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Rites Held for Old-Time Resident

Mrs. Parker was born Miss Josephine Potter in the state of Missouri in the year 1869, on Jan. 26. Her age was just past 80 years. From Missouri, she moved to Texas, where she met and was married to Cicero John Parker on Feb. 10, 1889 in McCulloch county Texas.

Their married life then covered 60 years—the anniversary just having passed. They decided to start their new life together in a new territory, New Mexico then not being a state. So later on in the same year of their marriage in September, they went West. Stopping and settling in what is today Otero County, State of New Mexico. The 60 years of marriage was spent here. To this union there was 11 children. Five boys and six girls. All of the children are living and eight of them were here at the time she passed away.

Of the second generation, there were 29 grandchildren. All of which are living but two. Of the third generation, there are 20 great grandchildren.

Grandmother came of a large family, there being 12 in all but she is the last one. She leaves grandfather, age 83 and their many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was a fine character, hale and hearty until five years ago. A typical pioneer of the West, giving much to posterity. Her passing was at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Bonnie Allen in Tularosa, on Feb. 19, 1949.

L. E. Parker, a grandson, preached the funeral sermon.

Water Users Heads In Santa Fe

Chas Barley, Dick Carson and Clem Weindorf spent Monday in Santa Fe interviewing officials in regards to the surveys that have been made of the Penasco river. There is some talk about having a canal built from Walnut Grove to Hope, if the cost would not be too great. We understand that a survey is to be made and an estimate of the cost figured. Until the approximate cost of this canal is known, there is not much to say for or against.

Red Cross Drive Is Started

The drive for funds for the Red Cross began this week in Hope. The Eastern Star is sponsoring the drive this year. There is no question but that we should all support the Red Cross to the best of our ability. Leave your donations at any of the stores in Hope. Don't forget that in any major disaster, the Red Cross steps in and takes over. Therefore be as liberal as your budget will permit.

What Others Think

We have received a postal card from W. B. Rogers at McDonough, Ga., in which he says: "Just a card with a suggestion for 1952. Sen. Clinton P. Anderson for the White House. No better man can be had. Ground work can be done now. Will appreciate hearing from you.—W. B. Rogers."

Another card from Edwin Weed Small, of Kansas City, addressed to "The Penasco Valley News, Hope, Penasco County, New Mexico, quotes us the following Scripture: "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. I Cor. 15:28. And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.—Gal. 6:9."

Clean-Up Day Friday, March 18

At the last meeting of the town board, it was designated that Friday, March 18 should be "Clean-up Day" in Hope. It is hoped that everyone will rake up and pick up all the old bottles, cans and rubbish of all kinds and pile it up or better yet sack it up in old sacks and place it where the truck can drive up and load it on. If the rubbish is loose, property owners are requested to help load the truck. A little cooperation is requested in this matter.

School News

1st and 2nd Grade News—After having been in school every day this year, Elma Parker took the flu and has been out for over a week. We have missed her and wrote her letters telling her so. We hope she gets back before we get started reading in our new books. Marie Cogburn had a birthday Friday and Shirley Stephens had one Sunday. Both were 8 years old and both had pink roses on their cakes. All of us enjoyed the parties very much. We thank Mrs. Musgrave for both. It really makes us work hard when we think of having ten more weeks of schools. We have so much planned to do and so little time in which to do it. We read most of the time because that is the thing that counts most. We second graders really like spelling though. Isn't it queer? We couldn't have spelling the first six weeks of school, but now we can have it twice as fast as we need to and all but two make 100 every time.

3rd and 4th Grade News—This year we have memorized four chapters from our Bibles which are Psalms 1, 23 and 100 and Luke 2. This month each pupil is learning to read a chapter from the Bible for their morning exercise. We are sorry that Bobby Parker has been absent from school for several days due to illness. Alice Wilkinson is also absent. We have made some Dutch boys and girls for a border in our room.

7th Grade News—Everyone was at school Tuesday. Our reading today is about "When the Hurricane Swept Miami." Wilma, Tootsie, Sammy, Babe Ann, John, Alta Ruth, Barbara Gearl and Jerry are studying hard this morning. The 7th grade are doing swell.

Senior News—The box supper brought in \$101. We wish to thank everyone who helped to make this a success. We have started practicing for our play and hope to give it in the near future.

Freshman News—We all seemed to enjoy the banquet Thursday night. Kent and Glenn like to eat everything up from the rest of us. Everyone has their work books finished after so long a time. I wish some one would do something real bad in the Freshman class so there would be something in the news.

EDITORIAL—

We never thought it could happen in New Mexico, but it did. We are referring to the case in Artesia last week where a woman allegedly beat her baby to death. If she is found guilty, the punishment that is due this woman will never be forthcoming.

There should be more maintenance work done on Highway 83. West of Hope, the pavement is full of holes. Why wait until the highway is ruined? A stitch in times saves nine.

We think it a very good idea that Hope Water Users representatives went to Santa Fe this week to try and do something about increasing the water in the Penasco river. Their trip may not bring any results but it is better to try to do something than to sit here with your hands folded waiting for something to happen.

Just a reminder that winter is just around the corner ready to bow out of the picture, we saw that our favorite peach tree is in full bloom. We hope that a late frost will not be forthcoming. We need a crop of peaches and apricots this year.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our thanks to all our friends for their help and kind expression of sympathy during the illness and death of our dear mother.—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jed Miller, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Teel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Teel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lewis and family, Mr. Raye E. Miller.

"Honeymoon Cure." . . . Rose and Edwin were asking for a divorce—but instead the judge gave them a honeymoon. On their honeymoon, they worked out three rules for successful marriage that you won't want to miss. It's in the American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.—Adv.

News From Hope

Mrs. Andy Teel went through Hope Tuesday bound for Artesia . . . Deputy Sheriff Mulcock was here Tuesday after a couple of boys that had run away from home somewhere in Texas.

Hope is the only place in the state that has a "Help-Yourself Lumber Yard" believe it or not, just come up and see . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clements and daughter from Hatch were in Hope over the week end . . . Chas. Cole walked to town Monday, his old car which he has been driving for 13 years went on a strike. Tuesday Mr. Cole went to Artesia and bought a new Dodge truck . . . Geo. Fisher who had his knee hurt a few weeks ago is up and around . . . Property owners in Hope are asked to pick up all whiskey, beer and milk bottles and empty oil cans and sack them up and have them so that they can be picked up Friday, March 18. . . . Joe Fisher who had an operation performed on his eye is getting along very nicely. . . . We hope he will soon be out . . . Ben Marble bought himself a new black hat last week. I don't see how he does it, he dresses like a bank president . . . Pilar Ardunez had to be pulled in from the South Taylor ranch Wednesday morning . . . Pilar had better get rid of that pickup and get a new one . . . The state maintenance crew was through Hope Wednesday morning patching up a few holes on Highway 83 . . . Hollis Watson and "Doc" Malone were up in Hope last Friday putting out Red Cross literature . . . Dr. Puckett, district health officer was up to Hope Wednesday afternoon checking on local health conditions . . . One case was found to be far from sanitary . . . The Johnson Hotel has an old time bell that used to be rung whenever meals were ready to be served, possibly about 50 years ago. . . . The Jim Banta house was moved to the Menefee Addition at Artesia this week. It was nothing but an old shack anyway, the town looks better with it gone.

Milk House Heaters Solve Farm Problem Can Be Attached to Milk House Walls in Winter

Nobody enjoys working in a cold milk house. But until very recently, farmers could do little about it—except, perhaps, add another layer to their already uncomfortably bulky clothing.

Experiments conducted in the last two or three years, however, have helped solve the milk house heating problem. One type of equipment, developed as a direct result of such agricultural engineering experiments, is shown in the accompanying illustration. It is a 3000 watt, 240 volt, thermostatically controlled electric space heater. Easily attached to the milk house wall, it is five feet high and produces a temperature range of between 40 and 80 degrees.

Other new developments along this line include the use of small hot water radiators which are connected to standard dairy water heaters, and

the conversion of electric milk cooler compressors into heat pumps.

Most farmers, however, are interested primarily in "spot heating"—that is warming only the specific places in which they happen to be working at the moment. This is a relatively simple job and can be done by placing heat lamps directly above or adjacent to the space to be warmed.



Arthur Miller of Union, Ill., admires the new heater recently installed in his milk house.

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New 'Cow Bomb' Used In Spraying Animals Dry DDT Crystals Now Practical for Spray

A new animal disinfectant device called the "iscomist cow bomb," is now available for use on livestock.

The cow bomb is used to apply a deposit of dry DDT crystals to the hair and hide of livestock for protection against the horn fly, house fly, stable fly, cattle lice, ticks, mosquitoes and certain other insects.



Dry DDT goes into suspension in water less readily than any other form and withstands rain more desirably. It contains no oil to cause burning or to help DDT penetrate the hide. The DDT particles are microscopic in size and thus a given amount covers a greater area than other forms. It is said one iscomist cow bomb will treat approximately 100 cattle with the recommended 30 second treatment. It provides protection for cattle on pasture for about three weeks under average conditions. To help prevent lice infestation, prophylactic treatment of all additions to the herd is recommended.

The iscomist cow bomb can be used on dairy and beef cattle, hogs, horses and sheep.

The procedure recommended for cows is to cover the body of the animal with paint sprayer motions at from 12 to 18-inch distances; for legs only 6-8 inches. Total time per cow is about 30 seconds.

Heat Hurts Cows

American dairy farmers have learned that some discontented cows, like some discontented women, can be expensive as well as unpleasant.

Most of the cow's troubles can be traced to heat and humidity. A cow, unlike a human being, can perspire only through the mouth. So when the temperature and humidity inside a barn get high, the animal becomes uncomfortable and stubborn—particularly at milking time.

The U. S. department of agriculture says an average cow gives off almost a pint of water every hour through breathing. In addition to the high humidity caused by this breathing, a cow has an extremely high body temperature. During the winter months when the cows are in the barn most of the time, this combination results in the generation of an enormous amount of water vapor and heat. When the warm, moisture-laden heat comes into contact with the cold walls, condensation and frost is formed.

The net result to the farmers is rotting beams, joist and siding; a loss of hay because of the mold

milk contamination, disease, particularly among the young stock; reduction of milk production because of the discomfort to cows, and farmers are forced to work under unpleasant conditions.

A simple solution to all these costly problems is an automatic cooling unit which is proving tremendously popular with dairy farmers in general and cows in particular.

Rev. Drew Leaves Hope This Spring

Monday, we saw Rev. Drew and his wife down in Artesia on a shopping trip. Which reminds us that Hope will lose Rev. Drew and Mrs. Drew this spring. They are moving to Artesia and will be located in a cottage in the Menefee Addition West of Artesia. We will all be sorry to lose the Drews, they have been with us now seven years and Rev. Drew has done a good job here at the Hope church. But he is getting along in years and has earned a vacation. The editor of the News will personally see that the Hope paper follows them to their new location.

Worthy Grand Matron Visits Hope

Mrs. Ruth Laws of Estancia, N. M., the worthy grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of New Mexico, made her official visit to the Hope Chapter Monday night. She was accompanied by the worthy grand patron, Mr. Rex Morrison and wife of Las Vegas, N. M. Several guests from Artesia were also present. After the meeting, refreshments were enjoyed by all.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—5 room house and four lots in Hope, \$650 cash. See Ruby Babers, Cactus Courts, Cabin 16, Carlsbad, N. M., or write General Delivery, Carlsbad.

—Adv. 2t

Wire Recorder Check

When a pure-bred white leghorn climbs into a nest on the Heisdorf and Nelson breeding farm at Kirkland, Wash., it is, in its own way, making poultry history.

Unknown to the approximately 15,000 fowls on the farm, the most modern wire recorders candidly keep track of their every deed. As far as the four partners in the business know, it is the first time so many chickens have become subjects of a wire recorder.

Use of the recorder has resulted in huge savings of time and money, and records have never been so



Bert Nelson, partner in Kirkland, Washington's famous Heisdorf and Nelson chicken breeding farm, reads the number on the leg band on a chicken and speaks it into the microphone of a wire recorder.

accurate, according to Art Heisdorf, who with his wife, Mary, and the Nelson brothers, Bert and Clifford, operate the farm.

It was Art's brainchild to use the recorder in "running traps"—checking up on the hens to find out which ones are laying and which ones are "lying."

It's done this way: Four days a week the trap is set. When the hen crawls in a nest a trap door closes behind her. She can't get out until one of the partners lets her out. Each hen then is given a number which is on a metal tab placed around her leg. When anyone "runs the traps," he wears a small microphone, presses the small mike button and states the number of the bird's tag, and then gives the number of eggs laid and any other pertinent information about the bird.

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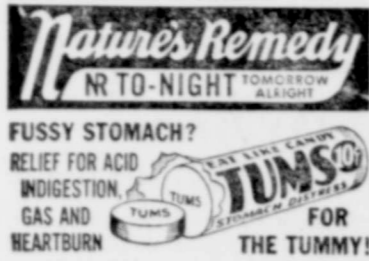
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SCRIPTURE: Mark 5: 6:31-44; Luke 7: 19-23; 19:1-10
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 25: 34-46.

God's Signature

Lesson for March 13, 1949

IN A STRANGE city you may suddenly need to be identified. Some suspicious clerk wants to know if your signature is genuine. It is a fair challenge, for too many liars are in circulation. Jesus himself had to furnish identification. No less a person than his old friend John the Baptist had grown uneasy. "Are you the one we are looking for," he inquired, "or shall we look for someone else?" Jesus' answer to John was not to discuss the theology of the Incarnation, or anything of that sort. He just went about his usual day's work.



Dr. Foreman

In the course of that day he cured a good many sick people, and preached to some very poor people. "Now go back," he said, "go back and tell John what you have seen and heard." What those men saw that day was what Jesus at another time called the "finger of God," the genuine divine signature.

Jesus wrote no book, no letters even; he wrote in action, and his acts were the handwriting of God. It is important to see where Jesus underscored that writing. It is true, his healings were what we call miracles. But Jesus did not even mention that feature.

What he asked John to notice was simply this: the blind see, the lame walk; lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and (as a climax!) the poor hear good news.

Not By Bread Alone

THE EXPRESSION, "needy people," nowadays suggests people who haven't enough to eat or wear. Jesus helped such persons; but he knew well that men's needs go beyond well-cared-for bodies. There was the poor man from the graveyard, for example,—he was happy enough. He didn't want clothes, and he was strong enough to steal all the food he could eat. All he wanted, in fact, was to be let alone. But Jesus knew that what he needed above all was a sane mind, a mind no longer run over and trampled by a regiment of devils.

When Jesus got through with him he was clothed, but that was not the best part of it. He was in his right mind. So God's signature is not only written in a sound body, it is in the sound mind. Again, at Jericho when Jesus invited himself to dinner with the pint-sized tycoon Zacchaeus, Jesus did not go just for the meal. He went because he knew that Zacchaeus needed something. Jericho needed something, too, something only Zacchaeus could give.

We do know that after dinner Zacchaeus was a changed man. He was going to give back every dishonest penny, with interest; and since he could not locate every one he had cheated, he was going to give away half of his holdings for the benefit of the poor.

What Jericho needed was a new administration, any honest one; they needed slum clearance; and Zacchaeus was going to give it to them. But first of all Zacchaeus had needed a new heart.

We Too

ALL AROUND us is a troubled world. Some men, seeing it, infer there is no God. Others conclude that if there is one, he must be bad or weak. The truth is that the signature of God is not to be found in the evil and the confusion of the world. It is to be seen wherever freedom is standing against slavery, wherever truth is pushing back ignorance, where diseased bodies are being healed, where sanity replaces madness.

More people would believe in God if they could see more of the handwriting of God. Do you want to help?

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KATHLEEN NORRIS Block That Divorce

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SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE if you can. Partly because marriage is the very root and basis of our civilization, but partly, too, because there is no companionship or happiness in the world like that of a man and woman who have achieved a successful marriage.

Don't think of your relationship with your husband as a fact accomplished, finished, settled, never to change. Think of it as being constantly in a state of development, up or down, for better or worse. Either your marriage is a more perfect thing today than it was a year ago or it is a less perfect one. Which is it?

Don't let it get into an unimaginative rut, a daily pounding along at distasteful drudgery. And don't let its only bright moment be escape—the radio, the movies, parties, murder stories. Make it in itself the core of your happiness, the center from which all these amusements and activities spring.

Easier said than done? Of course. But marriage, like anything else worth while, is a slow, hard, demanding job. And its success or failure is far more in the hands of the woman than the man.

Money Is The Root

Finances are of first importance and most wives fall in one of two particulars there and some fail in both. First, the wife won't keep expenses down to budget lines. And second, she takes no interest in how the money is made.

This last, and it is the most common failing, is peculiar to American women. European wives share every moment of a man's care, anxiety, doubt. They know who the customers are, what taxes and rent are, what the man's hopes and plans are. But some of our women



... Consider expenditures ...

remain all their wedded lives in a state of supreme indifference and ignorance on those points. What they want is the money and nothing else. And some of them urge a man into actual dishonesties in their eagerness for money.

Once the money point is settled satisfactorily, the marriage is halfway to success. Girls before marriage ought to be encouraged to work out budgets, to consider expenditures.

The Cutter marriage was on the rocks 11 years ago this year. Everything was wrong with it. The four expensive apartment-house rooms, the two exacting babies who started coughing in November and didn't stop until April. The surveillance of Jim's mother. The money shortage. And all the details that dust, dummies, dishes, disgust and disillusionment could supply. The Cutters talked of divorce. But how? If Jim couldn't support his family in one unit, how could he support it in two?

Quarreling Stops

Then the older baby got polio and Jim and Nancy were awakened. The carping, scolding, quarreling stopped like magic. Mother and father turned to the task of saving little Beverley.

Beverley needed sunshine. So they drove out into the least fashionable of Toledo's suburbs and bought two acres and a shanty for \$1,300. The house had electricity, but no bathroom, no furnace, no luxuries.

"Freedom—don't we all love it—and I was free!" she writes me. "No telephone, no outside interests at all. Just Boppo, who was two when we went out there, and Bev getting well visibly, and Jim coming home a new man. He put our floor-heaters in, he got the garden into shape, he brought in the first two of my handsome brood of chickens in his pocket—tiny peepers to amuse Bev. In 1940 we mortgaged ourselves to the tune of \$19,000 and built two five-room cottages on the front of our place. They are completely separate from us, and they bring in \$200 a month. Jim says nothing on earth can keep us from being snug and secure."

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Big Business Flayed in T-H Row; Unemployment Increases in U. S.; Soviets to Keep Prepared for War

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BIG BUSINESS HEARD ON T-H LAW . . . Charles E. Wilson (right) president of General Electric, testifies at senate labor committee hearing on Taft-Hartley bill. With him, at left, is L. R. Boulware, vice-president of General Electric. Their conclusions: The law is a "good law with wise safeguards in labor-management relations." That labor thought otherwise is shown by the placard Wilson holds.

LABOR LAW: Trouble, Trouble!

In the field of liberal—or, as some would term it, even "left wing"—Republicanism, the GOP's Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon was conceding nothing to no man.

THE SENATOR was vocally and vociferously hurt. The defense of the Taft-Hartley law by "big business" was giving the senator no rest and he meant to let everyone know about it.

With little originality but much vigor, the senator was crying that the attitude of many defenders of the Taft-Hartley law was a "Judas betrayal of the capitalistic system."

IN A SUDDEN onslaught against many of the business men who have appeared before the committee in defense of the measure, the senator declared their attitude is "shocking . . . selfish . . . class-conscious . . . un-Christian."

In contrast, he praised Senator Taft (R., Ohio) whose name the law bears, for his "fair-minded objectivity" in considering testimony on the "shortcomings" of the act.

Morse declared he and Taft are "much nearer together on the need for a law less drastic against labor" than they were in 1947 when the act was passed.

MEANWHILE, sentiment was growing among congressional observers that with every day of delay on legislative consideration of Taft-Hartley law repeal, there increased the probability of labor's failing to get as many of the law provisions outlawed as they might hope to do.

A major battle was shaping up on the proposal, with many legislators evidencing a dawning conviction that perhaps it would not be wise to scrap the Taft-Hartley law in its entirety and replace it with some version of the Wagner act.

JOBLESS: 3 Million Out

At present count the number of jobless in the United States stood at three million.

However, according to the experts, there was no cause for immediate concern. Commissioner Ewan Clague of the federal bureau of labor said the time to become alarmed would be when the unemployed total reached five million and stayed there.

Would it reach five million? THAT WAS A POINT on which the experts disagreed.

Those who were loudest in pointing to the possibility of a depression pointed out that in just three months the jobless total had jumped from 1.8 million to the present three million. That was a rate of acceleration which, they claimed should cause everyone to be alarmed.

Time was an element, Commissioner Clague contended. Wait, he said, until the spring weather begins to revive the construction business and Easter trade and then "we'll be able to tell better just where we're going."

The federal official noted there was a drop of 1.75 million workers in non-agricultural jobs between mid-December and mid-January. Part of this was seasonal, he said,

Fraternity Man Chooses Mind Over Gastronomics

Culture had won a minor triumph.

At Ann Arbor, Mich., Paul H. Smith, University of Michigan junior was about to have at it with a hog for eating capacity honors.

Thinking better of the idea, he changed his mind. Reason, it appears, had raised its awesome head.

Smith declared that, on second thought, it occurred to him that the contest might be a "reflection" on himself and his fraternity.

Fraternity men from high above Cayuga's waters to the Rose Bowl breathed easier, buckled anew to their academic tasks.

but the overall decline was greater than normal.

SIGNIFICANT was a report of Robert G. Goodwin, director of the bureau of employment security, who said that the number of people receiving jobless benefits increased by 62,000 to a total of 1,784,000 during the week ending February 12. In the same week in 1948, there were 1,030,000 such claims.

Employment or its lack has always been a major factor of indication in an evaluation of the nation's economic condition because of the simple fact that in past recessions general unemployment has always preceded periods of national depression.

RUSSIANS: Big War Talk

The Russians must keep prepared for war.

That was the message of Soviet Marshal Nikolai A. Bulganin, Soviet minister of armed forces, in a statement in an order of the day marking the 31st anniversary of the Red army.

The Marshal named the possible enemy—the United States.

Bulganin added that the "ruling circles of the United States which seek to establish their world domination by force pursue a policy of aggression and of unleashing a new war."

The language was strong, even for the Russians. Was it the beginning of a campaign by the Soviets to prepare the mass Russian mind for conflict?

It could be. Bulganin played on fears and prejudices which might well lay the groundwork for calling the Soviet people into war. Intimating the possibility of attack, he assured the Russians that the "Soviet people may rest assured our army, air force and navy will vigilantly stand guard over their socialist homeland."

THE UNITED STATES was the only western power singled out by the marshal in his order of the day.

But there was a naive element of braggadocio in all the anniversary statements. It seemed Lt. Gen. S. S. Shatilov, deputy chief director of the political board of the armed services, was trying to "whistle past the graveyard" when he stated that in its early days the Soviet army had "routed the hordes of 14 powers.

DEATH SPRAY: Nazis Had It

Out of Mountain View, Calif., came one of the most chilling, awesome post-war tales of what might have been in World War II.

It was about a "death spray"—a spray so fatal that if a spot of it the size of a dime lay on a person's skin, that person was doomed.

THE SPRAY was described as being potent enough to knock out whole divisions of men in exposed positions.

A dime-sized spot, unless wiped off quickly, would kill a man in two minutes. It would penetrate ordinary clothing and some types of gas masks.

Authorities for these statements were U. S. army engineers who destroyed 125,000 tons of the spray where it was stored in carefully hidden caves in Bavaria.

Maj. James M. Graham of the engineer corps said the Germans called the chemical "tabun," a combination of the scientists who invented it. According to Major Graham, who had charge of the disposal of the chemical, "tabun" was a military secret until about six months ago when some information concerning it leaked out to the American public. One thousand tons were spared from destruction and shipped to the army proving grounds at Aberdeen, Maryland.

THE MAJOR said the stuff is nearly odorless that a person has to know exactly what he is smelling before he can detect it with his nose. It has a faint fruity flavor and looks like crankcase oil.

Then the Major said something that would add no comfort to those who fear a war with Russia. He said that the scientists who developed "tabun" were in Berlin when the Russians took over and probably became subject to Soviet control.

Speculation was that it was not used by the Germans because of a reluctance to engage in chemical warfare for a lack of knowledge of what weapons in this field might be possessed by the Allies.

OLIVER TWIST: Fagin Is Issue

Intelligent Jews would draw little consolation from the violent acts of their fellow men in multi-torn Berlin.

With the world on tenterhooks over the possibility of a third world war and with the issue of Palestine not yet completely settled as it affects the Jews, a mob of Berlin Jews saw fit to demonstrate over the showing of a British-made film.

THE FILM was "Oliver Twist," a story familiar to almost every English-speaking schoolboy and, apparently, familiar to a great many Jews as well.

The Berlin Jews, it seemed, couldn't stomach the Dickens creation, Fagin, one of the major characters in the story. Fagin, depicted as a Jew, is an unlovely character who teaches children to steal for him and accords them brutal treatment.

The charge that the film was "anti-Semitic" was hurled by the Jewish demonstrators. Their demonstration was effective. It resulted in temporary withdrawal of the film. German police hospitalized some of the rioters, but said they could not continue to protect the theatre.

THE ENTIRE AFFAIR provided a disturbing spectacle. Berlin, supposed to be the proving ground of the ability of nations to work together, has become, instead, the methodical corpse of that conception.

People Are Funny



And, people are funny, in many of the things they do. This woman, Charlotte Kierstein, 23, on probation for a check swindle verdict, couldn't keep a job. Suspicious employers fired her 14 times. Then, jailed at her own request, her story hit the papers and now she's been deluged with jobs. Her past will make no difference.



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A soil test will give you the yes or no answer. Where a deficiency exists, a test will indicate how much lime your soil needs. County agricultural agents, vocational agricultural teachers or agronomists at state colleges and experiment stations are glad to cooperate in making such tests.

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To soils that need it, lime is the keystone of any well-planned soil building program. Lime adds needed calcium. Lime boosts the efficiency of fertilizers. It neutralizes acid soils and makes possible the growth of sweet clover and alfalfa. These deep-rooted legumes add precious organic matter to the soil.

But lime by itself cannot do the whole soil building job. It has to be supported by the generous use of phosphate and potash fertilizers, by plowing under deep-rooted legumes, by the return to the soil of all possible animal manure and crop residues.

Plowing Under Organic Matter Aids Oxidization

Plowing under some organic matter in the field or garden is a good way of disposing of crop residues because the microbes "burn" or oxidize them.

They do this slowly, yet the process of microbial combustion of such materials may have disastrous effects on a crop planted soon after plowing, in which case it is said the crop was "burned out."

Microbes need more than energy "go" foods. They need the "grow" foods, too, just as humans do. They do not demand that the nitrogen be given them in the complete proteins or the more complex compounds of this element as humans do; nevertheless, they are just as exacting in their needs for nitrogen, at least, in its simpler forms.

Dr. William A. Abrecht, chairman of the department of soils, University of Missouri college of agriculture, in discussing how soil microbes get their food, points out that they get it before growing crops get theirs.

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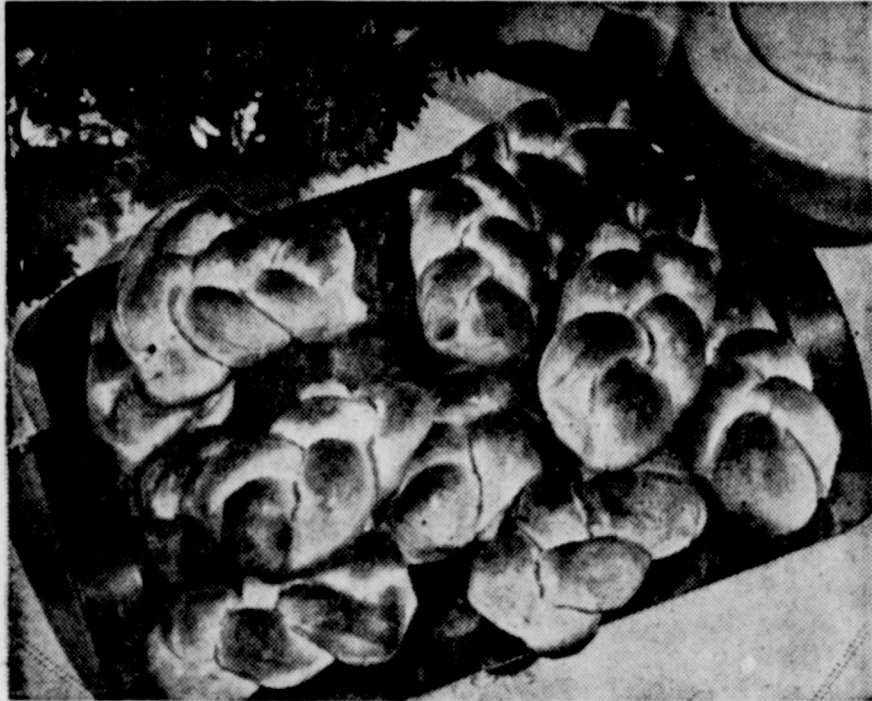
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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Serve Home-Made Rolls Often!
(See Recipes Below)

Bake at Home

HOMEMAKERS who want to keep up their morale will find satisfaction in the praise of the family. Such remarks as "Oh, boy, mom is making those rolls for dinner tonight," or "The house smells wonderful with that bread baking," bring a lift and a lilt to the heart of many of us besieged with the routine of endless cleaning, dusting, laundry and preparing meals.



No longer need there be an excuse for not making yeast-raised breads and rolls at home, for methods have become exceedingly simplified recently. You don't even have to knead these delightful concoctions any more, and in many cases, one rising is sufficient.

No-knead rolls and bread are light and delicious. They do not have quite as fine a texture as breads which have been kneaded, but this is a small matter, especially when you can have fragrant yeast rolls so quickly.

The recipes for quick rolls of this type are quite different from others you've used. Less flour is used and the dough is soft. The directions given in this column have been carefully tested, so be sure to follow them closely, and you'll have amazing success.

FOR THIS SEASON of the year one recipe which you'll want to use often, is that for hot cross buns.

Hot Cross Buns (Makes 18)

- 1 cup scalded milk
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 package yeast, compressed or dry granular
- 1 egg
- 3 cups sifted, all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Combine milk, shortening, sugar and salt. When lukewarm, add yeast and mix thoroughly. Blend in egg, then add gradually the flour with raisins and cinnamon and mix until well-blended and soft. Place in a greased bowl and cover. Place dough in refrigerator until needed,

or allow to rest for 10 minutes before shaping. Form dough into buns and place on greased baking sheet. Let rise in a warm place (80° to 85°) until light, about 45 minutes. In the meantime, combine one well-beaten egg white with two tablespoons of cold water and brush the tops of the buns with the mixture just before baking. Slash a deep cross on top of each bun with a sharp knife, after they have risen. Bake in a hot (425°) oven for 20 minutes.

Combine four teaspoons of milk with one cup sifted confectioners' sugar and one-fourth teaspoon vanilla. Drip this mixture over the buns filling the crosses, while the rolls are still hot.

Omit the raisins and cinnamon from the above recipe and use it for caramel rolls, as follows:

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Caramel Rolls

Spread the dough with one and one-half tablespoons butter, melted, one-fourth cup brown sugar and one teaspoon cinnamon. Roll and cut into one-inch pieces. Combine one-half cup brown sugar, three tablespoons honey-flavored corn syrup and one tablespoon butter. Spread about one tablespoon of this mixture in greased muffin tins and place in cut pieces of dough. Let rise until light, then bake in a moderately hot (375°) oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown.

There's an old-fashioned hot bread which grandmother used to make, potato rolls, a recipe which has now been brought up-to-date with streamlined technique to speed the process.

*Potato Rolls (Makes 2 dozen)

- 1 cup scalded milk
- 3 tablespoons shortening
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 package yeast, compressed or dry granular
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup hot, mashed potatoes (unseasoned)
- 4 cups sifted all-purpose flour

Combine the milk, shortening, sugar and salt. Add yeast and mix well. Blend in beaten eggs and mashed potatoes. Add gradually the flour and mix until well-blended and dough is soft. Store dough in refrigerator or cold place for at least two hours or until needed. The top of the dough should be greased.

When ready to use, roll chilled, dough to one-half inch thickness on a floured board. Cut with a two and one-half inch cutter. Place on a greased baking sheet. (Or, shape rolls into any shape desired, like parkerhouse, cloverleaf, twists, braids, bowknots, etc.) Let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk, about one and one-half hours. Bake in a moderately hot (400°) oven for 15-20 minutes.

Orange Bread (Makes 1 loaf)

- 1 cake yeast, compressed or dry granular
- 3/4 cup lukewarm water
- 1 beaten egg
- 2 tablespoons melted shortening
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- Grated rind of 2 oranges
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 4 cups flour

Dissolve the yeast in water. Add the beaten egg, shortening, sugar, orange rind and juice. Stir in flour, mixing until smooth. Add more flour, if necessary, to make dough easy to handle. Let rise in bowl until doubled in bulk. Place in a greased loaf pan and let rise again until doubled in bulk. Bake in a hot (400°) oven for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to moderate (350°) and bake for 45 minutes longer.

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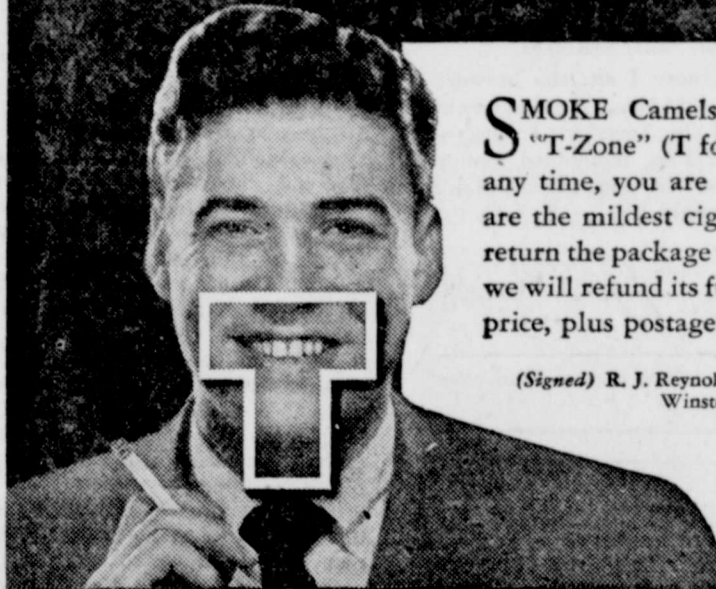


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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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"So," says Sandy, "I gave it a really good paint job. Sold it the day after it was dry. The fellow who bought it seemed more concerned about its looks than its performance. That taught me a lesson I'll remember."

Sandy should have realized the outside is as important as the inside. For example, through the Brewers' Self-Regulation Pro-

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(By Katherine B. Mabry)

What is life like for a Governor and his family? How do they live and work and when do they rest? These questions have been asked me by many readers of my column. Perhaps I should be getting around to an answer.

Life at the Executive Mansion for the Governor and me is much like the life of the average busy household, I suppose, except there are no many quiet and secluded hours. The Governor dislikes the word "Mansion" and seldom uses it himself. He says it sounds too "high hat." He prefers and uses the word "Governor's Home" or "Our House," but, being law abiding, I suppose we should use the term we have been directed by law to use—"the Executive Mansion."

If it were not for the fact that both of us retire early when we have no engagements (usually by 10 o'clock) it would be difficult to find time for required rest, for the Governor is up by 6 each morning. We have breakfast about 7:30 and then the mail from the night before and the early morning is gone over before 9:30. From then on anything could happen and then (or before) the telephone starts its day and night of frequent ringing.

We have seven telephone extensions in the house so that one is always handy in all rooms for both of us. Everyone is very considerate about night calls. Rarely anything but those felt to be emergency calls come in after 11 p. m. and the Governor has the happy faculty of being able to answer the bedside phone, make notes in the dark on the scratch pad rest-to sleep in a few brief moments. He insists that night calls do not molest him. From my adjoining room, the phone is muffled and it does not disturb me too much.

There are four bedrooms in the mansion, exclusive of the servants' quarters, all arranged as originally planned nearly half a century ago, including the near-by table and get back with the one large 1890 model bath tub for the accommodation of all guests, plus another for the family quarters, all on the second floor. On the upper floor hall, there still hangs an old phone which, like the big bath tub I have mentioned, has been left—for sentimental reasons I presume.

The Governor and I have always endeavored to make it emphatic that it is not our house but that of every one of you who are citizens of New Mexico.

The proximity of the Mansion to the capitol (it is only one-half block away) works against privacy and repose for the family but it does make it easier for a governor who likes to work long hours and who thus needs to maintain a workshop in the home as well as in the capitol itself. For that reason we do not like the idea of the Governor's residence way off in the hills away from work and people, as has been proposed. Anyone who wants this office must make up his mind not to expect too much of either privacy or rest if he expects to do a good job.

Santa Fe is an interesting and pleasant place in which to live. Of course, it was not entirely new to us, since we had resided here for the eight years my husband was on the Supreme Court.

The Mansion is comfortable but one does get the feeling that it would be nice to settle down to where we could make use of our own dishes and linens and be living in our own home and not in the glass and open house of public life which a governor's home must inevitably be. It is nice that the constitution of the state limits the governor's term to four years, in all. Any more could be difficult and, also, I think, it is good for the state to have a change in this position after two terms. It not only brings new honors to someone else, it ought to bring new and improved ideas.

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No Sand is Free

By W. T. PERSON

CHAPTER I

Now that it was settled there were several problems to be handled before they moved from Harbisonville. One concerned Granny, who was frequently a difficult person to deal with because she did her own thinking—and sometimes that of others. "I still think it might be better for her to go to Chicago," Kate Ives said for the umpteenth time. "She'd have every comfort there with Gertrude and Wilton, but—"

"Not every comfort," Andy broke in. "She'd never be in a very good humor around Wilton. She says he's as interesting as a toad, except that he doesn't have warts!"

Kate laughed, then quickly turned serious. "I'll have to talk with her right away, but I dread it! You know how she is, Andy."

He nodded. "If it's going to hurt her feelings, I say let her go with us. She'd rather do that, anyway. Why, she's just sixty-eight, and she can stand as much as most women between forty and fifty. If it's going to hurt her feelings, don't mention it to her; she's the best mother-in-law I've ever had."

"And it's such a coincidence that she's my mother too!" Kate wasn't convinced that she liked this brand of humor. "Andy, are you sure you've done the right thing? When I think of moving 'way off there and turning pioneer, I get shivers!"

Andy Ives, who had been a clerk in Jaynes' Hardware Store for nearly twenty unprogressive years, looked at her for a long moment without speaking. His keen blue eyes held a hard, almost fierce, light.

"We may get a lot more than shivers out of it, Kate. And I can't know until we've tried that I'm doing the right thing. But it'll be something else, and we'll be working for the kind of life I've wanted all these years." He leaned toward her, took her hands in his big, farm-bred fingers. "The Lord made a lot of acres, Kate, and I want some of them for my own—a place for Hope and Dave to call theirs someday, a place that will flourish according to the strength and thought we put into it. The land down there is rich and black and good. I think I've done the right thing. The question is, Are we the right people?"

Kate Ives had never been quite sure of Andy's wisdom in business matters. At times he seemed to be a dreamer. Gertrude, her sister in Chicago, whose husband, Wilton Warner, was a successful executive in the "Dusk to Dawn" Mattress Company and made enough money for them to afford an apartment from which they could see Lake Michigan, had never quite understood why Kate had married Andy.

Granny Approves Of Her Son-in-Law

Of late years Andy had been hearing of free land in the state—a great lowland region a hundred miles south of Harbisonville, in the flat, black cotton country of southern Arkansas—which was being parceled out to those who paid a small fee and agreed to live on the land two years, making certain simple improvements. Yet she had never dreamed that a man as cautious as Andy would tear loose from the security, even the static, humdrum security of Harbisonville, and take up a tract of that land. But he had done it! And now they were going to move from staid Harbisonville, from the bungalow where Hope and Dave had been born and had grown up, to the swamp country southeast of Newcastle, where they would begin a new life, perhaps a very difficult and strange life!

She was standing at the window after Andy had gone off to work that November morning, looking out at the autumn-daubed world, thinking about it. She must tell her mother today, and she must be tactful about it. How could they haul Granny off to the swamp for a pioneer life when the old lady could live in a warm apartment in Chicago, high enough above the ground to reflect Wilton's prosperity and offer a pleasant view of Lake Michigan?

Mrs. Craig came into the living room, slender and straight, in black, wearing her usual high white lace collar and yellow-gold watch pinned high on her bosom. Her bearing gave an impression of height, just as her manner of dressing gave her the air of a patrician; yet she was neither tall nor very patrician. "Good morning, Kate," she said. Her voice was almost as young as Hope's, with none of the harshness

that age usually brings. "What are you mooning about this pretty fall morning?"

"Oh, why, nothing, of course! How are you, mother?"

"Ready for breakfast. Have you and Andy eaten?"

"Some time ago." She turned and started for the kitchen. "I'll fix your egg. Want it poached this morning?"

"If so I'll poach it. Go back to your window." She chuckled. "Standing there that way, you reminded me of the day before you married Andy. You were so worried! But you got a good, steady man, Kate, bless his heart!"

"You like Andy, don't you?"

"If you had to do it over and turned him down, I'd take a barrel stave to you!" Mrs. Craig said gently.



"We're going to move, honey," Kate told her.

ly. "Go call Hope, and I'll get her breakfast too. Where's the apron?"

"On the pantry door." Kate started out, to call Hope, who had been to a dance the night before, then stopped and turned back. Now was the time to talk with her mother, before Hope came in. She bit her lip and wondered how to start.

"What is it?" Mrs. Craig asked, noting her daughter's expression.

"What are you thinking?"

"We may be moving before long, mother. I want to tell you—"

"Fine!" the old lady cut in. "Where to?"

"Well, Andy has always wanted a farm, you know, and now he has paid the fee on a quarter section of state land, with a two-room cabin on it, where we can set up house-keeping. We'll move before the month is out."

"Well, gentle rivers!" the old lady exclaimed. "Wonderful! The emancipation of Andrew Ives!"

"There will be terrible hardships, mother. It's down in the swamp country, southwest of Newcastle. It's out in the wilds, thinly settled, and—and—Well, I'm just wondering if we ought to subject you to the hardships ahead of us, mother."

The old lady stiffened as if slapped. "I understand what you're getting at," she said quickly. "Have you written Gertrude yet?"

Hope Is Happy Over the Farm

Kate Ives flushed a little. "No, I haven't. You know I wouldn't write Gertrude about it before talking with you, don't you?"

"Well, I certainly didn't think so. Now, you listen to me, Kate. I can take as many hardships as you can, and you know I'd get a job washing dishes and keeping house for somebody before I'd go up north and live in the same house with that smug, tiresome mattress peddler Gertrude married!"

"Mother! Don't talk like that! I just thought—"

"All right, don't you talk like that either. Look here, I've been with you and Andy since your father died, and I've helped bring up Dave and Hope, and my place is with you all. Don't you be thinking for a minute that I'd traipse off up to Chicago to dry up and die in some stuffy apartment, with never a chance to walk in the mud or to feed chickens or to hear a cowbell at night or a hound trailing just before sunup! I'm a human being, Kate Ives! I'm not a bit afraid of your swamp and your hardships!"

"What on earth?" asked Hope, who had reached the door just in time to catch Granny's last words. "Whose swamp and whose hardships?"

Kate looked at her daughter and felt a twinge of pain, for Hope was too pretty to be hidden in a swamp, torn loose from her circle of friends, removed from her admirers to a place where there would probably be no worthy admirers to replace them. Hope was vividly attractive, with gray eyes and curly dark-brown hair. She could have Wall Harbison, cashier of Harbisonville Bank and Trust, if she wanted him. "But I don't want him," she had told Kate on the morning after his third proposal.

"What are you talking about?" Hope insisted, when her mother began hedging, not wishing to break the news of the move. "Whose swamp and whose hardships, I repeat?"

"We're going to move, honey," Kate told her. "I was just telling Granny that—"

"Move?" Hope yipped, flinging back a swirl of shining hair that had swung across one cheek. "For heaven's sake, where? And when? Isn't this rather sudden?"

"It's been brewing for years. All your life you've heard your father talk of wanting a farm of his own, haven't you? Well, we're going to have one."

"You make it sound so simple! All at once we're going to have a farm. Just like that! As easy as ordering it from Sears!"

Kate explained the arrangement. "It's free land, you see. Except for the few dollars we've put into the fee, all we have to do now to make it ours is to work."

"At last!" Hope said gladly. "Now dad can work for himself, instead of handling bolts and nuts, hoes and rakes and plowpoints for the other fellow! It's wonderful!"

"There won't be much for you down there," Kate said slowly. "If you'd rather, you can get a job and stay here, where you've friends and recreations and—"

"—and die of homesickness for the rest of you!" Hope cut in. "Stay here? I'm going too, and don't think you can park me in Harbisonville while the rest of you sail off to the great adventure! Why, I'll outpioneer Priscilla herself!"

Women Plan a Pioneer Life

"And who knows?" Granny asked, a light in her eye. "Maybe there'll be a John Alden down there in the swamp country." Then the old lady shrugged and laughed without mirth, spoke to Hope: "She tried to persuade me against going. Imagine that! Hardships! Why, many's the hardship I've caught by the tail and swung around my head three times before throwing it over the mountain."

Hope laughed. "Have you told Dave yet?" she asked her mother.

"Dad's going to tell him at noon, when he comes by the store, on his way home from school. It will make Dave very happy, I know. What could please a gangling, freckled boy of sixteen more than going into a wilderness where there are deer, wild turkey, fish, coons—?"

"Is it that wild?" Hope broke in. "Really deer and turkey and all that?"

"Rattlesnakes too," Kate added, "and mosquitoes, frogs, and maybe an alligator now and then."

"Dave can wear a coonskin cap and be our young Leatherstocking Ives!" Hope mused. "What of neighbors? Will we have any two-legged ones?"

"I don't know about that part of it," Kate told her, "but from what I gather, we'll have room to turn around, and just worlds of privacy! You two get your breakfast now. I've broken the news. Next month we may be living on possum and squirrel, so enjoy your civilized rations while you can."

When Andy told Dave at noon, the boy was happy. They were walking home to lunch, and Dave was telling about their first basketball practice the afternoon before, and of his hopes of being star forward on the Harbisonville High team. It seemed very important to him. Andy listened patiently until they had passed the City Wholesale Grocery warehouse, and then he broke the boy's chatter, saying gravely:

"You won't be on the basketball team much longer, son. I've something to tell you."

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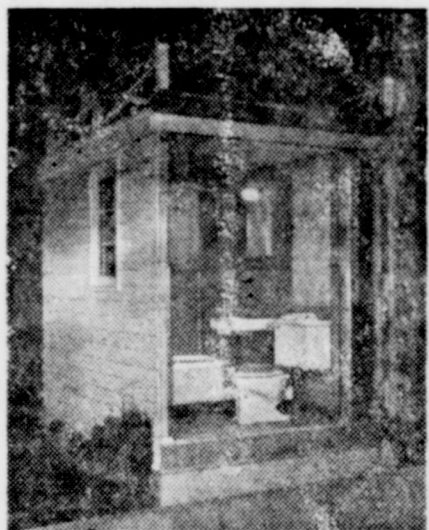
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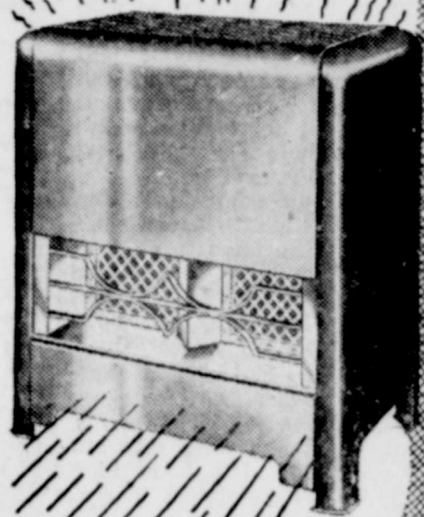
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