anybody's guess," Andrews told him. "Probably a rustlin' game o' some kind."

"But why so close to town?" Grinnel rumbled.

Donovan could almost imagine the way Willie's rounded shoulders would hunch up in a hopeless shrug. There was just time for the gesture before Willie's voice came again. "I ain't got no more ideas on the subject. Probably I'm all wrong with the ones I mentioned."

"There's the herd, Willie," Lynch's drawl cut in. "Yo' better strike up somethin' plenty off-key so the critters will know that their Uncle Willie is on the job to take good care of 'em."

Willie never sang the regular words when he had the time and opportunity to prepare a set of his own. Now he chose a song whose tune bore a faint resemblance to "The Old Oaken Bucket."

"How dear to my heart are the scenes of my trailhood
When fond recollections presents them to view,
The do-gies, the wad-dies, the dusty chuck wagon,
The galvanized biskits my fangs couldn't chew."

Donovan chuckled as he watched the faint silhouettes of the four riders blend into the dark background which he knew would be the resting cattle. Willie had picked a song which was already a Bar-O favorite. The men had cheered it from the moment when Willie first quarreled with the cook over the libelous last line.

Lead Breaks Up A Lonely Vigil

The night was so quiet that he could hear every insect sound, seemingly for miles around. A wolf howled mournfully in the distance while nearer at hand coyotes yapped noisily. The sound of the riders circling the sleeping herd came with distinct clarity, all of them now singing as they rode.

He kept his bronc moving slowly in a wide circle, staying close enough to hear Willie's endless verses but keeping far enough away so that the sound would not interfere with his alertness.

He made two complete circles and was well around on his third when he could feel a difference in the night. There was no actual difference in sound except that Willie's voice seemed fainter, but that was merely a matter of distance. Willie must be on the opposite side of the herd. The real difference, Terry realized, lay in an absence of sound. The nor-

mal night noises had ceased.

Then something moved out there in the darkness and he eased his pony forward at a walk, making certain that he was not in a line with the campfire behind him. There was a definite rustle of sound ahead of him now in the night. He rode forward a matter of a hundred yards or so, then halted to listen. This time he heard the noise distinctly, the soft clop-clop of hoofs on the prairie. Riders—a number of them—were approaching at a cautious walk.

Once more he rode slowly forward, eyes straining to catch some glimpse of movement in the silky blackness of the night. He could hear the riders clearly now and his six gun was in his hand as he recalled Tooker's admonition to meet trouble as far from the herd as possible.

Again he halted, just in time to hear a low-voiced command. The hoofbeats ceased and Terry patted his mount soothingly, trying to keep the animal motionless so that no sud-



Then he let fly with another pair of lead salutes and put spurs to his bronc.

den movement would betray him to the men who had obviously halted to listen.

Suddenly dark forms loomed up under the stars, almost upon him, and Donovan challenged sharply in order to gain the greatest advantage from the surprise. "Who's there?" he demanded. "What d'ya want?" The intruders halted promptly and after a moment of blank hesitation a deep voice growled, "What's it to yuh?"

"There's cattle bedded here. Keep away."

For a moment there seemed to be a clash of conflicting orders in the ranks of the dark riders, then a jet of orange flame split the night. Terry heard the quick zip of lead, his own gun booming a prompt return. There could be no further use in trying to keep things quiet. One shot could start a stampede as well as a dozen so it was high time to lift the lid and let things roar.

He fired twice and whirled his mount to one side, just in time to duck the hail of lead that was aimed at his gun flashes. He realized that the invaders were still bewildered and hadn't actually located him as yet. His lips set in grim lines he emptied his gun into the black ranks and wheeled sideways again, pleased to hear grunts of pain from the strangers.

He thumbed in fresh cartridges, thankful that he had been so fortunate as to secure one of the new model guns.

A Bullet Dismounts Terry

A command rang out behind him and the sounds of pursuit dwindled to a gradual halt. By the time the last raider had stopped Terry was also motionless, waiting to see what would happen next. Apparently these riders had expected to come down to the herd for a quick stampede job and this unexpected opposition was puzzling them.

He could hear low-toned but angry curses, the clarity of the night air bringing two voices to him as distinctly as had come the doleful notes of Warblin' Willie Andrews. One of the voices was notably heavy while the other was medium in tone but easily remembered by its careful but strangely clipped words. Terry made a mental note to remember both.

He realized that he had them guessing—and he determined to keep them that way as long as possible. No longer was there any doubt in his mind as to where his duty lay. Maybe these men were nesters, maybe they were jayhawkers; that part no longer mattered.

He could hear them reaching some sort of decision. There was a sudden flurry of hoofs as the men put spurs to their ponies and Terry realized that they were no longer coming in his direction. Apparently they were guessing at the location of the herd, using the campfire as a beacon. At any rate they were angling across on a line that

would take them squarely into the bedded cattle.

It was time to stop playing hide-and-seek. Donovan waited only long enough to be sure of their direction, then he fired two deliberate shots into the dark blur which marked the rustler band. After that he waited again, making sure that they had turned to come after him; then he let fly with another pair of lead salutes and put spurs to his bronc. He could hear a howl of pain but the raiders had spotted him this time. They came on with angry yells, all of them firing now. Slugs whined around Donovan's head as he dodged, something tugging briefly at the slack of his shirt as he wheeled his pony for the straight-away run.

He flung another pair of shots behind him but still they came on. His pony jerked suddenly in its stride but went on with increased speed. Grazed, Terry thought grimly. The enemy was doing better shooting now.

He burned his last cartridges, trying to delay the pursuit a little. He knew that the first Bar-O men into the saddle would go to help the herd, but sooner or later there would be help coming to him. Shouts from the direction of the camp told him that such assistance was already on its way and he reloaded hastily, thumbing in the cartridges as he bent low in the saddle. The showdown was about due and he wanted to have bullets at his command when it came. He held his fire until he could hear the Bar-O reinforcements ahead of him, then he turned in his saddle and began to throw lead at the men behind him. He was firing deliberately now, not bothering to dodge—since the raiders probably could see him anyway.

Suddenly, just as the first shots began to boom from other Bar-O guns, he felt the impact of a raider bullet at the heel of his boot. Then his pony quivered and plunged. There was a strange sensation of flying through the bullet torn darkness and he knew he was being thrown headlong over the ears of a dying horse. Almost as he hit the ground he twisted his body so as to fire a last shot into the night behind him. Then everything went black and the sounds of battle were blotted out.

When Terry opened his eyes he didn't know where he was or how he came to be there. The blackness gave him a strange sense of being still unconscious but the dull ache in his head and shoulders brought a quick recollection of what had happened.

He tested his arms and legs gingerly, finding to his surprise and satisfaction that everything seemed to be in good working order. He clawed around in the dirt for his gun but was unable to find it. Finally he tried to get up, now certain that he had simply been knocked out by the fall and was otherwise not injured.

The Herd Escapes Injury

A dark bulk on the ground near him helped to tell the story. His pony had been killed, thus accounting for that sudden plunge. Staring around him carefully he listened to the sounds of the night, most welcome of which was the reassuring sing-song of cowboys on nightherd. Apparently the rustlers had been driven off without having succeeded in their stampede attempt.

He grunted with quick pain as he wavered to his feet, head throbbing with the effort. Then he smiled in spite of the ache. Faint but clear on the night air came the familiar dissonances of Warblin' Willie Andrews:

"The old oaken buckitt,
The eye-ern bound buckitt,
The mawss covered buckitt what hung in the well."

That settled it. The herd was safe. The firelight gave Terry his bearings and he started toward it, staggering with the effort. He had not gone more than a dozen steps when a pair of riders loomed in silhouette against the fire, riding directly toward him. Donovan crouched hastily, not taking any chances on a bullet at this stage of the game. Somewhere behind him his own empty gun lay on the prairie. All he could do was keep quiet and watch.

Then he recognized the soft voice of Snowshoe Tooker. Straightening up he hailed him quietly and was greeted by a shout of relieved inquiry.

"That you, Donovan? Where've you been? We've been looking all over for you."

"I musta been out cold, I reckon. I just woke up and found myself playing hermit with a dead bronc. What's been going on since the fight started?"

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Birth Rates

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Car Killings

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Oily Skin Treatment

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Lights Statue of Liberty

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Modern Auto Lights

Incandescent lamps replaced carbide flame jets in automobile headlights in 1909.

Australian Duckbill

The duckbill of Australia is a mammal, despite the fact that it lays eggs.

Protection from Diphtheria

Approximately two-thirds of all cases of diphtheria occur among school children, according to the Illinois department of public health. For this reason parents are urged to have their school-age children immunized against this disease. For best protection the immunization should be given when the child is six or eight months old, with an added "booster shot" when he enters school. Confining a child to the school room where he comes into close contact with other children increases the hazard of contagious diseases, especially those like diphtheria that affect the lungs. Unless school children are protected against diphtheria, they also may carry it home to their younger brothers and sisters.

Famous Indian Wheel

The famous and mysterious Indian Medicine Wheel known as "Sun Ti Pi" now may be seen from the new highway between Lowell and Sheridan, Wyo. It is located upon the highest portion of Medicine mountain. From its elevation of over 12,000 feet, it may be seen for nearly 60 miles. It was mentioned by the first westward Mormon caravan, and the Lewis and Clark expedition reported it as an oddity of nature. It is a giant stone wheel with 28 distinct spokes, evenly spaced, and measures 75 feet in diameter. Its origin is unknown, but it is thought to have been laid down by the aborigines and used in some form of worship.

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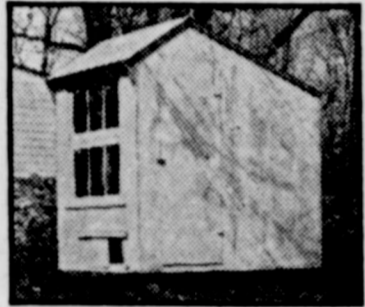
Army Files Grieving Dog to Re-enlisted Soldier Master

MONTEREY, CALIF. — Tony, a grieving collie dog, landed in an army plane at the Monterey airport but the soldier-master for whom he was pining was not among the greeting delegation.

Cpl. Robert Stratmann of Santa Monica, re-enlisted and went to Fort Ord, near here. The three-year-old dog wouldn't eat, moped about and looked forlorn. The army decided to do something about it and gave the dog a ride to Monterey in the army plane, which, the army explained, was coming here anyway.

Tony was greeted by Maj. Arthur La Capria, post public relations officer, who took him to the army camp where he was cared for until Stratmann returned from a weekend pass.

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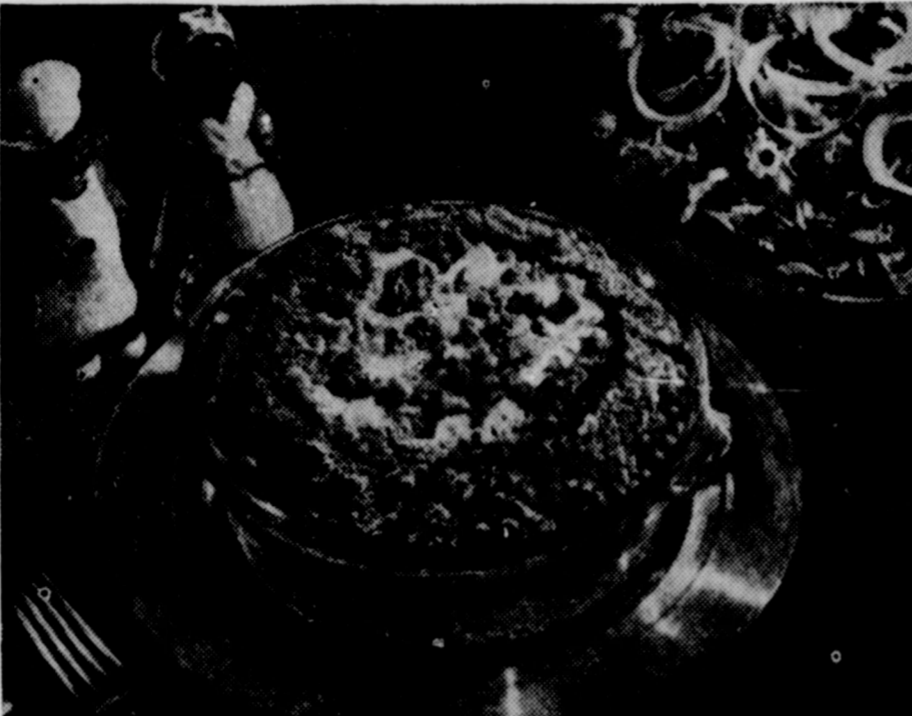
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Pep Up Meals With Delectable Fish
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Favorite Seafoods

Have you discovered what pleasant variety fish dinners can give to your meals? If not, you have a real flavor treat coming.

New cooks will like using fish because it is so easily and quickly prepared. There are so many varieties to use, you need run into no rut even though you serve fish often.

You can substitute fish for meat easily because, it, too, is a good source of protein in addition to providing such important minerals as calcium, phosphorus, iron, copper and iodine. Those of you who live inland would do well to fortify your iodine supply by eating fish more often, as it's difficult to get enough in any other way, except medicinally.

Overcooking is one of the faults most frequently found in the preparation of fish, for many people do not realize that fish is really tender. Broiling and pan-frying are good methods to use, as is baking.

You'll find that fish served in a casserole takes little time and can be really delicious. The time required for baking is short as the food really only needs to be heated.

Fresh, canned or frozen fish may be used, whichever is available to you in the recipes I've included today.

***Stuffed Halibut Steak.**

- 1 dozen oysters
- 1 cup cracker crumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 slices halibut, cut 1/2 inch thick
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Fat for basting
Drain oysters, add crumbs, salt, pepper, parsley and butter; mix well. Place one slice halibut on greased shallow basting pan, pour on lemon juice and sprinkle with additional salt and pepper. Spread with oyster stuffing and place second slice of halibut on top. Brush with fat. Bake in a moderate (350 degree) oven for 40 minutes. Allow 1/2 pound fish for each serving.

Groundfish, Maine Style.
(Serves 4 to 6)

- 1 1/2 cups flaked, cooked fish (haddock, flman haddie, codfish or halibut)
 - 2 hard-cooked eggs
 - 1/4 teaspoon paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
 - Salt to taste
 - Bacon bits
 - 2 cups cooked rice
- Combine flaked fish, chopped egg whites and seasonings. Heat in melted bacon fat, tossing frequently to prevent burning. Pile hot rice on platter, toss hot, seasoned fish over it and garnish with riced egg yolks and parsley.

Baked Mackerel.
(Serves 4)

- 1 large onion
- 1 large carrot
- 1/2 green pepper
- 3/4 cup vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon minced thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 mackerel (about 2 pound size)

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Make a sauce by chopping onion, carrot and green pepper until fine; add vinegar. Mix thoroughly and add salt, parsley, thyme and bay leaf. Simmer sauce for 20 minutes; remove bay leaf. Place mackerel in greased baking dish, pour sauce over all and bake in a hot (400 degree) oven for 25 to 50 minutes.

Baked Scallops
(Serves 4)

- 1 onion
- 1 green pepper
- 6 stalks celery
- 6 mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 pint scallops
- 1 can mushroom soup
- Dash of nutmeg, lemon juice and salt
- Grated Swiss cheese

Cut onion, green pepper, celery and mushrooms into small pieces and cook in butter. Add to this the scallops and warm through thoroughly over low heat. Pour in mushroom soup which has been seasoned with the nutmeg, lemon juice and salt. Pour into a greased baking dish and top with grated cheese. Bake in a moderate (350 degree) oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Buttered crumbs may be used for topping in place of the cheese.

Crab Cake.
(Serves 4)

- 1 1/2 cups crabmeat
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup melted butter or fat dripping
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon minced green pepper
- 1 teaspoon minced celery
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Mix crabmeat, beaten egg yolks, crumbs, melted fat and seasoning and blend thoroughly. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites and turn well greased custard cups. Set these in a pan of hot water and in a moderately hot (375 degree) oven for 25 minutes.

These crab cakes are truly delicious served with lobster sauce.

Seafood Thermidor.
(Serves 6)

- 1 (6-ounce) package noodles (fine)
- 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup drained, cooked peas
- 1/2 cup sliced green or ripe olives
- 1 can flaked tuna fish (7 ounces)
- 2 cups medium white sauce
- 1 cup freshly grated American cheese
- 1/4 cup buttered bread crumbs

Cook noodles in boiling salted water until tender; drain and rinse with boiling water. Sauté mushrooms in melted butter for five minutes. Add cheese to white sauce and blend. Arrange hot noodles in greased casserole. Cover with mushroom slices, then a layer of peas, olives and tuna. Add cheese sauce and top with buttered crumbs. Bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes.

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When Byron Was a Swimmer

The historic waterway formed by the Dardanelles (Hellespont) which the English poet Byron is said to have swum across, the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus divide Turkey into two land divisions, European and Asiatic Turkey. For the most part European Turkey is an undulating flat country except for the Istrandja mountain range facing the Black sea, where the altitude reaches 3,000 feet. The only stream of any importance is the Ergene, a tributary of the Maritza river. Neither of these streams is navigable. Turkey in Asia, or Anatolia as the Turks call it, is bounded by the Black sea, the Dardanelles and the Sea of Marmora, on the north, the Aegean sea on the west. To the south is the Mediterranean sea, Syria and Iraq. On the east Turkey borders Iran and the U.S.S.R. (Russia). Central Anatolia may be described as a series of tablelands varying in altitude from 2,000 feet in the west to 5,000 feet in the east.

Engines Menace to Health

Coal-burning steam locomotives constitutes one of the most serious single health menaces in the urban air pollution picture, according to American Medical association. Death rates from pneumonia, tuberculosis and respiratory tract cancer provide a clear index of the damage air pollution inflicts on a city's population. All three of these diseases show a much higher death and incidence rate in badly polluted areas. A recent U. S. public health service survey indicated that about a fourth of the total pollution in the Chicago area is contributed by the coal-burning steam locomotives, but their output of exhaust steam to hold the polluting materials suspended easily gives them a first place as a public health menace.

Everglade's Rabbits

One of the most interesting mammals in the Florida Everglades is the swamp rabbit, in size and appearance much like the northern cottontail. Because of the peculiar environment, its habits are somewhat different. During the summer the savannas are covered with shallow water seldom more than two or three inches deep, too shallow to drown the smaller animals but enough to keep their feet always wet. The rabbits feed on the higher ground, but if molested they race for the swamps. When frightened, they make no attempt to avoid water, but dive into the ponds and swim across them or lie quietly among the plants in the margins.

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General Farm Efficiency

Electric power will increase farm efficiency, cut costs, produce better farm products, build up farm income and end much of the drudgery formerly associated with farming, Claude R. Wickard, REA administrator, recently told members of the National Farm Electrification conference.

Electricity has to be available to the farmer if it is to do him any good, Wickard pointed out. More research and effort directed to helping farmers to find the best uses for electricity, and the supply of plenty of power at reasonable rates, were the second and third factors cited.

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