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Dates Are Announced On A Sub Chaser

Mrs. Amy Winn, senior class sponsor, informs the Index-Press that Baccalaureate services are to be held in the high school auditorium, Sunday May 14, at 11 a. m.

Pastor J. M. Hale of First Baptist church is to deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

Commencement exercises are scheduled for Friday evening, May 19, at 8:30 p. m.

Underwent Operation

Mrs. B. M. Haymes underwent a successful major operation Thursday of last week in a Lubbock hospital. Her many friends trust that she will make rapid recovery, and will soon be at home again.

Eastern Star Meeting

The local chapter of the Eastern Star will hold its regular meeting May 8 Memorial services and election of officers.

Tonight, May 5, officers will meet for practice.

It's Here Again!

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Another old home boy who is giving the Japs hail Columbia is Weldon Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Street. Weldon is in naval service and was recently promoted to lieutenant (j. g.) He is in command of a sub chaser, plying South Pacific waters tearing Jap periscopes to smithereens. For three weeks he has been on a hospital ship recovering from a siege of typhoid, but a letter received Saturday stated that he has now recovered and is back on his own ship.

Weldon has been in the navy over two and a half years. Strange to say, here at home riding in a car made him sick. But when he went to sea he did not suffer seasickness a single time--never has and does not expect to.

School Play

Pupils of the O'Donnell colored school, under the direction of Dorothy Giddings, are to present a play, entitled "Girl Trouble," at their school building, Thursday evening, May 11. All are invited. Admission prices are 10c and 20c.

Wins Badge

Bryan, Texas.--Pfc. Melvin H. Pearce, son of T. M. Pearce, Rt. 3, has been authorized to wear the Sharpshooter badge as a result of his firing the U. S. Carbine Cal. 30 M1 on the Bryan Army Air Field range. Pfc. Pearce, assigned to the 499th TEFT Squadron, totaled a score of 157.

Page-Lindley

The nuptials of Carl Franklin Page and Miss Mary Lou Lindley were celebrated in the First Baptist church in O'Donnell Saturday evening, 10:30 o'clock, when Pastor J. M. Hale officiated in a very impressive wedding ceremony.

The bride wore a gray suit with navy and white accessories. Her bouquet was red roses.

Attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. George Lindley, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Page, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Stokes, Jimmy and Ronnie Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Page and Stanley Cathey, all of this city; Mrs. H. C. Bell, Mrs. Guy Bell, Jeanette Bell, of Wellington; and Miss Gloria Warren of Tahoka

Following the marriage rites, a lovely wedding supper was served the party by Mr. and Mrs. Lindley at their home. Immediately after the repast, Mr. and Mrs. Page left for Norman, Okla., their future home, where the groom is pharmacist's mate in the U. S. Naval Hospital.

This is culminated a romance which began several years ago while the bride and groom were students in the local high school, of which both were graduates in the 1943 class. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lindley, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Page. Both are fine young people, popular with all. That their lives will be filled with the best throughout life is the wish of a wide circle of friends.

Make mother happy with a real Mothers Day Card. See our new designs at The Index-Press office.

C. W. Cooper and son returned Monday from Anson where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vantrip. Mr. Vantrip has been ill for several months and is not expected to live long. Mr. Cooper reports that farmers in that area had been blessed with three and one half inches of rain.

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To Pilot Big Bomber



Flight Officer Horace B. Stanfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stanfield, former O'Donnell high school student and a volunteer in the Air Corps, is now stationed in Sacramento, Calif., where he is training for night fighter pilot duties in a bomber.

Has A Birthday

Uncle Pink Brewer had a birthday last Monday. He was 78 years old May 1. He looks no older than 60 or 65. There's a reason. When he arrived on this mundane sphere folks lived well and sensibly. Down in Johnson county there were no night clubs or any of the present day life shorteners for the young folks. No radios, no refrigerators, electric lights, telephones, or gas buggies. No post toasters, no ice cream cones. Instead they had the best grub in the world. Everybody had a smoke house and there were no ration points in style then. Home cured hams, lard, sausage, venison, fruits and shore nuff flour for bread. In those days the Comanches were still frolicking around in Texas, playing hob in general. Finally they were snuffed out, and Uncle Pink, with a lot of other folks, came west. He's been here a long time--has seen the country fenced and put into cultivation, and he's still here, spry as he was back in campmeeting days, and says that since we've got a good crop of lamb's quarter, he will be able to make it to another birthday. So hope his many friends.

Getting Ready

Eternal vigilance is the handmaiden of progress, according to an age-old axiom, and Clawson & Holcomb, local gin firm, is employing this slogan with alacrity. Last year when they erected their gin in this city, one of the first things they did was to install a big set of scales that would accommodate anything from a 40 pound melon to a loaded freight car. Now they are assembling material for the contractor to start the construction of a big 60x60 cotton storage warehouse, with other buildings soon to follow.

"We look for a mighty busy season this fall," said W. E. Holcomb Monday, "and we are getting everything in shippape to care for it."

Met In England

Our O'Donnell kids certainly git around. Including those Todd boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Mitt Todd. There's Jimmy in the navy, and a couple of other sons, Claude and Donald C., in the army, somewhere in England. The other day Mrs. Todd had a letter from Claude, who had just had the surprise of his life. All because Donald C. walked into his barracks. He wrote that he wouldn't have known his brother, the latter being fat as all get out. Claude stated they were stationed 60 miles apart and in a few days was going to get a pass and visit Donald C., who is driving a truck in his outfit.

Visited Homefolks

Staff Sgt Joe W. Burkett, en route from Camp Davis, N. C., to his new post at Camp Hulien, Texas, took time to stop off last week for a visit with homefolks. Joe is with an anti aircraft artillery unit, and has been winning promotions right along. One of our finest boys, Joe has hosts of friends in this area who are watching with pleasurable interest his military career.

Recital Enjoyed

Music lovers of the city thoroughly enjoyed the recital of Mrs. A. W. Gibbs' music classes at the high school auditorium last Friday evening. An elaborate program was presented to a large assemblage. Among those participating were Marylin Wright, Billie Frank Gibbs, Bobbie Jean Wilson, Betty June Cook, Pat Etter, Norma Nelms, Elaine Hohn, Geo. Vaughn, Bobby Henley, Carolyn Pearce, Slaton D Harris, Bernadine Wells, Carol Lambert, Bob Garner, Lillie Riggs, Dorothy Barnes, Johnnie Etter, Ruth Yandell, Sue Smith, Horace Henley, Lowell Wright, Joe Bob Garner, and several others.

Home On Furlough

Billie Ray Brunson, old home boy now stationed at a U. S. hospital at Dawson Creek, British Columbia, is this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Brunson. It took Billie Ray just eight days to get home from his post of duty. He looks fine, and his many friends were glad to see this popular lad again.

Unhappy Fate

Recently a nocturnal prowler played havoc with Thurman Wells' zinnias, violets and other flower beds. A few nights later Bill Sauls' Victory garden had the attention of the raider. Radishes galore were uprooted in an unholy gestapo manner. But it has ended. The nocturnal miscreant, a big old armadillo came to an untimely end at the hands of Mr. Sauls.

Field Seed again, still good, bad and worse, most of them worse. Sauls Feed and Seed Store.

Mother's Day Cards at Index-Press office.

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British Facing Housing Need

New Homes for 15 Millions To Be Required in First Decade After War.

LONDON.—Fifteen million people in the United Kingdom will need rehousing during the first decade after the war, according to Alfred C. Bossom, leader of the British building mission to North America, which recently returned from the United States.

Mr. Bossom, internationally known architect and member of parliament for Maidstone, Kent, said housing would be one of the greatest of the postwar problems facing Europe's statesmen after the war.

"With huge areas of Europe devastated, millions of people will be exposed to disease and possibly death unless means can be found to provide them with some sort of shelter in the place of their destroyed homes.

"In the United Kingdom alone, the problem is bound to be acute immediately after the war. It is estimated that if every available man in the building trades, was put to work immediately the war ends, it would take 18 months to rebuild and repair houses damaged here by enemy action."

Heavy Damage Cited.

Bossom explained that one out of every four or five houses in the United Kingdom had been destroyed or damaged by bombs. In addition, he said, the authorities would have to cope with two things: (1) Thousands of houses had to be neglected during the war, and would be in need of considerable repairs. (2) One million houses would be needed to replace the normal peacetime building program of the United Kingdom. This was 200,000 houses a year, of which the building was naturally suspended during the war.

"For the first two years after the war," he said, "possibly more than 1,000,000 temporary houses will be needed in the United Kingdom. These will have to be replaced and supplemented during immediately succeeding years by from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 permanent homes. We estimate here that between three and four people will have to be accommodated in each new permanent abode, accounting for about a third of Britain's population."

3,000,000 Homes Blighted.
Explaining why so many houses would be needed, Bossom continued: "Approximately 3,000,000 homes have been blighted to date. Already at the outbreak of war the United Kingdom was short of some half million houses . . . slums needing to be replaced, etc. Furthermore, our docks and public buildings will have to be rebuilt in many areas. It will take at least ten years to do the job."

This will require a huge program of temporary housing:

"You can't expect people to wait ten years for a home," he said, referring to men and women to be released from the forces and factories after the war.

Referring to his recent trip to the States, Bossom said that he and his colleagues on the mission saw a great deal which they thought could be applied in the United Kingdom to considerable advantage.

Tip Soup Bowl and Pick Bones to Help Win War

WASHINGTON.—"Sop up the gravy and squeeze the grapefruit dry."

That appeal came from Judge Marvin Jones, war food administrator, who thinks that it is a crime in wartime to sacrifice food on the altar of dainty table manners. Perhaps as much as 20 per cent of the country's food is being wasted, Jones estimated.

"Pick up the bones in your fingers in order to get all the meat there is and tip the soup bowl to get the last spoonful," he urged.

Investigations of city garbage collections show, Jones said in a radio speech, that 225 pounds of food for each person is thrown away annually.

Diamond Demand in War Work Rises Tremendously

WASHINGTON.—The War Production board disclosed figures showing the tremendously increased demand of war industries for industrial diamonds.

Estimating sales of industrial diamonds last year at 10,000,000 carats, contrasted with 7,833,000 carats in 1942 and 3,563,000 in 1941, the WPB said comparable statistics for pre-war years were unavailable. As an indicator, however, of the mounting demand, the agency cited average annual import data which showed a 21-fold jump from 139,300 carats in the 1929-31 period to 2,925,300 in each of the three years, 1938-40.

They Admit Their Faults And Get Choice of Flats

NORFOLK, VA.—A navy man and his wife inserted this advertisement in a newspaper: "Moderately refined navy couple would like to live with congenial couple. We drink too much occasionally, smoke too much all of the time, read a few good books, and can talk or listen."

The couple received 75 telephone calls in reply and later unpacked their clothes in their new flat.

Lights of New York

by L. L. STEVENSON

Manhattan Scene: Mrs. Grace Cahill, who looks enough like Jane Pickens to be her sister (she is), being mobbed by the bobby-socks brigade at 44th and Broadway . . . Georgia Gibbs and his nibs Jimmy Durante, munching hamburgers at a Madison avenue burger bar after their broadcast . . . and Jimmy having plenty of trouble keeping his nose out of the ketchup . . . Kathryn Kuhn at the Westwood room (she did Corinna Mura's gowns) telling how she was snowbound for three days on her New Jersey poultry farm recently . . . Before the snowplows arrived, she had designed 18 gowns . . . An entire squadron of RAF pilots storming into the William Morris offices to request photographs of their GI girl friend, Yvette, whom they had met in England last summer . . . Patsy Kelly, the girl with the cast-iron lungs, giving out with a boisterous Kelly-laugh over Imogene Coca's antics at the Ruban Bleu.

Chatter: Sixteen proposals of marriage—three by mail—have been received by pretty Mary McNamara since she assumed her post as "lady doorman" at the Astor . . . She turned them all down because she's waiting for her own soldier boy to come back from the war . . . Dr. Giovanni, the "world's greatest pickpocket" who once sneaked the suspenders off FBI's J. Edgar Hoover, lost his wallet to a pickpocket the other day . . . Willie Howard, who has been making folks laugh for the last 40 years, is slated to make three pictures for MGM . . . Ina Ray Hutton, whose yellow tresses caused her to be billed over the country as the "Blonde Bombshell," prefers conjugal happiness to glamour—the sunshine in her hair has given way to chestnut brown . . . Overheard in the Central Park zoo: "Supervision is what the characters have around Radio City when the wind blows."

Faces and Places: Celeste Holm, the girl who can't say "No," in "Oklahoma," discovering she can't say "No" either—to a tempting chocolate eclair in Theodore's . . . Perc Westmore, the makeup man, making up to a steak (yes, he got it) at Cafe Pierre. Paul Whiteman darting like a bolt from the Blue (Network) to catch the 5:15 to his New Jersey cattle farm . . . Florence Walton, who danced with Maurice when they and the Castles were in a world of their own, dining unrecognized at the Cotillion room . . . Jacques Pearl, the comic, coat unbuttoned, topping a Fifth avenue bus going cross-town on 57th street . . . Tall Paula Laurence towering over a crowd of folk in an Astor elevator . . . Morose Oscar Levant and gloomy Ned Sparks dining at the Aquarium—gents of two different scowls of thought.

This and That: The Second avenue bus driver who cheers his grouchy morning passengers with: "A nickel plus a smile, sir, that's the fare here"—and in these days too! . . . Fourteen-year-old network singer, Marion Lovelidge, being a real "Betsy Ross Girl" as she carries leftover subway newspapers to Manhattan's CVDO center on Fifth avenue . . . The elevator man in the RCA building who's a double for Frank Sinatra . . . and who icily warns off any innuendos by tittering office girls.

On Fifth Avenue: Clare Boothe Luce, the Connecticut Yankee, watching taxis whiz by as she waits for an empty . . . Constance Bennett, looking like the perfect cosmetics model, eyeing the new lipstick in the window of a shoppe . . . A traffic-carried cab driver having his own private war with the driver of a surrey at the entrance to Central park . . . The tap dancing messenger who delivers telegrams in Rockefeller Center with a hop and a smile . . . The astounding Amaya wearing a jewel-covered weskit with matching gauntlets, and challenging: "How you like dese, hah?" . . . Benny Goodman's eight-months-old daughter, Rachel, being wheeled into the park, a lass whose poppa swings lullabies to put her to sleep . . . Benay Venuta on her way to be photographed for the cover of *Movieland* magazine.

Addenda: At the Coq Rouge, the presence (all on the same evening) at various tables of Gene Kelly, Patsy Kelly and Nancy Kelly turning the ringside into a sort of Kelly's Stables . . . Ebullient Eddie Davis in the incongruous role of ringsider at Leon and Eddie's (where he usually is the whole show) applauding the glib and garrulous Joey Adams who is pinching during Eddie's annual brief vacation . . . At Jack Dempsey's, Joan Davis, popular radio comedienne, swapping autographs with Sgt. Barney Ross.

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Kathleen Norris Says:

Running Away From It All

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



She may be the humblest worker of all our 30 million working women.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

"I AM envious of my husband, his sisters, brothers and friends," writes Ann from Boston, "and as a result I am half-sick with misery, resentment and hate.

"I married way above any expectations a girl like myself might have," her letter goes on. "Herbert is the youngest son of a very rich family; there are six perfect servants in this house; I have nothing to do. We live with his mother, a widowed sister, and her three half-grown children. Everyone else has children. I was in a motor accident in the middle of my first pregnancy, never can have a child. This broke Herbert's heart (he was driving), and his mother's heart, too. Nobody cared about my heart.

"They all speak languages, have traveled, know about books and music—it all comes easy to them. I am not even grammatical; I've had no chances to improve. Nobody is unkind to me, but nobody needs me. Often it seems to me that days go by without anyone speaking to me. Oh, they say 'good morning' and 'more tea?' but they don't really talk to me and I'm not surprised. I'm shy and unhappy and superfluous.

"Now Herbert's going to Africa, and I am left to take up Red Cross work with his mother, read books, listen to the radio. It seems to me I will go mad. What am I doing wrong, what should I do? Can you help me? I feel as if I was in a 'bad dream'."

Unhappy Wife Should Leave.

That's the letter, and in answer I say that there are circumstances when the only cure for daily, hourly miseries of jealousy and suffering is to get out. Such a case is that of the office clerk who is brought into constant contact with the married employer with whom she is in love, or the mother who cannot stand by and see an adored ignorant idle extravagant new wife make her son miserably.

Ann has an excellent argument in that Herbert is calmly leaving her to join the armed forces. He is justified; he probably did not even consult her about the step. A war is on, and men are needed.

But women are needed, too, and Ann is equally justified in going off to find work of her own. Hard work; work that will bring her into contact with women working as hard as she. The WAVES, perhaps, or the WAVES. Let her get right on the assembly line in one of the thousands of new factories, foundries or machine shops.

With her changed clothes, environment, contacts, friendships she will find herself again. Her deadened personality will develop, self-confidence and good simple common sense will return. She may be the humblest worker of all our 30,000,000 working women; the annals of victory may never hear of her, but she will play her part, just as the tiniest cog and pin and screw of a great battleship plays its part, and success couldn't be achieved without her.



"Now Herbert's going to Africa."

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CRISIS

"Members of his family all speak languages, have traveled, know about books and music—it all comes easy to them. I am not even grammatical; I've had no chances to improve. Nobody is unkind to me, but nobody needs me . . ."

That is the unhappy predicament in which Ann finds herself. She married the son of a very rich family, and now he's going to war. She knows that she will not be happy living with his family. According to Miss Norris, Ann is justified in going off to find work of her own. Hard work, work that will bring her into contact with other women working as hard as she does. Or she might join the WAVES armed forces. And if Ann is wise, she will begin to study serious, to improve herself in every possible way. Then, when her husband returns, she will be able to take her place at his side, confident that she no longer is superfluous.

A different type of woman might have profited by seven years' association with these aristocratic relatives-in-law, might have gone steadily to work at music and languages, made a study of social usages and terms. And a different type of family might have sensed the predicament of the youngest member—Ann was just 17 when she married, and has made it easier for her. Some sister-in-law, some one of the younger aunts and cousins might have taken Ann under her wing, helped her along the hard path. But evidently Ann was not capable of absorbing the culture all about her, of enjoying her adventure, and evidently the hard-shelled Social Registerites didn't feel inclined to make any effort in the direction of Herbert's wife.

So the best thing to do, for the duration anyway, is to break away, find work, friends, amusement. And, if Ann is wise, she will begin to study seriously on the side, improve her pronunciation, her choice of terms, her knowledge of good books and of what is going on in the world.

Sometimes, if the security of small children is involved, a woman is obliged to endure difficult conditions—the indifference of her husband, the troubles created by his mother and sisters, the sense of being pushed aside and made to feel ridiculous or superfluous.

But in Ann's case these elements don't exist. Through no fault of her own she is childless, and temporarily husbandless. She has every right to find for herself a happier set of circumstances. If she can be generous enough to do this without jeopardizing the dignity of the family, if she can manage to maintain a friendly correspondence with her mother-in-law, and go home for an occasional visit, she will be sure to find her own place secure and important in the circle after the war.

Industrial Accidents

In one aircraft plant the accident rate for 11 months of 1943 was almost identical, 5.51 per 1,000 men and 5.52 per 1,000 women. When increases in accidents to women are reported they are generally found to be due to increases in the employment of inexperienced workers, to improper guarding of machines or to lack of safety education. It is also true that many such increases in accident frequency rates result from production speed-ups.

Magic Words

By J. J. O'DONNELL

McClure Syndicate—WNU Features.

THE Coast Guard officer shook his head. "The British are careful whom they hire."

Mark swung the launch to avoid the big ferryboat. "I get to know the crews better than the officials."

"Maybe I need training as a ship chandler," the officer grinned. "You're sure this cook is a spy?"

"No sir. I only told the commandant I was suspicious."

"And you also said the man knows it."

"Can't prove it, but those accidents came too fast."

The officer said: "Once a week some housewife in Norfolk reports a spy. We're used to it."

Mark's nostrils flared. "So I'm crazy! But being gassed is no joke. When I jumped off that chain I went looking for the cook—all the way down to the hold. When I opened the bulkhead door I smelled gas. You know—they get rid of the rats that way. All of a sudden the door started to slam, and I had to hit it with my shoulder quick—or be locked in."

"That would have been curtains for you."

"Right—and my lad was on the other side of that door."

"What did he say?"

"Got kinda red and stammered something about the door should be closed."

"Listen, son, you haven't much to go on. I'm doing this because I'm on assignment. Has he filled his order yet?"

"The captain has to O.K. it. I'm to pick it up today."

"All right. While you talk to him I'll ask the captain to help me search his cabin—and I hope you're right."



"You can see those flags from here."

The stocky, kindly captain shook his head. "Nothing there, boy," he said.

Mark's eyes were pleading. "But I know there's something wrong. Did you look well?"

"So well we didn't pass up so much as a tobacco crumb."

Earnestly Mark said: "Captain, do you know the skipper of that British tanker yonder?"

"Indeed. He served under me as first mate."

"Please, sir, we've got to make this man give himself away. A friend of mine in that crew has been all over the world. He'll be able to wigwag a message. If I'm wrong the signal won't mean anything."

"Mystery, eh? Come along then, we'll have a try."

When they returned to the freighter, Mark turned anxiously to the captain. "Is your mate still checking that list of provisions with the cook?"

"I fancy he's finished now."

"Good, that means he hasn't seen the Coast Guard officer. Will you please keep out of sight, sir?" He swung on his heel and hurried to the mate's cabin and met the cook at the door. He tried to appear casual, though the words began to trip over his tongue. "Oh, hello—say, while I was waiting, I saw somebody on that tanker wigwagging."

The cook sneered. "Kid games, eh?" He stalked up to the deck—then he froze. "Who is that man in uniform?"

Mark dropped his voice. "That's a Coast Guard officer. Said he had to see the captain right away."

The suspect slipped behind a ventilator. "Know what he wants?"

"As if he hadn't heard, Mark said: 'You can see those flags from here. Can you tell what they say?'"

The man's black brows came together as he looked. Mark watched his body stiffen and his eyes shrink to pin points. He whirled to run and Mark sensed his purpose. He yelled breathlessly: "Captain—quick, grab him." But the wary skipper and two crewmen had him before he reached the companionway.

Mark ran up excitedly. "Captain—his shoe. The sole's loose."

It took only a second to extract the telltale identification card. As they dragged the culprit away the Coast Guard officer turned to Mark. "Son, how did you trap him?"

Mark grinned expansively. "Just had my friend say, 'Officer coming to arrest you. Destroy your papers.'"

"But surely he didn't fall for that—anybody could read it."

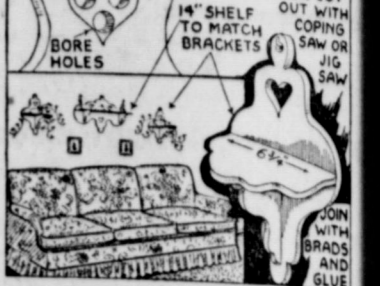
"The captain's eyes twinkled. 'Not the way this lad did it. Seems his friend is something of a linguist. He said it in German.'"

ON THE HOME FRONT

with RUTH WYETH SPEARS

DO YOU have a large wall space somewhere in your house that looks rather bare? Why not fill it with a group of matched brackets on which you may make an attractive arrangement of bric-a-brac and trailing vines?

This sketch shows a set of three brackets in a quaint old-fashioned heart design over a davenport in



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\$60.50 Cottonseed Price Is Sought

Washington.—The National Cotton Council urged the War Food Administration to announce a program designed to assure cotton farmers at least \$63.50 a ton for cotton seed, the nation's leading oil seed crop.

price will discourage, the council said, the picking of cotton and sale of cotton seed. The latter is an important source of food, cotton seed oil is used in the manufacture of margarin, salad oils, shortening

and other vegetable oil products, while cottonseed meal is used as livestock feed.

A statement issued by Rhea Blake, executive vice-president of the council, said a price of 63.50 a ton for the ginner or about \$60.50 for the farmer would be in line with prices growers have been guaranteed by the WFA for other oil seed crops, such as peanuts, soybeans and flaxseed.

Gov. Stevenson Proclaims National Cotton Week

Austin.—In recognition of the "tremendous importance of cotton products," Governor Stevenson has proclaimed May 22 to May 27 as National Cotton Week in Texas.

Stevenson called upon all cotton producers and citizens of Texas to assist in the program to plant better cottonseed and harvest the yield properly so that both civilian and military demands may be met.

"American cotton and cottonseed products are universally recognized as vital factors in the conduct of the present world war in supplying food for human consumption protein for fattening of livestock and fiber for vital war uses as well as civilian needs," the Governor said.

Field Seed again, still good, bad and worse, most of them worse. Sauls Feed and Seed Store.

In urging immediate action, the council said that in the last two years a price program for cotton seed was not announced until after a large part of the crop in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia already had been moved. As a consequence, producers in those areas were forced to sell their seed without knowing their actual value, it was stated.

Local Boy Pledged

Lubbock.—Stanley Cathey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cathey, of O'Donnell, has been pledged to Centaur club at Texas Technological college. This is one of two men's social organizations that have remained active during the present school year. Stanley is a freshman chemical engineer.

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Corporal Jack N. Summers, husband of Mrs. Mary Bertha Summers, O'Donnell, Texas, was promoted to the grade of Sergeant at Galveston Army Air Field there this week.

Sergeant Summers is a graduate of O'Donnell High School. Before

entering the service on December 7, 1942 he was employed as a clerk by the Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company

He is assigned to duty as a clerk in the supply section of the Base. He is the son of Mrs. Leona Simpson of O'Donnell, Texas.

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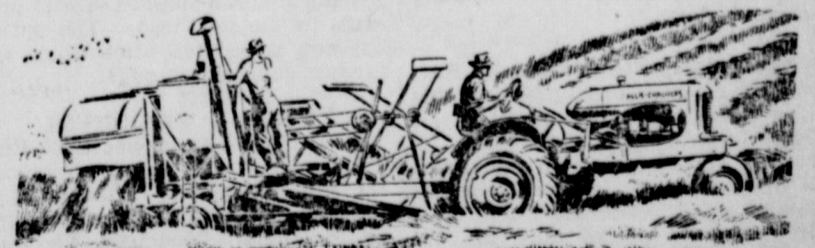
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Tales of the Big Town:

Williston Rich of the Time magazine tried for years to convince his colleagues there that Bob Hope would make an interesting profile . . . But he was always n-h'd . . . So he went on a short holiday, and the bosses suddenly decided that Hope should be given a salute . . . The piece was prepared by the guy pinch-hitting for Mr. Rich . . . So what? . . . So Reader's Digest picked it up and sent the pinch-hitter a check for \$1,000!

Some of the men from a redistribution center were entertaining at the Latin Quarter the other midnight . . . When they finished they tipped the waiters lavishly and called over a bus-boy to hand him a few dollars . . . "Thank you, Lieutenant," he said, "but I couldn't accept any gratuity. Just waiting on you has been a pleasure. You see, I was wounded in your sector, discharged, and I'm now back helping the war effort by serving you and all other men in the war" . . . Then he opened his white coat and displayed his campaign ribbons . . . The officers stood and saluted the bus-boy. It was all very lumpy-in-the-throat and thrilling.

A group of midtowners were gabbing about charges of "innuendo" over the radio, and a veteran recalled this Jimmy Walker story . . . During his first campaign for Mayor of New York, LaGuardia charged the popular Walker with all sorts of corruption, and Walker never answered.

"Why should I make his campaign for him?" he said to a pal. "I won't build him up. It would be fun, though, to ask him one question. What was he doing in Waterbury on July 16, 1928?"

"Was LaGuardia there then?" asked the friend.

"I dunno," replied Walker, "but if I asked that question he could deny it until he was blue in the gills. A lot of suckers would still believe there was something fishy about him and Waterbury!"

Sid Sheldon reports that a company of boys from the Army Signal Corps were sent to the induction station for overseas physicals. One of them (in the army three years) wandered into the wrong line and wound up being examined with selectees. The final doctor told him he was 4-F.

"But," protested the soldier, "I'm already in the Army!"

"Nonsense," snapped the medic, "get dressed and go home!"

The poor soldier got back into uniform, returned to camp and said nothing. How do you explain to a Top Sarge that you're 4-F?

Congress refused to put another heavy tax on horse racing. It imposed 30 per cent tax on night clubs where servicemen get real recreation. Racing has a powerful lobby in Washington, and the night club owners (with a 600 million dollar industry) had a very weak lobby.

Some Chicago cafe people, however, sent the members of the Ways and Means Committee (and the Senate Finance Comm.) large posters, which burned the legislators to a crisp because they know they are true. The posters show thousands of people throwing away their money at race tracks. The caption: "No tax here! They had a powerful lobby!"

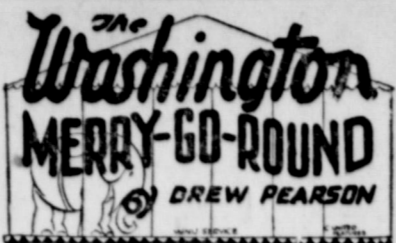
The opposite side shows men in uniform in night clubs enjoying themselves dancing, etc. The caption: "These boys are giving their blood and had no lobby. They pay 30 per cent extra for their fun!"

That tax is the highest on anything in our history.

The Intelligentsia: Tommy Harmon, the hero, will do a book on his war adventures for Crowell . . . Poet Joseph Auslander's "The Unconquerables" (poetry in epic form) is his best . . . Senator James A. Mead's book, "Tell the Folks Back Home," will arrive May 8th via Appleton-Century . . . Kyle Critchton of Collier's once wrote "the novel is a dying literary form. Stories are best told via straight reporting or biog" . . . Kyle's first novel, "The Proud People," is in its 3rd printing . . . Eighty-seven year old S. S. McClure (founder of the old McClure's mag) will receive the Order of Merit plus \$1,000 cash prize from the Nat'l Institute of Arts and Letters . . . Stanley Richards' new play script (a cartoon in three acts) is titled: "Marriage Is for Single People" . . . When Billy Rose hears about some heel or no-good he marks the name down on his very long "Drop Dead List."

After a recent raid in Italy (according to Irv Hoffman) an Army surgeon told the chaplain that one poor fellow was beyond hope. The chaplain leaned over the wounded man and said: "My dear fellow, you are badly hurt. Have you anything to say or any word for your family?" "My inside coat pocket," moaned the soldier, painfully.

The chaplain felt the pocket and removed a wallet. "Is this what you want?" he asked . . . "Yes," whispered the soldier, "I'll bet you THAT that I won't die!" He didn't.



Washington, D. C.

More U. S. Troops for India?
Certain senators, even including some of the President's supporters, are irked over curtailment of the Australian army, simultaneous with British requests that we send more U. S. troops to India.

The British request was made by Field Marshal Sir John Dill, former British Chief of Staff, now liaison officer in Washington. Sir John, personally one of the most charming and popular members of the British embassy, suggested to U. S. war chiefs that, in view of the Jap invasion of India, the United States might send more troops to that area.

The reply he got was: "What about the tremendous army you already have in India?"

Sir John had to admit that this huge British army is spread out through India largely for the purpose of preventing internal revolt.

Senators who have learned about this conversation are all set to do some blasting, should the White House send more U. S. troops to save the British Empire in India. However, they probably won't have to blast, because the President himself is understood to feel strongly on that subject.

KAISER'S NEW PLANE
Very little has been heard of the giant wooden transport plane which Henry Kaiser proposed building more than a year ago. However, the plane is nearing completion—though with no thanks to the navy.

Behind the scenes, the navy has done all it could to block the plane and at one time proposed cancelling the contract. Some insiders attribute this to pressure from the Martin bomber plant, which has already constructed a giant flying boat, Mars, for the navy.

However, the new Kaiser wooden transport plane will be so big that the Mars could almost be carried inside. Its fuselage alone will be big enough to hold a freight car. Its wing spread is 100 yards and it can carry a payload of 60 tons, in addition to gasoline.

At one time, the navy got so insistent that the contract for the plane be cancelled that famous record-holder Howard Hughes, now a partner of Kaiser's, had to plead with the RFC to let him continue. The big flying boat is being financed by RFC funds, and Hughes actually promised to put up a \$500,000 performance bond in case of non-fulfillment of contract, plus a guarantee to pay all costs personally beyond a certain date.

The big plane should be finished early in the summer.

FARMERS GET A BREAK
Chalk up a score for Congressman Lyndon Johnson of Texas and Economic Czar Fred Vinson in helping the farmer on the price of eggs; also in cutting the profits of dried-egg manufacturers to the tune of several million dollars a week.

It happened through a queer quirk in price ceilings. The price on dried eggs had been fixed by the OPA at 25 cents a pound, but meanwhile the price at which farmers were selling their eggs to the dried-egg processors dropped from around 40 cents a dozen to 20 cents a dozen. Despite this drop in price, the dried-egg processors continued to get the benefit of the high ceiling price, while buying eggs from the farmers at one-half what they did before.

The spread between what the farmers got paid and what the egg processors sold for was so great that the processors were making money at the stupendous rate of \$6,000,000 a week — until Texas' Lyndon Johnson stepped in with protests to Judge Vinson. The latter has now upped the price which the farmer gets for his eggs.

RUSSIAN WEARINESS
U. S. officials just back from Russia report a war weariness among the Russian people. This is not to be confused with military strength or weakness. Obviously, the military machine is operating with an efficiency such as never before.

For 25 years, Russia has been torn by war, revolution, or internal strain. Even during days of peace, the severe economic effort deprived the ordinary citizen of many elementary comforts of life.

But now, they see victory around the corner and want it to come quickly. Beyond that, they see security coming from cooperation with the other big powers of the world, giving them the time necessary to build up a state in which, according to the precepts of the Soviet philosophy, the dignity of the individual can be recognized and enjoyed.

MERRY-GO-ROUND
Judge Sam Rosenman now occupies the suite of offices vacated by the late Marvin McIntyre, White House secretary. Rosenman formerly had only a tiny cubicle under the eaves . . . White House intimates suggest that the President probably doesn't intend to fill Mac's place. Instead of three secretaries Steve Early, "Pa" Watson and McIntyre) he will have only two, plus Sam Rosenman as counsel . . . If FDR intended to run again, he might be more anxious to fill the vacant post.

U. S. Fliers Busy In China's Skies

Days Are Long and Planes Must Be on the Move Constantly.

AIR FORCE BASE IN SOUTH-EAST CHINA.—"Well," said the sergeant, who works in operations and whose ears must be better than mine, "they're back," and he went to the door of the alert shack to look out and count them.

Out of the blue haze that dulled the distant sharpness of the mountains they came—three, six, nine, twelve.

"Twelve," said the sergeant, "that's all." He went back to his typewriter.

They landed, and the pilots, emerging one by one, straggled up the line on stiff legs, with dirty rings around their ears from long pressure by the sponge rubber cushions of their radio headsets.

They resumed their places around the gasoline drum stove, tilting their chairs back, laughing with released excitement, calling back and forth to each other, all trying to talk at once.

America's War Spirit.
If words repeated could only catch the spirit of their talk. It is the spirit of America's war in China: easy confidence in themselves and their planes. A miss today would be a hit tomorrow. Just the right balance of cockiness and caution.

Did you see where my bomb hit? Who was it that saw Zeros? I didn't see any . . . I had a dud . . . did you see that machinegun fire from the pillbox . . . Gotta watch our own ricochets . . . I got a bullet lodged in the radio transmitter . . . that was the poorest job of diving I ever saw . . . I betcha my bomb maybe weakened one of those concrete things . . . yeah, maybe that bridge will collapse sometime when a train's crossing . . . Say, colonel, couldn't we bomb up and go back there in the morning . . . give me a thousand pounder and I'll go up there by myself . . . I'll get 'em.

They had missed lunch. The colonel had briefed them out just after midmorning tea and cakes.

Chow comes by jeep from the hostel. Fried rice, French fried sweet potatoes, roast pork with a bucket of gravy, fried cakes and tea. Lunch finished and the men relaxed, their colonel, a young Florida who used to fly in the A.V.G., takes pencil and paper. "Now let's see what happened," he says.

Day Not Finished Yet.
He goes over the whole mission. He gives the men a mild chewing over the way they flew formation and over talking too much on their radios, confesses his own bombing inaccuracy, agrees that everybody will do better the next time.

But the day is not finished. It is only midafternoon. They were up at 4:30 a. m. and won't return to their barracks until nearly sundown.

There is a big celluloid-covered map on an easel near the stove and a telephone beside it. It rings periodically and one of the men jots on a scratch pad tacked to the map the plotted positions of planes within the radio scope of the base.

Another, with a blue crayon pencil for friendly planes and a brown one for known or suspected enemy planes, plots the flights on the map. The telephone rings and a notation is made: "Hen (heavy engine noise) northeast, heading southwest."

"Well," says the colonel, "I guess we had better get into the air-planes."

Air Express of Nation Gains 28 Pct. in Year
NEW YORK. — Commercial airlines of the nation carried 28.3 per cent more combined rail-air express traffic in 1943 than in 1942, the air express division of the Railway Express agency announced here.

The combined service handled 410,758 shipments in 1943, as compared with 319,983 shipments in the preceding year, with express charges totaling more than \$4,000,000, a figure 63.2 per cent higher than 1942, the company reported.

Hitch-Towing Excuse Fails Florida Tourist
SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Steve Logan, a used-car dealer, told the Onondaga county ration board that he hitch-towed his automobile from Miami, Fla., to Syracuse, but he lost his gasoline privileges anyway.

Logan, forbidden to drive his car by a Florida board, said a truck gave him his first lift home and that he then came on as best he could.

The Onondaga board's order deprives him of gasoline until December 31 of this year or until the war's end, whichever comes first.

New Ray Shows Up Peroxide Blondes

But a Lot of Nice Things May Come of It

ST. LOUIS.—Dr. Lamar Kishlar is a neat, bespectacled, mustached scientist. He was having a lot of fun with a new black ray of light that brings out the best in interior decorating and the worst in women.

Dr. Kishlar is the research manager of a livestock feed company which also dabbles in breakfast food. Dr. Kishlar dabbles in many things, including how to make a peroxide blonde's hair turn green and false teeth show up as phonies with a little beam of light that you can't see.

The black ray is a variation of the ultra-violet ray. Dr. Kishlar thinks that it is going to throw light on a number of things in the future.

"One wave-length will produce a nice suntan, without inflaming the more tender areas," Kishlar explained. "Another wave-length will tenderize any cut of beef. Still another will sterilize an ice-box, or if you want to go into it wholesale, an entire hospital."

Kishlar's interest in his invisible ray is chiefly in its effect on food, but it includes its possibilities in interior decoration. People, fabrics, rubies and vitamins glow fluorescently under the ray. Any girl is a glow girl.

"Take, for instance, a cocktail lounge," said Kishlar. "A hidden ray will make carpets, tablecloths, napkins and cocktail glasses shine—but there will be only a discreet suggestion of actual illumination."

The female customers will shine no matter how dull. Their teeth, eyes, fingernails, rubies and diamonds will gleam.

The girl with sound teeth who drinks milk and gets plenty of calcium will look like a super-dental ad, but the girl whose teeth came from the dentist's had better inquire about the lighting before entering the bar of tomorrow. False teeth look black under Kishlar's revealing little ray.

Peroxided hair may turn a ghastly green under the ray.

U. S. Discloses Good Old Potato Is Not Fattening
WASHINGTON.—The department of agriculture decided that it is now time to let the people in on one of the best kept secrets of the century—potatoes are not fattening.

With a heavy crop coming up and plenty of last year's spuds still around, the department wants it known that: The caloric content of a "fair sized" Irish potato is about the same as a large orange, a large apple, four average size prunes, a thick slice of bread or two-thirds of a cup of whole milk.

It's not the spuds, but the butter and gravy that pile on the extra pounds, according to Dr. Henry C. Sherman, chief of the department's bureau of human nutrition and home economics. Sherman said the agriculture department has known for a long, long time that potatoes wouldn't make you fat, and that inasmuch as potatoes "are so abundant it seemed a good idea to reassure people—especially the ladies—that they can safely eat all the potatoes they want."

As for sweet potatoes, Sherman said, their sugar content makes them slightly fattening, but not much. Here again, it's principally the butter and gravy.

Castle's 'Ghost' Caught By Polish Night Patrol
LONDON.—Lieut. Kazimierz Piotrowski, leading a Polish night patrol along the Sangro river in Italy, failed to encounter any Germans, but captured the "ghost" of a 700-year-old castle said by villagers to have been haunted by the spirit of a long-dead princess who, thwarted in love, hurled herself from the castle balcony.

The lieutenant, entering the castle, heard a sound and fired a shot into the ceiling. A girl, later identified as a refugee, appeared, but villagers maintain that subsequent to the girl's capture the age-old spook has ceased haunting the castle.

Now It's 'Shelter Legs' That War Has Brought
LONDON.—Women who spend their night sleeping in deck chairs in air-raid shelters are in danger of being afflicted with "shelter legs"—an unsightly swelling of the lower limbs—says the Lancet, a medical journal.

The malady, the journal said, is "caused by pressure during relaxation of the muscles, giving rise to chronic lymphatic obstruction."

Stiffness of the ankle joints, as well as a hard swelling below the knees, often results.

Let's Face Facts

Farm Machinery Output At Double 1943 Level; But Remains a Problem

Several senators from farming sections are predicting that the War Food administration is going to have a rude surprise within a few weeks when it discovers that farmers are not planting the acreages expected of them this year — partly because they cannot get farm machinery they need to make up for the shortage of manpower.

Equally positive are officials of the War Production board that there will be enough machinery with which to plant, cultivate and harvest all crops.

War Food administration points confidently to early reports of acreage planted and says that if average weather prevails, crops will be adequate for domestic needs — but with less to spare for feeding foreign populations than UNRRA will request.

Here is the argument that WPB gives: Last year only about 40 per cent of the machinery manufactured in the base years — 1940 and 1941 — was produced; but this year about 80 per cent of the base year production is planned. Production is running close to schedule on some items and lagging on others. Harvesting and hay gathering machinery seems to be furthest behind.

Harvesting machinery is in much greater demand than the supply. In this field authorized schedules are, on the whole, almost 125 per cent of base period production, but it is not now expected that schedules will be met. How far output will lag depends largely upon labor supply and the demand of the military for critical components.

Scheduled Increases
Combines with width of cut over 10 feet are scheduled for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, at 118 per cent of base output, those between 6 and 10 feet at 110 per cent and smaller ones at 75 per cent. Schedules for binders are not as great in proportion to base output. But the programs for potato diggers and pickers, beet and vegetable harvesters are much higher.

Furthermore, repair parts may be manufactured in whatever quantities needed. Altogether, the farm machinery industry is programmed to turn out nearly twice the volume of equipment it did last year — but, frankly, the program is not going to be completed.

However, an indication that the situation is not as serious as last year is that the volume of complaints is far less. One WPB official, who last year at this time was receiving from 50 to 55 telephone calls a day from congressmen requesting him to look after constituents, is at present receiving very few urgent requests for farm machinery.

There is one certainty — farmers must give more attention to repair of equipment than ever before. In this country they have hardly begun to take repairs as seriously as farmers in England or in enemy nations. Those who have been to England say the British are far ahead of us in that respect, and reports coming from Germany indicate that a fine job is being done there on the repair problem.

Dealers throughout America, however, have been advised to order repair parts by telegram, and manufacturers to ship by airmail. No red tape or forms are required. All a farmer needs to do is to tell his dealer that he needs the repair parts.

Many Repairs Needed
Recently the results of a survey of repair needs made by the WPB Office of Civilian Requirements was published. It showed that in 1943 owners of 42 per cent of the 1943 machines of the country required repairs for their equipment, and that 13 per cent of those needing repairs did not get them; 42 per cent of the owners of combines required repairs, and 8 per cent of those requiring them were not serviced. These were among the worst repair records.

But it is the belief in WPB today that repair troubles should be virtually a thing of the past, and that normal servicing will be obtained.

In Indiana, cooperative repair shops have been established which have been a great aid in obtaining speedy repairs. In a few other states repair shops have been established as part of the agricultural college extension services, and farmers come from all parts of the counties to avail themselves of these facilities.

On the whole, machinery manufacturers are handicapped by labor shortages, lack of motors, chains, malleable iron and castings.

To obtain the best distribution of farm machinery, manufacturers this year were authorized to dispose of 80 per cent of their output where they thought it would do the most good. Twenty per cent was under allocation of the War Food administration to supply in areas where supply appears to be short. The opinion of those responsible for this program is that it has been working fairly well.



FIRST-AID to the AILING HOUSE

by Roger B. Whitman

DUSTY CONCRETE FLOOR

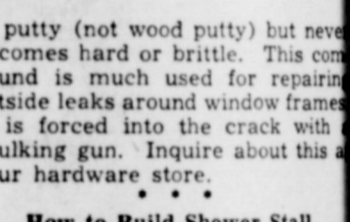
Question: Some time ago you wrote about a mixture for laying dust of a concrete cellar floor. Will you please repeat?

Answer: You can lay the dust soaking the floor with a mixture one part water glass in four parts water. Make plenty of this mixture so that it can be poured on the floor liberally, spread with a broom and the floor allowed to soak it up. At the end of some hours, wipe any puddles that may remain. You may have to repeat the treatment within a day or two. But if you wish to paint the floor later of water glass should not be used. You should wish to paint, get a kind of paint that is proof against the effects of lime; for ordinary floor paint will not last on a basement floor laid in the usual way.

LEAKING FLUSH TANK

Question: Our old-fashioned, high type of wood flush tank is leaking. Could I use wood putty to mend it?

Answer: Caulking compound would last longer. This is similar to caulking a ship's hull.



How to Build Shower Stall
Question: I am planning to build a shower in a space 32 inches wide by 24 inches long and 7 feet high. What type of waterproof material can I use that will be economical yet good? Must the floor be cement, or can something else be used instead?

Answer: The base or receptor of the shower should be built of cement with a lead pan under it to prevent possible leakage to the floor below. This work should be done by a competent concrete or tile man who has had experience in this kind of work. Or, you can get a precast cement receptor. The latter would be simple to install.

The walls can be of cement plaster over wire lath, or you can use one of the prefabricated dense fiber wallboards. If the board is used, the manufacturer's directions should be followed in making the joints watertight. The smallest size shower receptor measures 32 by 24 inches. Your 24-inch dimension is rather "skimpy" for a shower stall.

Oil Stain on Wooden Chest
Question: I have a wooden chest that I was preparing to paint, when a large quantity of baby oil was spilled on it. Although I wiped it off with rags as soon as possible, quite a bit of it penetrated into the wood. Will the oil that remains in the wood affect the enamel finish that I am planning to apply on the chest?

Answer: Sandpaper as much of the surface as possible, and, if some of the oil still remains that cannot be removed, cover the stain with a thick layer of a paste mixture made by combining fuller's earth or powdered whiting with a (preferably nonflammable) spot removing liquid. When dry, brush off the powder. An oil stain of that type would affect the drying quality of the enamel.

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Help Yourself to a Salad! (See Recipes Below)

Salad Magic
 Salads are in season summer, winter, fall and spring, but in spring you can really have all the variety you want. There are crisp greens aplenty, perhaps fresh from your own garden, and loads of fresh fruits and vegetables to complete the demands of health and satisfy the appetite for really fresh - from - the - garden foods.

Everywhere you go you hear people saying, "A salad is just the thing," or "I want something green and crisp." It's a sign of spring, this desire to eat foods that fit with the newness and freshness of spring. A new idea for serving is to try a salad buffet for it will save your preparing individual salads for everyone. Simply set salad ingredients in bowls, park them on a tray and whisk them into the dining room for everyone to make up his own combination. In the picture illustrated above, you will notice the bowl of salad dressing is surrounded by crisp greens, and then there are bowls of grapefruit sections with avocado pears, strawberries, pears or peaches and prunes stuffed with cottage or cream cheese and nuts—all the makings for salad for helping yourself to any combination that appeals to you and your guests.

Salads can double for both the salad and dessert course, or they can be the mainstay of your luncheon for the club.
***Salad-Dessert Loaf.**
 (Serves 6)
 1 envelope plain unflavored gelatin
 1/4 cup cold water
 2 egg yolks
 1 tablespoon melted butter or substitute
 1/2 cup mild vinegar
 3 tablespoons vinegar
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon paprika
 Few grains cayenne, if desired
 1/2 cup milk
 2 tablespoons canned pineapple juice
 1 cup prepared fruit
 1 cup evaporated milk, whipped
 Soften gelatin in cold water. Beat egg yolks and salt. Add vinegar, salt, butter, cayenne, paprika and pineapple juice gradually. Whip lightly. Add milk and cook in top of double boiler until of custard consistency, stirring constantly. Remove from fire and dissolve softened gelatin in hot custard mixture. Chill, stirring occasionally while cooling. When mixture begins to set, fold in whipped, evaporated milk and fruit, cut in small pieces (orange, cherries, canned pineapple, grapefruit,

Lynn Says:
Give Yourself Health! Egyptians cultivated salad foods such as onions and garlic; Romans enjoyed chicory and lettuce. Why shouldn't you?
 Your cues to a good salad are few but important: ingredients should be well chilled, attractively arranged and served with the proper dressing. Most fruit salads take a whipped cream dressing or cooked dressing or mayonnaise flavored with fruit juices. Occasionally, in the case of a bland fruit or citrus fruit, a french dressing is a must.
 Seafoods are usually marinated before mixed with other ingredients. Marinate shrimps, crabmeat, etc., in french dressing even though you may use mayonnaise to hold the salad together. The above trick may also be tried with potato-salad. It improves favor.

Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menu
 Broiled Chicken
 New Potatoes
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 "Salad Dessert Loaf"
 Orange Marmalade Ears
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peaches, pears or any desired fruit combination). When firm, unmold on platter and garnish with green pepper. Trim platter with salad greens.
 Shrimps in a salad can make up the main dish for a warm night supper without too much fussing on your part:
Shrimp Salad.
 (Serves 6)
 2 No. 1 cans shrimp
 2 1/2 cups diced cooked potatoes
 1 cup diced celery
 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
 1/2 cup french dressing
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
Salad greens
 3 whole tomatoes, cut in wedges
 8 green pepper rings
Ripe olives
 Combine shrimp, potatoes, celery and green pepper. Add french dressing, lemon juice and salt. Chill. Just before serving, moisten with mayonnaise. Serve on chop plate garnished with salad greens, tomato wedges, green pepper rings and ripe olives.
 A salad that's substantial and really good is one that combines fish with macaroni. A subtle combination of seasonings makes it just perfect eating:
Macaroni-Salmon Salad.
 1 1/2 cups flaked salmon, tuna or crabmeat
 1 cup cooked macaroni
 1 cup canned peas
 1/2 cup diced celery
 2 tablespoons minced pimiento
 2 tablespoons chopped sweet pickle
 Salt and pepper to taste
Mayonnaise
 Combine ingredients in order given. Toss lightly with dressing and serve, well chilled in lettuce cups.
 The following salads are cool and vitamin-rich, perfect foil for warmer weather:
Raw Vegetable Salad.
 2 cups raw carrots, grated
 1 cup raw cabbage, shredded
 1/4 cup raw celery, chopped
 1/4 cup onions, diced
Cooked salad dressing
 Mix together vegetables with just enough dressing to hold together.
Lettuce Rolls.
 1 head lettuce
 1 cup cottage cheese
 1/2 cup seedless raisins
 1/2 cup chopped nuts
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
Salt
 Combine cheese, raisins and nuts. Blend well with mayonnaise. Add salt to taste. Use large lettuce leaves and spread with cheese mixture. Roll as for jelly roll; chill and serve.
Dressing Variations.
French Dressing: Crumble 1/4 pound Roquefort cheese into 1 cup french dressing. Serve over greens.
Lemon Cream Dressing: To 1 cup chilled, evaporated cream, whipped, add 3 tablespoons honey and 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Serve with Fruit Salad.
Mayonnaise: Add 1/4 cup chili sauce, 2 tablespoons pickle relish, and 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped to 1 cup mayonnaise. This is good over lettuce.

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Lesson for May 7

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PAUL CROSSES INTO EUROPE

LESSON TEXT: Acts 16:13-15; Philippians 3:7-14.

GOLDEN TEXT: I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—Philippians 3:14.

Pressing "toward the mark" (Phil. 3:14) well describes the zeal and intense devotion with which Paul lived his life for Christ. He was wholehearted in giving himself to the preaching of the gospel. Our lesson tells of his carrying of the gospel into Europe by the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit.

It seems appropriate to consider the two Scripture portions in reverse order, looking first at Paul's declaration in Philippians of his passion to know Christ, and then in Acts of his purpose to make Him known. The man with vision is eager to serve. "A task without a vision makes a man a drudge; a vision without a task makes him a visionary; a task and a vision makes him a missionary."

I. Paul's Passion to Know Christ (Phil. 3:7-14).
 There were many things in Paul's life of which he was proud, until he met Christ, and then everything else lost its importance and interest.

All things in life are relative in value and our attachment to them is determined by our heart attitude.

Now being spiritually minded and having found in Christ real satisfaction for his soul, the Christian counts as refuse the things in which the world takes such pride and satisfaction.

To "know Him" calls for a depth of experience, sacrifice and of joy which is not easy to describe in words. It begins with a divine righteousness imparted by faith. Self-righteousness will not suffice. This is not a matter of law, but of grace.

It is a resurrection faith and therefore powerful. It is a faith which accepts suffering for Christ as a part of fellowship with Him—not only bearable but glorious because it is in the power of His resurrection.

That fellowship is one day to be complete and eternal, for there is to be for Paul the assured experience of a personal resurrection out from among the dead (v. 11). The faith of a Christian looks beyond the grave.

All this has to do with the present, as well as the blessed future. The man who has this kind of spiritual experience shares the purpose of Paul expressed in verses 12-14. Here there is no resting back in self-satisfied comfort, no pride in one's past victories, no sense of having "arrived."

Paul saw not only the necessity but the blessedness of going from victory to victory. Too many Christians of today are entirely satisfied with what they have attained (and it is usually all too little).

There is a prize to be gained, the prize of our "high calling in Christ Jesus." Let us, like Paul, be filled with holy dissatisfaction with ourselves until we reach that blessed goal.

The man who had such a vision was ready for God's call to carry the gospel into Europe.

II. Paul's Purpose to Make Christ Known (Acts 16:13-15).
 The story of the conversion of Lydia has many elements of special interest. It presents the turning point in the progress of the gospel, which by the grace and leading of God brought it northward to Europe rather than southward into Africa. Many of us have heard because of the way Paul was led, and one wonders if Europe and America might not otherwise have been the "dark continents" rather than Africa. We are what we are by the grace of God.

Then we note that the first convert was a woman. She was not the last woman to give an attentive ear and a believing heart to the gospel message. The church through all its history has been blessed by the readiness of women to bear and heed the gospel.

We like to note that she set a pattern of hospitality and service which her sisters in the church have maintained (see v. 15). She "constrained" the visiting preachers to enjoy the comforts of her fine home, and thus put forward the work of Christ (see III John 5-8).

It is encouraging to note how perfectly the leading of the Holy Spirit worked out in the experience of Paul and his brethren. The Lord sent His prepared messenger to the place where there was a prepared heart waiting to receive the Word with gladness.

We may confidently go on the errands of our God, knowing that when He leads, He goes before and prepares the way. That does not mean that there will be no trials and difficulties. Paul had plenty of them (see II Cor. 11:23-33). But it does mean that we may go with the assurance of blessed results, in His name, and with the grace to bear whatever comes along the way—for His glory.

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4. January 25, 1944, was the start of what year for China?
5. A fertile person is what?
6. What is the average length of an adult porpoise?
7. What country is on Mexico's southern border?
8. Which way is shorter to Japan from San Francisco—by way of the Aleutians or via Hawaii?
9. James J. Davis was secretary of labor under how many Presidents?
10. In business what is meant by a silent partner?

The Answers

1. The Vatican City covers about 100 acres.
2. Value.
3. One year.
4. The 4641st year.
5. Feverish.
6. Five and one-half feet.
7. Guatemala.
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Geo. W. Burdett, mayor of Berry Flat and unofficial Cap Rock weather observer, breezed into town the other day, and called around at The Index-Press office to guy us about our raincrow views and opinions. George uses and swears by a goosebone to make his weather predictions. It works pretty good in damp weather and he can make tolerable fair guesses, sometimes. But when the weather is bright, fair, hot or torrid, the contraption gets hazy and cloudy and he can't discern the spots, even with a magnifying glass. It's getting old, and he's on the lookout for another one in better keel. He got this 'un off a lightning rod peddler, back in Baylor county in 1914, following a long, dry spell. A goosebone not only predicts the weather to a certain, says George, but also records the possibilities of election of candidates for political offices. When I asked him if it had prophesied Willkie's backdown, he just gave me the fish-eye and said it didn't waste efforts on republicans and backsliders.

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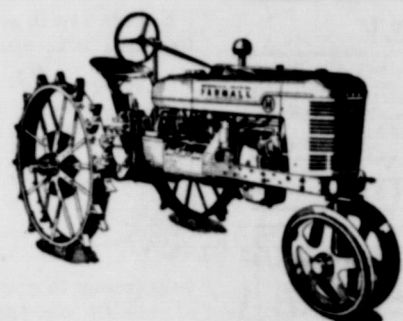


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CHAPTER XII

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"It is a perfect run. I even have time to take my eye off the sight, and fire bursts at two more Zeros as they attack from the front. They start way out ahead, to the left and a little below us. Now, coming on at me, they cross over and up, toward the center of my fuselage, their guns pounding, and then slip on back and dive straight down and away.

"I get one because he miscues. Then I jam my eye back onto that bomb sight. Everything is riding pretty—the cross hairs right where I want them, the bombs about ready to be released.

"A second before the bombs leave my plane, I see that Jap cruiser starting to turn (he's figured our bomb-release line to the hair). He's turning toward us as I watch the bombs go down. By the time they've arrived, the cruiser is three-fourths through a turn of 180 degrees. The first bombs are falling short—three of them. Now mine come—two direct hits on the cruiser, the other two going over. The plane back of me gets some direct hits. My left wing man's string is barely in front of the cruiser, my right wing man's string is barely behind it—the damned thing seems enveloped in bombs churning the water, and debris flying above the foam. Boy, that Japanese captain just turned the wrong way!

"But now our formation swings and heads for home, Zeros still swarming around us, and we're still losing altitude to stay back to protect the Major, who seems able to get barely enough throttle to keep her in the air. After forty minutes the last Zero drops away; they're short of gas and daren't chase us any further.

"Presently, over the command radio:

"Robinson to Skiles. Go ahead."

"Skiles answering."

"Radio the base at Malang to have an ambulance ready. We have two badly wounded men aboard."

"We wonder who they are. One is probably the tail gunner, since we saw Robinson's plane taking so many tracers there. The other must be their radio operator, or else they could have sent their own dot-dash message back to base."

"Meantime our radio operator is telling Malang to have the ambulance out. Our plane is now leading the formation. Major Robinson's just behind us. We've drifted slowly down to 4,000 feet altitude, protecting Robinson. Then, all of a sudden, Robinson's plane swoops down beneath us about 1,000 feet, and the machine sends it scooting on out in front of us, heading a little toward the coast of Borneo. Is Robinson going to beach her? And now over the command radio:

"Skiles to Robinson. Is there anything wrong?" our pilot asks.

"But there is no answer. We watch. Now Major Robinson is making a gradual turn, as though to regain the formation. But halfway in the turn his plane starts nosing over, goes into a dive, goes faster—straight down at the sea. We watch, holding our breath. Just before he goes in, his tail elevator blows off. The poor guy must have had the stick clutched back into his stomach trying to pull out of that dive, and the terrible air pressure on those elevators ripped them off. There's a huge splash—flame—a spiral of black smoke, and a widening circle of yellows, reds, and black, which is burning gas and oil on that lapaz-green water.

"The second after it hits I call Lieutenant Duprane on the interphone.

"My God, Duke," I said, "did you see that?"

"Yes," he said. "And then in a minute he said, 'Thank God those Japs didn't see it.'"

"The formation circles above the dead Queen. We circle until the fire dies away, peering down at the widening disk of oil. But there is no sign of anything else on the surface.

"Until then it hadn't seemed like a battle—just a game. But now I feel like someone had kicked me in the guts. There were guys on there I'd drunk with. We'd sat around and lied to each other. I'd seen it happen, but I couldn't believe what

I saw—it seemed like a bad dream. "When we landed, all the crew assembled for the critique, each member dictating just what he had seen to the officer. That's when I was credited with three of the eight Zeros we knocked down. After the critique no one had much to say. We were all thinking about what we saw happen.

"They told us to go to the barracks and get some rest. But an hour later I found that the whole crew had, one by one, drifted back out to the plane—cleaning guns, improving gun positions, doing things we'd suggested back in the States but no one had ever got around to doing. Throwing away those small inadequate ammunition cans, and rigging the guns so you could set a whole box of ammunition in there, figuring ways of putting more guns in the nose—50-caliber ones that really pack a punch. And cussing hell out of the bottom turret. It has remote control—you look through a mirror and everything is backwards, and you have to know exactly where the plane is going before you can line the sights.

"We'd found out our machine-gun oil would freeze at high altitudes, and we were figuring how to clean and oil the guns so they would best



Boy, that Japanese captain just turned the wrong way.

operate up there. You couldn't tell the officers from the men (remember, we had no maintenance crews in Java; we did all the work ourselves) and my pilot had his coveralls on, installing an extra oxygen outlet in the tail. After seeing what had happened to Robinson's tail gunner, he figured if his tail gunner got wounded, another man in the crew could go back there and they would both stay on oxygen.

"The E of course was a big advance over the D. But any new model will have little things wrong that you never find out until you take one up and fight it.

"All through Java we did it all ourselves—the officers right along with us, helping load bombs and checking valves. We flew in weather out there you wouldn't drive out to the airport in back here. But the Japs were flying it too; they'd come in strafing and we'd have to jerk our old mutts off the ground quick."

"Anyway," said Frank Kurtz, "we had stopped the Japanese there in Macassar Strait for a while. The little Dutch Navy helped, but mostly it was American air power. We'd sunk quite a gang of them, so the rest had to go home and lick their wounds, realizing they couldn't move in on Java until they had air control. This meant they would have to clean us out of our advance fields in Borneo and the Celebes. It wouldn't be hard, for the Dutch had no troops to speak of on these islands. Everything had had to be withdrawn to hold Java. But it took time for the Japs to take over our little advance bases at Samarinda and Kendari, and being new to war, we foolishly thought Time was on our side. We were thinking of those thousand planes. We hadn't learned that Time in war is a treacherous ally who favors anyone who will use him.

"But meantime Colonel Eubank had hauled me down to the ground for a while to do a different job. Too many wars were going on. The Japanese were running a pretty good one, but against them were the American Air Force, the Royal Dutch Air Force, the American, Dutch, and Australian navies, all of us running wars of our own.

"Finally it was agreed that every night they'd deliver to me in Surabaya a safe-hand message, giving the position of every American ship in those waters. We'd swap information about operations, so everyone would be pulling together. It

was a liaison job, and since I'd have to deal with Navy men so heavy with rank and gold braid on their sleeves they looked like they'd had their arms up to the elbows in scrambled eggs, the Colonel gave me a set of captain's bars, so I could talk up to them. Presently I was dealing with everyone—the Dutch and the British, too.

"The Dutch, for instance, were begging for help in Sumatra. It's that long island which parallels Malaya, pointing down in the direction of Java. The Japs weren't in Singapore yet, but already they were swarming across the narrow seas from Malaya trying to grab the oil refineries at Palembang. So the Colonel sent the Forts."

"We got to Palembang the last week in January," said Sergeant Boone, the gunner. "The Dutch there were certainly swell to us. There is a huge refinery in the town, and they took us to a club sponsored by Standard Oil Company—a palace. All the club members would drop around to be sure the Air Corps had a place for the night. A Dutch officer took the rear gunner and myself to his quarters. He'd married an American girl, so he spoke good English. We had on only greasy coveralls, but he took us right into his quarters—all air-conditioned and mosquito-proofed. The native couple they had as cook and houseboy gave us the first home-cooked meal we'd tasted since the war.

"The Dutch officer was a fine-looking big blond guy. He brought out clean pajamas for us, and some of his uniforms we could wear for dinner. He was depressed. Early in January he had evacuated his wife and child to Java—for safety, although that seems queer to say now. He himself was staying behind, in command of native ground troops, to defend those refineries. He hadn't heard from his wife. You could see he was very much in love with her. Also that he didn't think much of the military setup they had in Sumatra, so he doubted that he would ever see her again.

"He'd been back on a visit to Holland just before the Germans came in. Since then he'd had only one letter from his mother—smuggled out. She had had a couple of German maids from over the border. They made good servants for the heavy work, but just before the surprise invasion they'd been called back to Germany. It was the same, she said, all over Holland. So no wonder, he said, that the Germans knew the name of every Dutch officer in Holland. The morning of the invasion, the Gestapo would knock at the door, and when the officer opened it, would shoot him down in cold blood. This was why, he explained, the Dutch Navy was so incapacitated for officers. He was very bitter. He was in wonderful physical condition—been leading native troops through the jungles. Said his wife was high up in the Java mountains and hoped she was safe. Next morning we left on a mission and never saw him again."

"We came up a little later," said the Bombardier, "and by the time we got there, the Japs were moving into the river's mouth, just below Palembang. The weather was overcast—a ceiling of 2,000, so we had to work down below that. None of us liked it, because a Fort is a hell of a big easy target so close to the ground—never built for that. As we came in, so close to the ground, our radio operator called Skiles on the interphone.

"Captain," he said, "oxygen doesn't agree with me, but I'm willing to begin chewing it any time now," and I broke in, "You can say that again."

"Captain Northcott was leading the mission—six planes we were, and when we sighted the target he called over the command radio, assigning our flight to a transport on the left.

"It was a monster, a huge Maru liner which I've seen as a luxury cruise boat tied up to the San Francisco docks. Suddenly she cut loose a hell of an antiaircraft barrage at us, all coming from this one transport—a regular Fourth of July at three o'clock in the afternoon. It was like looking down into a cone of fire, with this transport at the tip, and smoking red-hot rivets, they seemed like, whizzing up at us. They were rocking us around when suddenly we shuddered violently and almost went over on our back. An ack-ack shell had burst under one wing near the fuselage. Big pieces of it tore a huge hole just where the wing joins the fuselage, and one embedded itself just a few inches from Captain Skiles.

"We were already on our run, almost at the release line, and the jar had thrown out the bomb sight—it was completely inoperative. But I'd done some practice low-altitude bombing at Muroc back in the States, so I said the hell with it, I was good and mad at the shaking-up we'd got. 'All right, you come!' 'Here they come!' I hollered, and dropped four in rapid succession. They landed in a cluster about twenty-five feet from the transport. The other four I released more slowly. We'd come down to 1,000 feet now, and that's low.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Hedda Hopper: Looking at HOLLYWOOD

"IT TAKES an actor to direct an actor," says Irving Cummings. Well, he should know. Cummings spent years on the stage and screen before he directed such motion picture hits as "What a Woman!" and "My Gal Sal." He believes that a man who has worn grease paint himself understands a performer's problems better than one whose experience has been limited solely to wielding a megaphone, and how right he is!



Irving Cummings

"Actors require understanding by a director if they are to feel at ease and give the best that's in them," says Cummings. On the set of "The Impatient Years" Cummings was directing Jean Arthur and Lee Bowman. The scene was a law court. Jean and Lee were asking for a divorce. Bowman is a returned soldier who arrived from overseas with Jean was perhaps hasty. Theirs is a whirlwind wedding after a four-day courtship. Then the soldier goes abroad. When he returns the girl and boy are total strangers. It's a human situation—one that's happening all over the country.

Cummings talked the scene over in a calm way. When a bit of business didn't jell he showed the actors how he thought it should be done. Cummings acted it out for Jean and Bowman—did it darned well, too. That gave the actors added confidence.

Know the Ropes

While we were waiting for the lights to be adjusted for the next setup Cummings went on about the actors-directing theory.

"Take the first day of shooting. Actors get first-night stage fright just as they do in the theater. I understand it, having been through it for years. I do my best to mitigate the situation.

"Usually I try for a simple, casual scene for the first few shots. Nothing too emotional or demanding. This gives an actor a chance to ease into a characterization, get acquainted with his leading lady, and sense the pace and inflections of a particular role.

"Too, I try to shoot my films as close to the actual continuity of the story as possible. It's cheaper for a studio to have a film made without regard to continuity of scenes, because of stage space and actors' commitments, but I believe a better movie comes out if we all start from the beginning and work steadily toward its climax. That way, as on the stage, we get the feeling and tempo."

Irving Cummings should know about good pictures. He's been connected with them 35 years.

It's O. K., Pal

Joe Pasternak called up to tell me that Alec Templeton will be in "Cab-



Alec Templeton

ages and Kings." He plays the piano and also will conduct the orchestra for several numbers—which is good news to all of us who admire, respect, and love Alec. Makes me a little ill to read that Barbara Stanwyck takes a role intended for Bette Davis. Barbara doesn't have to take anything from anybody. There's a swell actress... Ann Sheridan assures me her overseas wardrobe will weigh only 10 pounds. That includes three evening gowns, too... It takes old timers to give old timers a job... Veronica Lake won't do another picture until November—maybe not then. Little "Shut Eye Goldilocks," by her shenanigans, added \$200,000 to the cost of "Bring on the Girls." The day is past when even big stars can get away with that.

He Picks the Winners

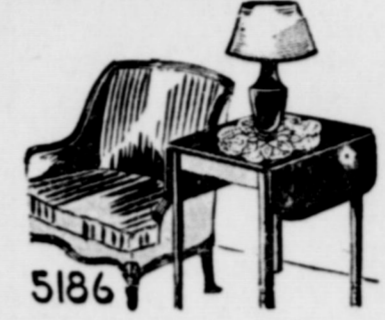
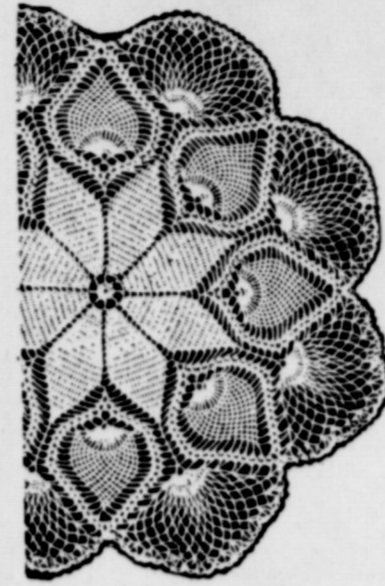
Michael Arlen can't get anybody to bet with him. He's too lucky. In January he made a bet with Edgar Selwyn, \$500 against \$1,000, that the war would be over March 1. Edgar died two weeks before time limit... It's nice to hear Betty Blythe has made a personal hit in "Public Relations" in New York. Betty was one of our most seductive silent sirens. While this play won't last, it undoubtedly will lead to bigger things for Betty.

Yes, She's Got It

Gypsy Rose Lee came out under a year's contract to Bill Goetz. She's just signed on for four more years... Looks as though Warners is definitely off war pictures. Six of its writers who were working on 'em were ordered to stop... Understand reason Louise Albritton was suspended by Universal is that she went overseas without the studio's consent... Since Humphrey Bogart croons in "To Have and Have Not," will Frank Sinatra (for revenge) tote a gun in his next?

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James Kirkland, three year old son of Seaman and Mrs. Charles Kirkland, formerly of this city, passed away in California on April 26. The cause of death was pronounced as meningitis. Survivors beside the father and mother include a sister, Judy, the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Harris, of Brown-

field, and the paternal grandparents, Mrs. Dovie Kirkland, formerly of this city, and Roy Kirkland, of Belen, N. M. Mrs. Dale Holley, of Odessa, is the guest of Mrs. Roy F. Smith. Mrs. H. W. Scott, of Berry Flat, was hopping in O'Donnell last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Moore attended the funeral of the latter's brother, Lee R. Baldrige, in Abilene Tuesday. Mr. Baldrige died in a Lubbock hospital Monday.

WANT ADS

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Matinee, May 12-13

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays are visiting relatives at Ballinger

Reed Yandell writes from somewhere down in the South Pacific that the weather is warm, yea hot, and to sleep at times, he uses the puddle system. Snoozes in a puddle of water.

Willie Williams had a letter Monday from his son, Ed, who is somewhere at sea on a battlegoon Ed hadn't heard from home in moons, but said when he made port there were 40 or 50 letters waiting for him, and he was having the time of his life reading them.

Just to aggravate us Dr. J. F. Campbell sent us a post card picture from Rockport Monday, showing a bunch of fellows with some of the most unbelievable strings of fish you ever saw. "We still have a few more left," wrote the doctor, who expects to be home in a few days.

Mrs. Harry Clemage this week received Mother's Day remembrance from her soldier son, who is with U. S. troops in North Africa.

Jno. A. Anderson was a business visitor in Tahoka Monday.

Mesdames D. S. Parker and C. O. Brock were visitors in Lamesa Monday.

Mrs. Lois Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived Tuesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Burdett.

Jim Ward, of the O'Donnell Implement Co., was in Dallas Saturday, laying in a big stock of supplies and parts.

Mesdames W. E. Huffhines, B. L. Davis and J. H. McClarey were visitors in Lubbock Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Adams of Lubbock, were visitors in O'Donnell last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Brock and family visited with friends in Littlefield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dulin, Mrs. W. P. Dixon and Frank Correy, of El Paso, were guests of Mrs. Maple Curry last week.

Mrs. Archie McMillan was a visitor in Tahoka Monday.

Mrs. Joe Eaker returned from Christoval Saturday after a several days' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stubblefield were among Monday's visitors in Tahoka.

The early morning rain of Saturday refreshed things quite a bit in this area. Here in town the sky juice precipitation amounted to a half inch. At Tahoka .75, light at Lamesa, Berry Flat .25 Lubbock reported over an inch. West of this city it was light.

Mrs. Jack Sanders is here from Littlefield visiting her mother, Mrs. D. S. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Coff, of Mesquite, were visitors in O'Donnell Monday.

Mrs. Betty McMurtry, after a two weeks' stay in Christoval, returned home Saturday, greatly improved in health.

J. E. Nance was a visitor from Mesquite Saturday. He reported that Geo. Burdett's goosebone brought his bailiwick .31 of an inch of rain early Saturday morning.

Paul Gooch, who is in a Lubbock hospital, was reported greatly improved yesterday.

The W. F. M. S. met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Opal Nasworth. Mrs. E. C. Pace led the devotional, with prayer by Mrs. Reynolds. A Day In A Chinese Revival was the study topic. Dismissal prayer by Mrs. Duke.

Political Announcements

For Congress
GEORGE MAHON re-election
C. L. HARRIS

For State Senator
STERLING J. PARRISH

For Representative
GEO. W. NEILL
JACK DOUGLAS

For District Attorney:
KARL CAYTON
ROLLIN McCORD
CALLOWAY HUFFAKER

For County Judge:
TOM GARRARD
G. C. GRIDER

For Tax Assessor-Collector:
R. P. WEATHERS, re-election

For Sheriff:
SAM FLOYD (re-election)

For County Clerk:
W. M. (Walter) MATHIS (re-election)

For County Treasurer:
MRS. LOIS DANIEL re-election

For County Commissioner, Prec. 2:
LEWIS KENLEY

JOHN A. ROBERTS

For County Commissioner, Prec. 3:
JNO. A. ANDERSON re-election

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