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## Bank Deposits For Artesia Hit New Record High

Reports of the condition of the two Artesia banks as of Dec. 31 showed total deposits of \$8,836,042.26, a new record and \$146,550.95 more than the previous record of Dec. 31, 1948, showed.

The Peoples State Bank, which opened for business in August, 1948, showed a gain of \$709,018.26 in deposits during last year, according to the two year end reports.

On Dec. 31, 1948 at the end of nearly four months of business, that bank had on deposit \$453,849.65, whereas on the last day of 1949 the total deposits were \$1,162,867.91.

The report for the First National Bank for the last day of 1949 was \$7,674,174.35, as compared with \$8,236,641.66 a year prior.

The statements of both banks show them to be in very sound financial condition.—Artesia Advocate

## Tombstone Is Just a Piker

Tombstone, Ariz., is getting around to paying a debt incurred during the rough and tumble mining days of the 1880s. A check for \$1000 has been sent to State Auditor Ana Frohmler as first installment on the \$12,750.77 indebtedness that is now more than 60 years old.

But when it comes to incurring debts and then forgetting to pay off in a reasonable time, Tombstone is just a piker.

After all, only a couple of generations separate the men who were living in Tombstone in the 80s from the present crop of Tombstone citizens. So Tombstone is starting to clean up the books on this particular item in just a little better than six decades.

But the way the administration in Washington is heading our great-grandchildren and their heirs for many generations to come will be carrying a burden of indebtedness incurred during this period of so-called "deficit financing," which is a fancy way of saying that we are spending what we do not have.

A \$12,750 debt for a city the size of Tombstone is not a crippling item.

But the debt that the Truman administration is running up, at the rate of several billions of dollars every year, is far from being inconsequential and unless the trend is reversed we will pass on to coming generations an economic factor that will spell the difference between a vigorous prosperity and a tax-ridden stifling of enterprise. Tucson, Ariz., Star.

## Teach Your Children Religion

The American Legion in New Mexico, at the recent post commanders and adjutants conference in Albuquerque, adopted a program to "Teach Children Religion." This will be actively sponsored by the 106 American Legion posts throughout the state.

Seaborn P. Collins, department commander of the American Legion, announced this unusual program through department headquarters this week, emphasizing that "It is a program without any partisan or denominational connections and should be supported with equal enthusiasm by Protestants, Catholics and Jews." Collins appointed Department Chaplain H. L. Graves of Ruidoso to handle the program.

Commander Collins described the purpose of this program as being to awaken all citizens, regardless of their station in life and without relation to their religious affiliations, to the need for "moral and spiritual consciousness on the part of our children, who are the citizens of tomorrow and who will either fill important positions of leadership in the church, home, business and government or else fall by the wayside, based upon the opportunities we can afford them to understand their spiritual and moral responsibilities."

Department Chaplain Graves reports: "No child has a chance who has not been taught to pray and love God. No good citizen wants to place upon the brow of our children failures crown of thorns. No parents should crucify the moral and spiritual lives of a deserving child upon the cross of inactivity the American Legion is

dedicated to God and country. We do not attempt to influence the religious teachings of anyone, but we do beg of all good citizens that you aid in teaching all children religion.

"The teachings should be in accordance with the belief of the responsible parties. The Legion is equally interested in seeing a Protestant, a Catholic and a Jewish child benefit from the teachings of their own respective faiths. The state and the nation will benefit from all such teachings."

Collins emphasize that although the Legion has initiated and sponsored the program, all individual citizens and other organizations are invited to participate. He concluded, saying, "We invite all good citizens who believe in God to support this emphasis on religion for the benefit of our children. We will be surprised how much it will benefit you and me as well as the children."

## Shareholders of Peoples State Hold Annual Meet

Directors of the Peoples State Bank for the coming year were elected at a meeting of shareholders Tuesday of last week, after which the directors met and named officers, with J. W. Berry again heading the bank as president.

Cecil Waldrep, vice president and cashier since coming here early last year, was elected executive vice president.

W. W. Batie, vice president, was re-elected to that office and Harold Kersey, one of the directors, also was made a vice president.

John Ellicott was re-elected assistant cashier. Mrs. Marie Ward, an employe of the bank the last few months, was also made an assistant cashier.

Besides Berry, Waldrep, Batie and Kersey, also re-elected directors for the year by the shareholders were Belle Hurst, O. B. Berry, Hugh Moutray and William M. Siegenthaler.

George Teel and J. E. Taylor were elected to the board for the first time and Frank Runyan retired from the board.

## Bert Jones Resigns As Manager of Anthony Store

Last week, Bert Jones, who has been manager of Anthony's store in Artesia since it opened, resigned his position. A new man arrived this week from Oklahoma City. Mr. Jones has purchased a half interest in the Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. and will start work next Monday. The Dr. Pepper territory covers Roswell, Ruidoso, Artesia, Carlsbad, White City, Elk and Mayhill, also Hope.

## School News

6th, 7th and 8th Grade News—New officers were elected last week. They are as follows: President, Reeva Jeanne Wood; vice president, Alta Ruth Young; secretary, Bonnie Brown; treasurer, Wilma Darlene Seely; reporter, Bill Brown. A cleaning committee was also chosen. The dance at Reeva Jeanne's house last Saturday night was well attended. The music was furnished by Mr. Wood and the phonograph. Some of the pupils in our room helped with the carnival Jan. 11.

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade News—The 3rd grade pupils have completed their 4th reader and have a new reader now. They also have a new health book. The 4th and 5th grades have a new history book. The 5th grade pupils are locating many places of interest on their New Mexico maps. We are studying hard for our six weeks tests.

Manual Training News—We have the word that our cedar chests are somewhere on the road. These were ordered from the Giles Kendall Co., of Huntsville, Ala. Two chairs have been finished. One book case is under construction. Several members of the manual training class have been making devices that were used in the school carnival. Lamps made from wood and turned on the lathe are being made at the rate of from one to two each school day. Lamps made from cactus will make their appearance in the near future.

4-H Club News—The Hope 4-H Club met at the school, Wednesday, Jan. 4

for the first meeting this year. Members enrolled in new projects for the year and the following officers elected. President, Eugene Lee; vice president, Reeva Jeanne Wood; secretary-treasurer, Alta Ruth Young; reporter, Wilma Darlene Seely; recreation leader, Sammy Trimble; song leader, Bonnie Brown. A recreation meeting was set for Friday, Jan. 20. The members plan to learn to square dance. A council meeting of the new officers of all the 4-H clubs in the county will be held in Carlsbad at the Southern Union Gas Company on Jan. 21. The Achievement Day for the Eddy County 4-H Clubs will be held in the Artesia High School auditorium Jan. 28 at 2 p. m.

## Hope News

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Altman of Hope and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Buckner and children of Carlsbad are planning a trip to Canada for their summer vacation trip.

We have buyers for ranches west into Sacramento. Also for sale, ranches in other sections of state and farms in the Pecos Valley. Dons' Real Estate, 314 Carper Bldg., Artesia, N. M. Phone 79. Adv.

Announcement—At the last town board meeting, it was recommended that all who owe water dues must pay to July 1, the end of the fiscal year or be passed up by water.—Town Board. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ray have returned from a trip to DeKalb, Texas, where Mr. Ray visited a sister that he had not seen for 23 years.

J. M. Jackson of the Cottonwood area was in Hope Tuesday on business.

DR. SALISBURY—Nation wide poultry service. McCaw Hatchery, 13th and Grand, Artesia. 6-10-tf

Ada Bell Trimble went to town Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Ethel Altman took charge of the switchboard during Mrs. Trimble's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCabe and family from Hobbs spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCabe.

FOR SALE—One folding bath tub; one kitchen sink. Inquire at News office at Hope.

Little Shirley Young has developed pneumonia.

Shirley Cox fell against their truck and cut a gash under her eye.

Mr. Malone, stock inspector for this district, was in Hope Tuesday morning. He lives in Carlsbad.

Bert Weddige has been in the hospital in El Paso the past week. An operation was performed on his back. It is expected he will be home by the end of this week.

REMEMBER—Merit Feeds get best results. McCaw Hatchery, 13th and Grand, Artesia. 6-10-tf

Dick Carson has been busy the past six weeks in grinding feed and fattening a bunch of calves for the market.

"Hidden Taxes—The Woman Pays" ... Yes, lady, you're almost like Midas—except that everything you touch turns into taxes! She had to pay 22 direct taxes to deck herself out for the evening. Read the facts about the growing tax tangle in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

HAY FOR SALE—Bryant Williams. Hope. Adv.

Jesse C. Allison has been employed as Mayordomo by the Hope Water Users Association and took over the first of the week. He has rented a house from W. B. Durham.

Kiddy-Linell Agency. Complete insurance and Real Estate Service, 415 1/2 West Main, Artesia, N. M. List with us, insure with us. Purchasers of Nora Johnson Agency. Adv-tf

## Editorials---

"Happy" Apadoca has announced he will be a candidate for sheriff in Dona Ana County in 1950. The present sheriff will be his opponent.

A verse for today: He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom.—Isa. 40-11.

This week's quotation: "Do what you can, where you are, with what you have."—Theodore Roosevelt.

In this country a person is innocent until he is proved guilty. If he is not proved guilty he is innocent no matter how guilty he was in the first place.

Don Sedillo's trial in Las Cruces is over and the jury acquitted him. The News would have to be printed on asbestos paper if we expressed ourselves on this matter. The voters should remember all this when election time comes around.

Both Carlsbad and Lordsburg are going to take legal steps to abolish this teen-age reckless driving on the streets after dark. In Carlsbad, an ordinance is being drafted whereby when the teen-ager is caught, his parents or guardian is subject to a fine or imprisonment. I believe that is working in the right direction.

And you've all heard the story about the little skunk who went to church and made to sit in his own pew. And here is a definition that Webster overlooked: Efficiency Expert—Man who knows less about your business than you do and gets paid more for telling you how to run it than you could possibly make from it even if you ran it right instead of the way he told you to run it.

A good Democrat handed us the following item which might produce a good laugh after reading, here it is: "I pledge allegiance to the Democratic party and to the Roosevelt family for which is stands, one family, indispensable, with divorces and captaincies for all. 4000 years ago Moses said to his people, 'Take up your shovels, mount your asses, load your camels and ride with me into the promised land.' 4000 years later Mr. Roosevelt said to his people, 'Throw down your shovels, sit on your asses, light up a Camel, for this is the promised land.'"

Three young boys in Artesia who have been committing all the burglaries have been apprehended. Two of the Artesia boys were caught in Roswell Sunday afternoon endeavoring to pick the lock on the back door of Everybody's Store. The boys will appear before Judge Anderson. Too bad the parents can not control their children and teach them something better than to break in and steal. Possibly a term in the state reform school is in store for the boys. Personally we don't approve of sending boys or girls to a reform school, because what they don't know before they begin to serve their sentence, they will know by the time they are turned loose. But what is the law going to do, when the parents refuse to do their duty and teach their children to be law abiding citizens.

What we are going to do about the ever increasing number of accidents on the highways. More people are getting killed every year. Fast and reckless driving are the principal causes. The issuing of drivers' licenses don't amount to a d—. All this amounts to is that it increases the state revenues. We believe that if the law enforcement officers would crack down on some of these fast drivers, it might help some. In looking over some of the news reports concerning a wreck, the news report will read something like this: "The wreck that causes the death of three people five miles west of so and son, was investigated by the state police and two deputies from the sheriff's office." We are not especially referring to Eddy County, this happens all over the country. We know an accident has to be investigated, but why not crack down on some of these speeders before accidents happen. We notice that the City of Carlsbad has been doing that and bringing dozens of motorists

in before the judge for traffic violations. We know that the officers will say "we can't be everywhere." We know that, but they could pay a visit to localities once in a while. Hope has been fortunate in not having any children killed or crippled. Trucks, passenger cars and pickups come from the west and go past the school at four times what the speed limit calls for. How long this is going to keep up before something is done about it is what we can't figure out.

The following editorial taken from the El Paso Times expresses our views on the financial situation right to a T. Therefore we are publishing it for the benefit of our readers.

## MORE RED INK.

It would be a tragedy if the American people failed to understand what is happening to the financial structure of their government.

Despite promises and political hypnotism, we are going further and further into debt. That is going on while our country is supposed to be prosperous.

President Truman Monday sent to Congress a budget putting the country more than five billion dollars deeper into the red. He will ask for "moderate" tax increases in the near future.

Mr. Truman reported to Congress that the combined deficits for fiscal 1950 and 1951 will be \$10,666,548,616 at present tax rates. Social security taxes, in which the President called for a three-billion-dollar boost, do not count in the budget and the proposed increase in them would not reduce the deficit.

It is difficult to see how President Truman can look the American people in the fact and ask for higher taxes. Instead, he should be finding ways and means of lightening the tax burden.

We may feel certain that Congress is not going to raise taxes. Any member of Congress who voted for such a boost undoubtedly would be signing his own political death warrant.

But that will not prevent deficit spending in Washington.

There used to be an old sea story which told how sirens lured ships on to the rocks by singing and playing sweet music which the sailors could not resist.

The American people would do well to keep a sharp lookout.

We seem to have sirens in high places in Washington.

## Uncle Sam Says



Here's a good 1950 resolution: "I will start today taking advantage of the safe, sure way of saving by purchasing U. S. Savings Bonds. That is one habit I will adhere to, come what may." Start the new half of the 20th Century right by enrolling for the Payroll Savings Plan where you work or, if self-employed, the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank. In ten short years, 1960 to be exact, you will reap the harvest of \$4 for every \$3 invested today. Your future will be secure with U. S. Savings Bonds. U. S. Treasury Department

## Reduced Grain Growing Brings Seed Hold Need

Prospects of reduced grain-growing, including corn and wheat in 1950 and following years should cause farmers to consider saving more grass and clover seed, says a statement from the college of agriculture, University of Kentucky. The seed, it was pointed out, will be needed for the soil crops that are to take the place of grain.

The bureau of plant industry at Washington says that grain reduction will mean at least 25 per cent more grass and hay



# THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Union  
Sunday School Lessons  
By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:42-5:42.  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Hebrews 11:33-38, 32-34.

## Fellowship

Lesson for January 15, 1950

THE FIRST CHRISTIANS didn't have everything we have, but on the other hand they had one thing seldom to be seen nowadays. They did not have the New Testament, only the Old; they were not surrounded by an even partly Christian civilization; they had no centuries of Christian tradition; they had no world-wide Christianity, only a small knot of people in one small and out-of-the-way city, Jerusalem. On the other hand, for all they lacked, they had one great thing: Fellowship. We have it too, but too often in a weak and watery fashion as compared with what they enjoyed.



Dr. Foreman

### Family Living

THE VERY FIRST Christians lived literally like a big family. This is all the more extraordinary when you think of the variety of their backgrounds. (Look up the list of places mentioned in Acts 2:9,10 on a map of Asia, Africa and Europe).

If little Willie comes down with appendicitis, his parents don't get out the family account book and figure out how much Willie has been worth to the family, in dollars and cents, in his eight years of life.

Suppose they calculated that his services, such as they are—carrying in the wood, feeding the chickens, or what not—had been worth about \$23.75 since the last time he was sick, they wouldn't send little Willie to the hospital with the note to the doctor: "Please give our Willie \$23.75 worth of operation. That's all he has put into the family budget and that's all we're going to let him take out!"

Not by any means. Little Willie is taken to the hospital and whatever operation he needs, that is the one his parents want him to have, even if it costs 20 times what Willie has been worth in cash. The family give Willie what he needs, and they also expect him to help out in all the ways he can.

### Church Living

ONE TROUBLE with our churches today is that so many of them have actually lost this family-feeling. The early Christians, we are told, "were of one heart and soul." Could you say of your church that all its members are of one heart and soul?

Does the church say to its members, as the Salvation Army does of hard-pressed men, "You may be down but you're never out?" Some churches have a pastor's or deacon's fund, to be used in cases of need.

Contributors to the fund are as anonymous as are those who are helped by it. The idea is for those who are blessed with large income, or those who may have special windfalls, bonuses, extra dividends, big crops, and so on, to chip in for the aid of all who may run into trouble.

Not All Troubles Are Financial  
NATURALLY, not all troubles are financial. Some of the most serious troubles have little or nothing to do with money. There are many other kinds of needs. For example, in any church there will be lonely people, and you can't cure loneliness with a check, no matter how big.

The minister is the key man, he can locate the needs, but he can't supply them all. Lonely people, those who have been through deep sorrow, men trying to find the right jobs, young folks in danger of serious temptation—a church which is like a family will not let these people fight their battles alone.

What we all need is the feeling that we belong. The church can make all the difference between despair and happiness simply by making every single person in it feel that no matter what happens to him, he still belongs; he is more than among friends, he is among brothers.

## MIRROR Of Your MIND

Never Force  
Psychoanalysis

By Lawrence Gould



Should you urge a person to be psychoanalyzed?

Answer: Never! The most you can do is to let him know what the treatment means and give him a chance to observe what it has done for others—preferably yourself. Urging someone to be analyzed will make analysis seem to him a way of compelling him to become the sort of person that you want him to be, and is likely for this reason to intensify his "resistance," both to the idea, and to the analyst. The purpose of psychoanalysis is, to help the patient to become more truly himself, and he can't do this to please you.

is living a comparatively isolated life—that the whole world is conspiring against them and that they must trust nobody but each other. Double suicide may follow, although suicide is more often a symptom of neurosis than of insanity.



Is a flyer who breaks down "all washed up"?

Answer: Not necessarily, reports Dr. D. D. Reid of the psychiatric staff of the British Air Ministry. Study of the later histories of more than 200 men who were victims of psychological disorders showed that 82 per cent of them were able to return to flying duty, although only 70 per cent proved capable of "sticking it out." Men judged to have had a "predisposition to neurosis" were the poorest prospects for complete recovery, but those pilots who were able to make a real come-back had a casualty rate no higher than average.



Can one person "drive" another insane?

Answer: Only if the other has psychotic tendencies to start with. But we do see cases of "folie a deux" (double madness) in which for example, someone suffering from delusions of persecution succeeds in convincing his wife—or some other person with whom he

## LOOKING AT RELIGION

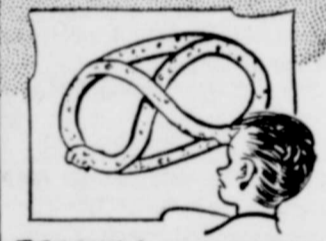
By DON MOORE



PROBABLY THE FIRST RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN NEW ENGLAND WERE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROBERT FRING EXPEDITION — YET THE EXPEDITION HAD NO ORDAINED CLERGYMEN! THIS WAS IN THE YEAR 1603.



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PRETZELS WERE DESIGNED TO REPRESENT A CHILD'S ARMS FOLDED IN PRAYER!

## KEEPING HEALTHY

### Early Rising After Operation Helps

By Dr. James W. Barton

SOME OLD PHYSICIANS shake their heads when they see patients who have undergone surgical operation allowed up on their feet for a few minutes in the afternoon after a morning operation.

Some physicians go as far as to say that as hospitals are overcrowded, getting the surgical patient on his feet and allowing him to go home in a week or 10 days is just a "scheme" to make more beds available for waiting patients.

It was in surgical treatment of hernia, rupture, and later removal of appendix, that early rising was first tried; the results have been so satisfactory that some surgeons allow their patients out of bed and out of hospital in half the time formerly allowed, even when the operation is more serious than hernia or simple appendicitis.

In "The Journal of the American Medical Association," Dr. Amos R. Koontz, Johns Hopkins university school of medicine, Baltimore, states that he is in favor of early rising after operation for hernia. The main argument against early rising is that it puts too much strain on the sutures, but if the su-

ture line will not hold from the effort of standing on the feet, the hernia will return or break down anyway.

Dr. Koontz points out that straining coming out of anaesthetic and straining in using the bedpan, increases the pressure on the sutures as much as getting on the feet early on the day of operation. "With early ambulation (Walking about the room) the patient does better in every way and there are fewer complications. Healing probably takes place faster for two reasons.

"Ambulation (1) increases the blood supply to the wound and (2) tends to keep the patient in positive nitrogen balance—keeping a well person in bed causes a daily loss of nitrogen." Nitrogen is absolutely necessary to various body processes and forms the largest part of the air we breathe.

"Early ambulation does not mean that the patient should sit in a chair for hours at a time especially for first few days after operation. The patient should walk around or be lying flat."

## Star Dust

STAGE SCREEN RADIO

By INEZ GERHARD

JOHN BARRYMORE, JR., making his screen debut in Eagle Lion's "The Sundowners," is afraid of just one thing—that he will unconsciously copy his famous father. Playing a quick-triggered cowboy, he had two elderly actresses who had played with John, Sr., to check on his work; after seeing "The Great Profile" and part of "Richard III," he was up-



JOHN BARRYMORE, JR.

set at finding that many of his own mannerisms were like his father's. He is 17 now, and says that maybe when he is 21, with his own acting style set, he will see some of his father's old pictures. Robert Sterling, Robert Preston, Chill Wills and Cathy Downs are also in "The Sundowners."

Two clothing manufacturers have offered Merlin Brando a \$10,000 wardrobe if he'll abandon his blue jeans. Teresa Wright, on "The Men" set, said "You look as if you had just returned from a long week-end inside a washing machine."

Red-haired Susan Hayward makes her strongest bid for Academy honors in Samuel Goldwyn's "My Foolish Heart" — worked every day from morning to night to get done in time to be shown before the year's end, and so be eligible.

Lanny Ross, who now has his own show on Mutual, began singing for his supper when he was seven. Riding back to school on a train, he lost his money. And the candy butcher kept passing his seat. At last, Lanny broke into song, and warbled 25 of the top song hits of the day; he made \$1.63. Which may have led him later, to abandon the law and become a singer.

Richard Todd, starred as the wounded Scottish corporal in Warner Bros. "The Hasty Heart," was a British commando captain during World War II, and was one of the first officers to jump into Normandy on D-Day.

Hollywood soda fountains are featuring a new delicacy in honor of Eleanor Parker's current picture, "The Rock Bottom." It is a huge chunk of ice cream, set on a substantial foundation of nuts. Called, of course, a "Rock Bottom."

The dachshund who emerged Top Dog in the contest conducted by the sponsors of "Juvenile Jury," has given the steel swimming pool which was part of his winnings to St. Claire hospital, in New York, for use at the polio clinic.

Hedy Lamarr, who starred in Cecil B. DeMille's "Samson and Delilah" and then irked C. B. by refusing to cooperate in publicizing the picture in New York, wants to do a Broadway play, after she's had a long rest.

Five years ago a U.S. marine captain and an army lieutenant stood on the beach at Bougainville discussing details of the coming offensive. They met again for the first time when Macdonald Carey dropped by the set at Paramount's "Red Hot and Blue," to talk to Betty Hutton and Victor Mature; William Talman, the lieutenant, was making his screen debut.

Zachary Scott certainly cannot complain that his picture assignments lack variety. Before he finished "Colt 45," with Ruth Roman and Randolph Scott, Jack Warner had assigned him to a starring role in "Pretty Baby." It is a romantic comedy. Dennis Morgan, Betsy Drake and Edmund Gwenn share top honors with the dashing Texan.

Ain't It So  
Many who yell for justice would yell even louder if it should be meted out to them.  
There's something wrong with the man who has to consider his dog as his best friend.  
"A biologist has succeeded in producing rabbits by artificial means"—which seems to us like a case of carrying coals to Newcastle.  
The reason there are so many people who act foolishly in this world is that most people do just what comes naturally.

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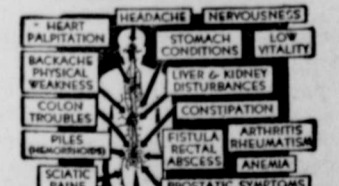
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# ANTHONY'S

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of said Court, wherein RUTH KANE  
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pose of said suit is to obtain a divorce  
and restore to the Plaintiff the name  
of Ruth Porter Stamp, and unless you  
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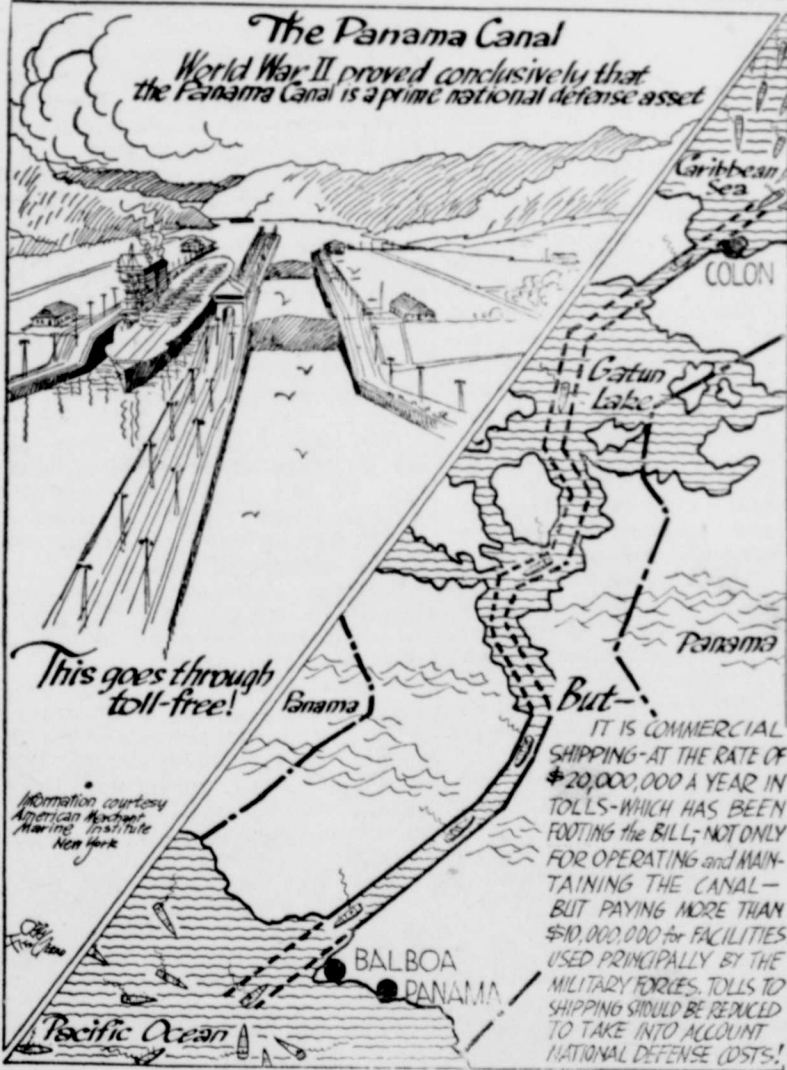
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

**Change Seen for Health Measure; Frenzied Reds Acclaim Stalin at 70; Hungary Off-Limits for Americans**

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

**HEALTH BILL: Changes Planned**

There was little likelihood that it would amount to anything in the long run—since the bill seems foredoomed to failure—but Oscar Ewing, federal security administrator, let it be known he will recommend some changes in the administration's medical insurance bill now before congress.

EWING'S conviction that the measure as drawn could stand some revision came after he obtained a personal insight into the socialized health program as practiced in England and other European countries.

Ewing said his recommendations were not completely formulated, but indicated there would be a provision in the bill to reduce the opportunity for collusion between patients and doctors to augment medical fees.

The approach under consideration by the U.S. survey group is to require the patient to pay a part of the cost of the medical service—not to a doctor, but to an insurance fund.

AS THE U.S. BILL is now drafted, doctors would be compensated in any or all of three ways—a per capita payment irrespective of service, a straight salary, or a fee basis.

However, it might very well be much ado about nothing, as it seemed apparent neither the people of the U.S., the medical profession, or a sufficient number of congressmen are in the mood for installation of socialized medicine in the United States.

**HUNGARY: Off-Limits**

The United States, irked and with patience worn thin, placed Communist-controlled Hungary off limits for Americans traveling abroad.

The action was taken because the Hungarian government has paid no attention to U.S. demands that Robert A. Vogeler, an official of the International Telephone & Telegraph corporation had not been released after his arrest on November 18. At that time, several other Americans were taken into custody by the Hungarians.

The American note placing the travel-ban on Americans to Hungary again demanded Vogeler's release and reserved the right to claim damages for any injuries he may have suffered.

Although the U.S. protest was directed only to the Vogeler case, a state department spokesman said that it also applied to the arrest of Israel Jacobsen, head of the American joint distribution committee's Hungarian office.

It was a strong note and indicated the temper of the U. S. state department, but its effect could be determined only in the release or further detention of Vogeler and his imprisoned fellow-Americans.

**CUPID: Busy Fellow**

Cupid was a very busy fellow indeed as the holiday season came and went. And most of his activity was centered in the upper brackets of U.S. celebrities.

Hardly had he sat down to rest after bringing Vice-President Alben W. Barkley and Mrs. Hadley together at the altar, when he was up and off again, this time to bring about the union of New York Mayor O'Dwyer and fashion stylist Elizabeth Sloan Simpson. This romance culminated with a wedding in Florida.

BUT the little fellow with the wings and the bow and arrows wasn't having any rest. With the ink barely dry on the press announcements of Mayor O'Dwyer's wedding, headlines carrying a really romantic wallop were screaming again.

And this time, Cupid had hit where it hurt. Thousands of movie-struck females across the nation, with a goodly number of them being Hollywood's own fair and famous, were shocked, then grieved as they learned that long-time movie idol Clark Gable had wed.

HANDSOME, he-man Gable had taken to wife the widow of the late Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. She was the former Lady Ashley. Gable gave his age as 48, his bride said she was 39. The marriage was the fourth for each.

**Labor Honored**



This is a photograph of the new three-cent U.S. postage stamp which will be issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Gompers, great American labor leader. It will be printed in purple and will go on sale in Washington on January 27.

**STALIN: Big Birthday**

The Soviet-dominated world went into a frenzy as each nation and satellite strove to outdo the others in paying tribute to Russia's Joseph Stalin on his 70th birth anniversary.

THE RUSSIANS were in their usually rare form, using the occasion to hurl a thunderous demand for peace at the world. In order to achieve it, they would set up, they said, annual awards for those doing the most to preserve peace and to confound the "war mongers." That category included, of course, all nations and governments out of sympathy with the Soviet aim of expansion.

Almost fantastic was the extent to which the Stalin-worshippers went in adulation of Stalin. Thousands of parcels and crates, trainloads of merchandise, whole exhibition halls of trinkets and pictures, factories and socks, books, and horses, wines and toys, delicacies and cars were funneled toward Moscow from the Elbe to China, from the Arctic to the Black sea.

NO ONE MAN could ever use all the gifts, or read all the honors. No one man could ever distribute them. What it was all worth was anyone's guess, but certainly millions of dollars.

Eastern Germany alone collected 70 freight cars of gifts—one for each year—as a sort of whimsical reparations.

The western world paid little heed to the Soviet chest-beating over a desire for peace and, so far as the press recorded, England was the only nation among the North Atlantic pact signatories to send congratulations to Stalin on his birthday.

But for the Russians, themselves, to most of whom Stalin is more legendary than real, the thrilling, dramatic high spot of the anniversary celebration came in Moscow when Stalin, himself, walked out on a stage to let the people see him.

**INDONESIA: Uneasy Freedom**

The United States of Indonesia was an established fact. It had become formally free after 300 years of Dutch rule.

But the birth of freedom was no routine, casual affair. Just like the case with most republics, the birthday was grim and turbulent. Even as freedom was declared, the new nation deployed troops and maintained a state of siege in wide areas to prevent anticipated disturbances.

IT WAS EXPECTED that Communists and some die-hards would attempt to make trouble for the new republic and to embarrass it by creating disorders.

Hundreds of troops patrolled the streets of Batavia and machine-gun posts were set up at intersections. Dutch troops throughout the country were confined to barracks for two days to prevent clashes.

A UNITED NATIONS commission set a truce in the islands which ended the bloody fighting between the Indonesians and Dutch, and also supported a Dutch-Indonesian roundtable conference at the Hague last fall which led to the granting of Indonesian independence.

**EINSTEIN: One Great Law?**

Most schoolboys would react with surprise if told that gravity is still one of the most puzzling of natural forces. They would declare that Sir Isaac Newton had settled all that when, after watching the falling apple, he stated a theory that may be over-simplified by explaining it as a fact that "everything that goes up must come down."

However, Albert Einstein, frizzle-haired, unpretentious scientist, ranked as among the greatest in the world, and a key figure in the development of atomic power, wasn't content to leave it at that.

EINSTEIN, after a lifetime of work, had made a great discovery—a discovery he believes will explain the mystery of gravitation. One of the greatest of the scientific enigmas, gravitation keeps humans from floating off the earth, keeps the earth and other planets spinning always in the same path around the sun.

According to the new Einstein theory, which was announced by the Princeton university press, all the basic physical laws would be explained in terms of gravitation. It is an attempt to describe in one law everything that goes on everywhere—from the inside of one atom to the limits of the universe. Einstein has been trying to do that for 30 years.

If Einstein is right, he may hold the key that will unlock all the secrets of the universe.

LIKE RELATIVITY, the new theory is expressed in mathematics. The heart of the explanation of gravity is four equations, given in letters or symbols, not numerals.

There was no explanation of what the symbols mean, but no physicists were ready yet to try to talk publicly about the new theory. It still had to be tested to see whether it covers all the known laws or observations about the way matter and energy and gravitation behave.

**TAXATION: A Warning**

It would be charged to politics and an effort to smear the "Fair Deal" program, but house GOP leader Joseph W. Martin struck a logical note when he warned that a tax increase in 1950 might throw the nation into an economic "tailspin" and cost millions of workers their jobs.

MARTIN took a jibe at President Truman's indication that some excise taxes might be lowered by declaring:

"It appears Mr. Truman is about to fly a 600-million-dollar kite with a multi-million-dollar tail on it."

That referred to previous statements by administration leaders that they knew of no way to avoid a deficit without higher taxes.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL was referred to as a "package deal" which Martin said congress would reject. The plan would suggest lopping 600 million dollars off the excise levies, but would call for a multi-billion dollar increase in income taxes.

THE REPUBLICAN LEADER was on good tactical ground for the simple reason that 1950 is a congressional election year and many Democrats would feel compelled to go along with the GOP in an anti-tax hike fight.

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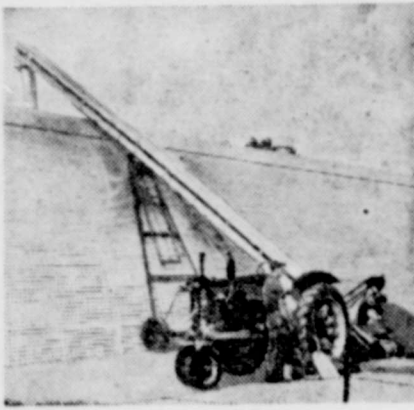


**Quonset-Type Huts Meet Storage Needs 'Little Business' Answers Challenge in Grain Belt**

Called upon by the department of agriculture to perform a modern miracle, "little business" in 10 midwestern states is tackling one of the biggest jobs of its kind ever undertaken anywhere in peacetime.

Its Herculean assignment is the site preparation and erection of 2,300 steel buildings—each 32x96 feet or larger—at 670 widely separated locations.

The task arose with the grain belt's acute need for space in which to store the record-breaking carry-over of 1948's corn crop. In line with



Grain being loaded into Quonset huts for CCC storage near Paulding, Ohio.

the trend toward economical "horizontal" grain storage, the department ordered Quonset buildings for a large part of the necessary new facilities. These archroofed steel units now are mushrooming up beside highways and railroads near farm centers through the efforts of local businesses and labor, rather than the work of transient crews employed by a few big and distant contracting firms.

Within two weeks time more than 1,100 concrete foundations had been laid, and erection of steel was under way on them in every state. The concrete work alone was roughly equivalent to laying 25 miles of highway in a time that an average road-making crew would require to put down one.

**Sweat Down Costs**



Sweat down your production costs if you want to maintain profits in these days of declining farm prices.

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**Dangers of Butchering At Home are Outlined**

Home butchering is profitable on the farm and many rural families are replenishing their lockers, jars and pantries.

But, unless undue caution is used, home butchering can be dangerous. Equipment, too, should be used with care. All knives should be kept in a suitable place when not in use. Hoisting equipment should be checked. A tamper should be used to force meat into the grinder.

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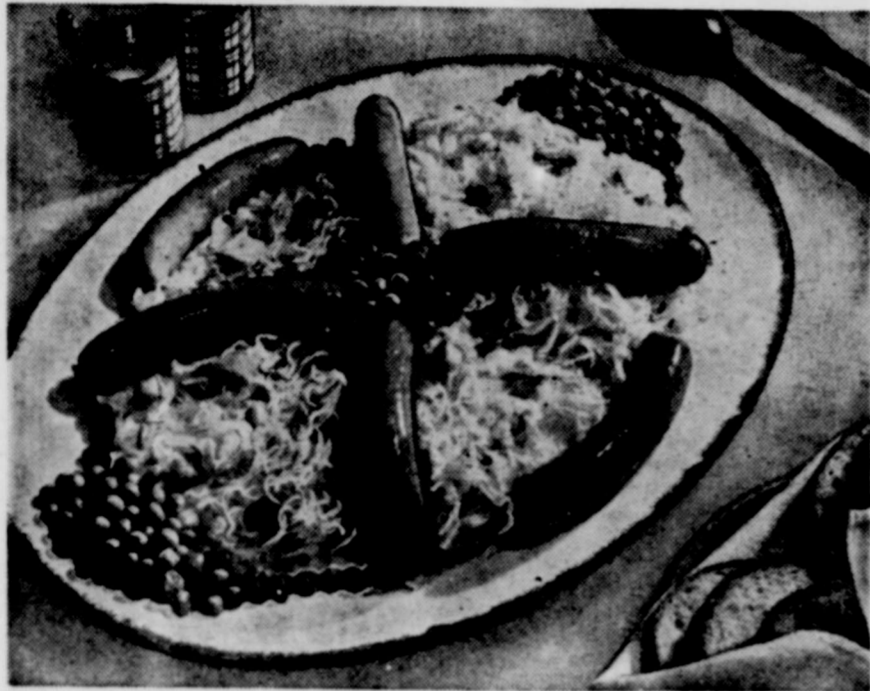
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### Budget-Wise Meals

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It's an easy matter to keep enough calories in the diet even when you're trimming the budget, but sometimes it's difficult to keep food values and appetite appeal high. These dishes are guaranteed to please you on all counts because they're specially planned.



DON'T SKIP MEAT entirely; extend wisely with vegetables; fortify casseroles with low-priced cheese to add nutrients. These are tips to follow whether you use these recipes or convert your own for economy-priced dishes.

#### Kraut and Frankfurter Dinner (Serves 4)

- 1 No. 2 1/2 size can sauerkraut
- 1/2 cup melted bacon fat
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup buttered small bread cubes, toasted
- 2 cups hot cooked peas
- 6 boiled or broiled frankfurters

Place sauerkraut in a saucepan and heat through. Remove from heat; add bacon fat, caraway seeds, salt, pepper and bread cubes and mix well. Turn out onto a chop plate. Arrange peas and frankfurters on top.

#### Chicken Shortcakes (Serves 9)

- 1/2 cup chicken fat (or part butter)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- Dash of pepper, paprika
- 2 cups diced chicken (cooked or canned)
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, diced
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento

Melt fat in saucepan over high heat. Blend in flour, stir until smooth. Add liquid slowly, stirring constantly. When mixture begins to steam, reduce heat to low. Continue cooking and stirring until thickened. Add seasonings. Add diced chicken, hard-cooked eggs and pimiento to sauce. Heat thoroughly. Split squares of corn bread, and serve the creamed chicken mixture in the middle.

#### Corn Bread (Serves 9)

- 1 cup sifted flour
  - 3 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 3 tablespoons sugar
  - 1 cup yellow corn meal
  - 1 egg, beaten slightly
  - 1/4 cup melted shortening
- Sift flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together. Add corn meal and mix thoroughly. Combine beaten egg, milk and shortening and add to flour mixture. Stir just enough to moisten dry ingredients; do not beat. Turn into greased 8 x 8 x 2-inch square pan. Bake in a

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hot oven (425°) for about 25 minutes. Cut in squares and serve hot.

#### Macaroni Medley (Serves 4)

- 1 tablespoon salt
- 3 quarts boiling water
- 8 ounces elbow macaroni
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups chicken bouillon
- 1 1/2 cups cooked chicken, cut in pieces

1 cup cooked ham, cut in strips

Add salt to rapidly boiling water and gradually add macaroni so that water continues to boil. Cook, uncovered stirring occasionally, until tender; drain in colander. Line bottom and sides of greased baking dish with macaroni. Dot with butter and place in hot oven (450°) until slightly browned, if desired. Saute onion and celery in butter or margarine until tender. Sprinkle in flour; blend well. Gradually stir in bouillon and continue to cook until thickened and smooth. Add chicken and part of the ham. Pour into center of baking dish and top with remaining strips of ham.

#### \*Quick Baked Bean Casserole (Serves 6-8)

- 1 cup sliced onion
- 2 tablespoons fat
- 1 3-ounce can deviled ham
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 No. 2 cans (2 1/2 cups) pork and beans
- 1 cup well-drained, canned tomatoes

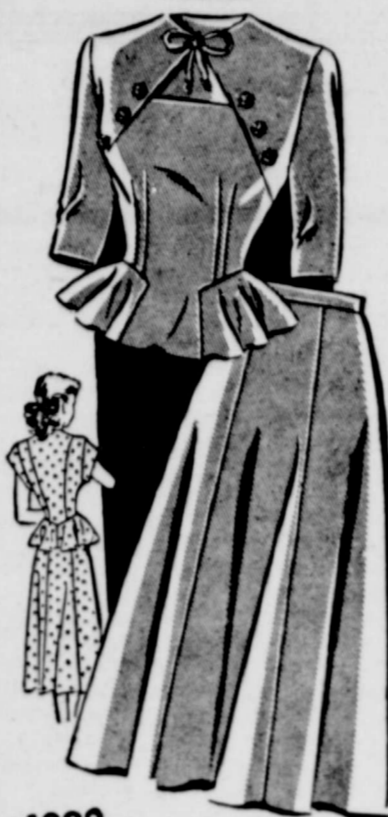
Cook onion in hot fat until golden. Combine remaining ingredients except tomatoes. Alternate layers of bean mixture and onion and tomato slices in greased 1 1/2 quart casserole. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes.

#### Spanish Rice with Tongue (Serves 6-8)

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/4 cups chopped celery
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 3 tablespoons fat
- 1 No. 2 1/2 can (3 1/2 cups) tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 to 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 8 ounce package American cheese, diced
- 3 cups cooked rice
- 3 cups cubed smoked cooked tongue
- 1 3-ounce can broiled mushrooms, sliced

Cook onion, celery, and garlic in hot fat until golden. Add tomatoes and simmer over low heat until thickened, about one hour. Add seasonings and sugar. Add cheese; stir until melted. Add remaining ingredients. Bake in greased 2-quart casserole in slow oven (300°) about one hour. Top with ripe olives.

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# WONDERFUL NEIGHBOR

by HOMER CROY

Homer Croy blinked back tears as he drove along the country road amid scenes of his childhood. An older, wiser man, he was going home—a prodigal son of northwest Missouri returning to places that revive memories nostalgically pleasant, terrifyingly vivid. Places like the Kennedys'. He remembers happy times with the Kennedys—Newt, the kindest man he'd ever known; Mrs. Kennedy; their two daughters, Ida and Lucy; their son, Harlan, his childhood pal. The time of the painful "welcome" party to the Delinskys, the "foreigners." He remembers the last-day-of-school exercises when Newt made a speech as head director. He can still hear Newt as he addresses the class.

## CHAPTER IV

"I'm pleased to be here today," he says. This isn't true, but it's all right to say it on the Last Day. Now he starts all over. "I am pleased to be here today and to be able to say a few words before so many bright-appearin' scholars and students. I myself once went to school." He pauses, then puts his hand in his other pocket. "Not in a fine, modern school like this, but in a tumble-down affair. I would have dearly loved to go to such a fine, modern school as this, heated with a stove, and sit on a fine, smooth seat, instead of a hewn bench like we had. Sometimes we got splinters..." he pauses awkwardly, looks around, swallows "... in our clothes. Some of you, this past year, have not studied as hard as you should." Harlan drops his eyes; I move uneasily. "The first requisite of every citizen is to get a good education. Education is essential to life."

He pauses. He is stuck. My heart goes out to him.

But he is not stuck. He has been thinking. "Why, right in this schoolroom I once listened to a debate. 'Resolved: A College Education Is More to Be Desired Than a Thousand Dollars.' I am happy to say that the education side won, which is as it should be."

Now he is about to finish; his voice takes on a ringing note, for, after all, he can speak better than we thought at first. "Now let us, one and all, boys and girls, resolve that during the forthcoming year we will study harder than ever so that we can become useful citizens when we enter that bigger schoolroom—the schoolroom of life!"

There is a tremendous burst of applause; we mean it, too, for some way or other he has made us wish to do a little better in school and to have ideals.

Mrs. Kennedy looks at him admiringly. And so do Harlan and Ida and Lucy. Newt tries to appear modest. But he knows and everybody knows it's been a good speech.

The teacher goes up to the curtain and says, "And now our program of entertainment will begin." She dramatically pulls the curtain and there is the stage arranged for our school play. Seated on the stage are the actors, shaking like corn-silk in a gale. The teacher says, "The title of this play is 'A Lesson From Life.'" She tinkles a bell. The play is on.

It seems wonderful to us; and it seems wonderful to the parents—especially to the parents of the boys and girls taking part.

The teacher closes the curtain and hand clapping fills the room.

### My Essay Is Well Received

The teacher glances at a slip of paper in her hand. "The next number on our program will be the reading of an original composition entitled 'The Most Valuable Thing I Have Learned From Life' by Homer Croy."

To my horror I find I am glued to my seat; not only that but my legs have turned to hay. I try to get up, but I can't make it, for—Oh dreadful day—I am also paralyzed from my waist down. Finally, by superhuman effort I get to my feet and walk to the front of the schoolroom. The paralysis has now entered my tongue; terror seizes me.

I grip the pages of my essay. The essay is going to say that cultivating a fine character is the most valuable thing I have learned from life.

Finally—after a heroic struggle—I get a word out. Then I get another out. Ma smiles reassuringly. In a few moments I have an exalted feeling. Why, you are getting along all right! something tells me.

At last I am through. I give a little bow and start for my seat. A hand clapping goes up. My mother beams. Pa tries to look modest.

More speeches, more recitations, but none from Lizzie Delinsky; she can't talk good enough. Now comes the distribution of prizes. Each day, all year, the teacher has marked

down in a little book the person who got the "head mark" for the day. That is, the person who stood at the head of the spelling class. And now, for today, the "head marks" have been added up.

The teacher pauses dramatically. "I now have the pleasure to announce who is the best speller in our school." She reaches into her desk and brings forth a package. The girl marches proudly forward and, standing before the school, every eye glued on her, opens the present—a copy of Pilgrim's Progress.

"Thank you, Teacher; thank you very much." Then she starts for her seat, doing her best to look modest.

At last all the prizes are distributed and the teacher delivers what we called the Farewell Words. She thanks us for having been so good during the past school year and hopes we'll all be back next fall. There is a tremendous hand clapping.

Formality is over; this is visiting time; talk all you want to. The schoolroom that had been so breathless during the play is now filled with talk and laughter.

The directors have gone out to the well, have pumped a drink and are talking. Finally they come back in and Newt asks if he can speak privately to the teacher. The two talk in low tones.

Newt marches up to the front and gives the bell a shake.

The hubbub stops instantly; we know something important has happened.

"Listen, please, everybody," says Newt. No ravel pulling now. "The directors have just had a talk to-



In a few moments I have an exalted feeling.

gether and we're all of one mind—we want our same teacher back this fall."

Now indeed we do clap. "I shall be delighted to come back," says the teacher and we clap again.

The people go outside in the schoolyard. The horses whinney, for they know it is going-home time.

The people who live north of the school start off together. We walk because we live near. My father and Newt walk side by side, talking man talk. My mother and Mrs. Kennedy walk together, talking woman talk.

We come to our house and Pa and Newt talk a moment. Then the Kennedys go on down the road and Pa and Ma and I turn in. I'll have to change my clothes and help do the chores. More work.

In our section we hardly ever use the word "love." We said "like." A person might "love" his country, or he might "love" God, but he never said he "loved" his wife. He said he "liked" his wife, or he "managed to get along with her pretty well," but he never bleated out he loved her. We said a boy was "going" with a girl, or "keeping company," or "calling on her regularly." But we never said he was in "love" with her.

### Mrs. Kennedy Gets A Token of Love

Yet the attachment husbands and wives had for each other was deep and abiding. And the attachment parents had for their children was deep and moving, though they didn't put it into words. We thought of such expressions as being "soft" and out of place.

I'm sure men married, had children and died without ever using the word "love" in relation to their wives. But that was all right; it was our way. Yet secretly the wives must have yearned for it.

In this way Newt was like all our men. He didn't go around saying he "loved" his wife; sometimes, in speaking of her, he called her "the woman."

Then, one day, Newt, for our sec-

tion, did something extremely unusual.

When the pioneers had first arrived a most important matter was fencing. There was little or no timber; snake fences impossible; and there was hardly any barbed wire. So the early settlers had planted osage hedge. It grew rapidly but was not a very good fence. Winter freeze would get it and there would be thin spots that would let the stock out. So, bit by bit, this hedge was coming down and wire was going up.

On this special day, he picked up an unusually smooth, orange-colored chip and stood admiring it. Moved by impulse, he carried the chip to the woodshed. Here he had a flat, thick-leaded carpenter's pencil. With the pencil he wrote on the chip, "I love you," filled a pail, put this chip on top and carried the pail to the house.

"Here's some chips," he said with an effort to be casual and set the bucket down by the door. Then walked away hastily, almost guiltily.

Mrs. Newt was touched when she saw this humble tribute. Actually using the word "love!" She wanted to thank him. She arranged the pots and pans, thinking just what she would say, then went out the kitchen door looking for him. By this time Newt was grinding a sickle bar; he was sitting astride the frame. "I got your chip," she said.

His feet continued to fly. "Did you?"

"I'm going to keep it."

"I didn't think about you doin' that," he said, even more pleased.

"It was nice and thoughtful of you."

"It wasn't anything," allowed Newt, a bit embarrassed now. "I just happened to think of it."

The matter of the chip was dropped; there were other things to talk of; there were always things to talk of on a farm and in raising a family. Finally she turned and started back toward the kitchen door. Newt looked up from the stone and gazed after her, pleased with himself and with her. "I ought to do those things oftener," he thought.

She placed it on the center table in the sitting room for everyone to see—this beautiful, orange-colored osage hedge chip. If company came in and if they didn't seem to notice the chip, she would pick it up and say, "See what I found!"

### Mr. Kennedy Has An Adventure

She had another way of showing her affection for him. Newt wore high-topped leather boots. In bad weather they became soaked. When the day's work was over, he pulled them off with his bootjack, then hung the bootjack on its nail in the kitchen; there were half-moon marks on the wall where the bootjack had swung back and forth. It would not do to let the boots dry when they were wet, for they would become hard and misshapen, would crack and soon would be leaking. So he kept a bucket of drying oats. The oats, when poured into the boots and allowed to stay there overnight, let the boots dry slowly, remain soft and pliable and hold their shape. He should have poured the oats in himself, but she always did this for him; it was a kind of token of her love.

She believed that Newt grew light-headed when he oiled the windmill. He had once said he had felt dizzy up on the platform. She had never forgotten it; each time he went out to oil, she went with him. There she would stand, apprehensively watching him as he mounted higher and higher. Of course if he had been seized with lightheadedness she could not have done anything. He wished she would not come, for the neighbors joked him about it.

As soon as he came down, she would go to the house. The children laughed at her, and so did Grandpa. But nothing kept her from going and standing by the windmill when Newt went up to oil.

It was at this time that Newt had an Adventure. That is the way we thought of it. And it was indeed exactly that.

He had gone to town in the two-wheeled, one-seated driving cart used on muddy days, but instead of returning by our main-traveled road, he took a side road.

Ahead he saw a mover wagon; there was nothing unusual about this, for movers were always going through. Every spring they went by on their way to western Nebraska to get "cheap land." In the early days there had been "free land," which was land that could be homesteaded. But that was all gone; now it was "cheap land," unimproved claims which could be bought for little or nothing.

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## KATHLEEN NORRIS A Dilatory Male

"WHAT WOULD YOU DO with a daughter like mine?" writes Georgianna White from a small Oklahoma town. "June will be 24 in January, she is an intelligent girl, took a fine job after two years in business college, is handsome, tall, popular, plays tennis and is a well-trained housekeeper and cook—this last through chance rather than any plan of mine."

"When she was 18, June met a quiet, decent, slow boy I will call Bill. Her brother first brought Bill to the house and June soon began going 'steady' with him—both of them then in business college. Bill flunked out and has since held jobs briefly as car salesman, oil-station attendant, soda-fountain clerk, hotel night-desk man. He and June have been constantly in each other's company for nearly six years."

"During this time my good husband died, and I resumed my wartime job as schoolteacher. This gave June an excuse for giving up her own good job and taking over housekeeping for myself and her brother."

### Completely Infatuated

"My boy is a doctor with his office right in the home. June and he lunch together, we all dine together, and I must say that she maintains a perfect home for us. But Bill, who has no job now, actually



"... telephoning her every hour..."

is at the house nearly every day or telephoning her every hour. She appears as completely infatuated as she was at 18.

"Her brother and I are satisfied that there is nothing wrong in this relationship, partly because Bill is so cool an admirer. He takes her affection for granted, borrows small sums from her—she has saved some bonds—goes to movies with her, meets friends at the drugstore counter, and often takes her to church. His mother infuriates me by telling me occasionally that June is such a 'safe' friend for her adored Bill."

"June has, of course, lost all her other friends," the distressed mother continues. "In every other way sweet, amusing and natural, her mouth shuts tight when we mention Bill. We all dislike him, as spoiled, lazy and irresponsible at 27, but June sees in him only her first love."

### Why Don't They Marry?

"Why don't they marry? I wish they would. June's small savings would soon be gone, and probably both of them would be forced to be realistic. But if ever Bill does respond to her ardent hints about a home together someday, it is merely to say grandly 'Not until I can take care of my wife without appealing to her family or mine.'"

"Now what can we do?" this letter ends. "June is too old to be sent away. My son has twice told Bill pretty plainly, in the past year, that we don't like the situation. Bill explains amiably enough that he has a good job in mind, and June angrily resents interference. Can you advise us?"

No, my dear Georgianna, I can't. A girl's infatuation for a man of this negative, seemingly undeveloped type is always a mystery. If Bill were a gallant decorated hero there would be some understanding of it, but such a man would sweep her off her feet into marriage in a matter of weeks.

Bill, sensing instinctively that once removed from his protecting mother, easy pocket money and generally profitless existence, he would be exposed for the weakling he is, calmly declines a matrimonial entanglement. June's eyes would be opened to her own foolishness before the honeymoon was over, but even that situation would seem to me preferable to this. It might make a woman of her, whether or not it made a man of him.

Some women marry these weaklings by sheer force of superior will. One case that came to my notice some years ago in my own town, found the bride triumphant at the church, at the wedding hour and the groom in tears.

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"Every man has a right to his own opinion, but no man has a right to be wrong in his facts."—Bernard M. Baruch.

There is a lot of meaning wrapped up in the above quotation. It is a fine and healthy thing to have different opinions upon operations of government, but it is unfortunate when some of us must form opinions upon mistaken facts. Open discussion of public questions, an alert press and public opinion help us who are endeavoring to administer government to keep on our toes for betterment in services and economy in spending YOUR money. And, it helps all citizens to keep informed on what is going on and to suggest improvements where improvement, or changes, in the administration of government is desirable.

The purpose of my weekly column is to provoke thoughtful and constructive discussion of public questions which pertain to the administration of your state government; to answer your questions touching upon my own stewardship as your governor and to keep you advised on just what we are doing.

Many will remember that it used to be difficult to get to the records in some departments of state government. When I first became governor I laid down the rule, applicable to all departments under me, that records touching on the public business were not only to be readily accessible to all, but that all courtesy would be shown any taxpayer and the press seeking facts and figures about state business. I have to date had no complaint that any department under my jurisdiction has disobeyed my order in this respect.

The public official who thinks he is infallible and does not need the advice and counsel of his employers, the taxpayers, or who resents fair, constructive criticism is not going to do the best job. He has already preconceived ideas and a course that will make his going rough, unless pure luck or something like super-human adaptation to the job will get him through. I belong to the class which needs and solicits advice and counsel from all who are earnestly interested in improving my administration of the state government.

I have always tried to make of my administration a partnership affair with the people. I want your help in improving the services and holding down costs. We all know the public demands more of government than we dreamed of wanting or having thirty years ago. These things all cost money and no one is going to pay for them but you and I. As one of our great economists once said: "In a democracy, you can't have it without paying for it; those who hope to reap the blessings of constantly expanding governmental services which they demand must undergo the fatigue and pay the price of supporting it."

As I write these weekly articles through 1950 I want to have your questions and suggestions. Your name will not be used but your helpful suggestions and critical appraisals will be welcomed and studied.

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