



Gunlock Ranch By FRANK H. SPEARMAN

CHAPTER VIII—Continued

"That's part of what he's done to me. He's stole my cattle besides. McCrossen is the only man that stayed by me through thick and thin. McCrossen's the right man for you. You can get married tomorrow if you want to."

"I haven't the slightest idea of getting married tomorrow, father. And if Mr. McCrossen were the only man left, I certainly should never marry. There's not a straight hair in his head."

afternoon train home. When she got to Sleepy Cat it was ten o'clock at night, and no rig was at the station from the ranch. She was compelled to spend the night at the hotel. It was a long time afterward before she realized that the whole trip had been planned by her father and McCrossen for a purpose.

Jane, walking in on tiptoe behind her guide, heard his answer. "Who's that with you, Sister?" Jane had stepped as lightly as possible; but his ears had detected her footsteps.

FLOYD GIBBONS FAMOUS HEADLINE HUNTER ADVENTURERS CLUB Hello Everybody "Terror at the Door" BY FLOYD GIBBONS

THIS is the story of a man, a woman and a dog—and I'll admit right at the start that the dog got the dirty end of the deal.

The scene of that meeting was the home of Ellen and her husband on the outskirts of Summit, N. J. It was almost one o'clock in the morning, but Ellen was still up. Her husband was working late that night, and he'd want a hot meal when he came home.

Ellen had to fight to find her voice. "Ye-es," she stammered. "Wait there. I'll bring something out to you." But the tramp pushed his foot farther into the kitchen. "It's too dark out here to see to eat," he stated flatly. And with that he stepped inside, pushed her out of the way, and closed the door behind him.

Ellen stepped hard on Bill's toes. "Then, like a flash, a thought came to me—and with it came a little courage. I stepped across the room, saying, 'I must get the dog before you go out again. He is a fierce, vicious watch dog, and it's funny that he missed you coming in.'"

Fierce Enough to Scare Any Tramp. She stepped a little harder that second time, and Bill almost went crazy with pain. The hair on his back stood up in true porcupine fashion. Bill looked like the toughest, most dangerous dog in the world at that moment.

Meaning of Jiu Jitsu. Jiu Jitsu means literally the art of making one's opponent use his strength to his own disadvantage. It is not a system of muscle building by physical training, but rather a means of offsetting the effectiveness of powerful muscles by performing the most simple but skillful maneuvers.

Scottie Pup Mascot Liven's Things Up! Hoot, mon—here's a wee Scottie that every laddie or lassie would yearn to cuddle!

he's a real "scotch" treat! Why not send for the simple pattern today, and make Scottie for a jolly appropriate gift?

Relieve reddened EYES MURINE FOR YOUR EYES

Brevity of Speech. Brevity is the best recommendation of a senator, but in that, too, of an orator.—Cicero.

Constipated 30 Years "For thirty years I had stubborn constipation. Sometimes I did not go for four or five days. I also had awful gas bloating, headaches and pains in the back. Adierka helped right away."

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NO DANDRUFF She Uses Glover's! She used to be a victim of Dandruff. But no more! Her secret is regular use of Glover's Mange Medicine.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB I had an accident today. My own fault I suspect. I tried to be original! And sprained my intellect.

The Chic New Princess Silhouettes

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



SO FAR as the silhouette of the autumn and winter frock, coat or ensemble, is concerned, anything in the way of startling innovations is apt to happen these days, in fact is happening. The whole scheme of things is changing. For one thing it is back to short wide-at-hemline skirts that current fashion has dared to go—fourteen inches from the floor if you care to follow the extreme.

exciting events are taking place. The youthful, flattering little princess gowns tailored of swanky wool weaves, preferably broadcloth, duvetone or suede cloth are fashion "firsts" for day wear. The majority of them button down the front from neckline to hemline and they are enlivened with dramatic touches of color—perhaps a banding at the throat and on the sleeves and about the wide hemline of braid in the now-so-much-talked-of coronation colors or in the vivid Tyrolean reds, greens, blues and yellows.

As to the new coats styled along princess lines, you will agree that the accompanying illustration conveys the message more eloquently than words. The models pictured also exploit the use of Persian lamb in ways that are most attractive. The coat to the right goes extreme in the matter of the new princess lines. It is made of beige broadcloth. The buttons and young-looking collar of Persian lamb are typical of the manner in which designers are handling supple and thin fabriclike furs. Developed either in gray or beige there is no smarter coat to be found in all fashiondom.

The "swing" model to the left of black broadcloth is just the genteel type that makes best dressed women look better dressed. As we all know by this time the all-black costume leads the style parade. Note the binding all about the edges of Persian lamb that is a favorite fur treatment this season. To complete the costume - ideal the hat must have a touch (if not all fur) of Persian lamb to match the trimmings. Later add a matching fur muff.

The princess influence is as everywhere present in daytime clothes as it is in formal evening clothes. From the formal evening angle the message is of regal black velvet gowns cut exquisitely a la classic, the long unbelted lines of classic simplicity sweeping out into expansive hemlines. The very beautiful moire silks so favored for dinner and dance gowns yield gloriously to princess styling, as do also the fashionable metal cloths and brocades.

NEW COAT LINES



Prepare for something different in the newer evening coats. The latest models are apt to have a Napoleonic look and there is also a trend to borrow lines from the dignified mannish frock coat and similar cut-away effects with long coat tail at the back. Formal types of town suits are also taking on coats of this new influence. For these black broadcloth is the favored material. The coat pictured is typical of the new movement. It is designed for evening wear and tops in this instance a light gray gown embroidered in rhinestones. The coat is of slate gray velvetene.

CONTRAST OF COLOR CHARACTERIZES HAT

Contrast in color continues to characterize the fall hats. Dashes of bright color on black hats are frequent. Other color contrasts gaining favor in millinery are: Cocoa felt with ivy green faille; dark Araby brown felt with royal blue faille contrast; dark deep green in felt with ribbon in soft rusty wine.

Tailored Suit With Fur Is Ideal for Autumn Days

If you don't have to worry about a budget and car, go ahead and buy an outfit for now and a warmer one for later, a tailored or dressmaker suit with fur is ideal. It may include slim skirt and jacket with fur collar and cuffs or a plain jacket and skirt with fur-trimmed topcoat, swaggar or fitted.

Silver Threads The current coin of fashion is silver gleaming on crepe or satiny backgrounds. A blouse with the glitter of silver—needn't be expensive at all—will turn your suit into a five o'clock costume.

Skirts and Sleeves While there are exceptions to this rule, in most cases plain sleeves are used on dresses when the skirt is flaring, and full sleeves on dresses having narrow skirts.

OUR FAMILY CORNER

Illustrated Current News, Fashion, Household and Entertainment for the Juniors



THE RAT'S PLAN TO KILL BILLY MINK

[T HAVING been agreed by all the rats in the big barn that they would stand by one another, and the next time Billy Mink appeared would all attack him at once, they immediately began to feel better. Only the oldest ones shook their heads doubtfully and continued to look worried. The younger ones boasted. Had they not driven away the cat which the farmer had put in the barn to catch them? And



"I'm Not Afraid," Said One.

was not the cat very much bigger than this new enemy? They began to talk among themselves of the fun they would have when Billy Mink should next appear.

"I'm not afraid," said one. "Nor I," cried another. And all the rest of the young rats boasted in the same way. But the gray, old leader still shook his head and looked worried. "It is all very well for you to brag of what you will do," said he, "but bragging never yet won a battle. If we would keep our homes here in this big barn where many of you have spent your lives, we must make our plans to kill this terrible enemy. It will not do to simply drive him away, for he might return when least expected. Always there must be two or three on watch. The instant that mink appears warning must be given, and then all of us fall on him at once."

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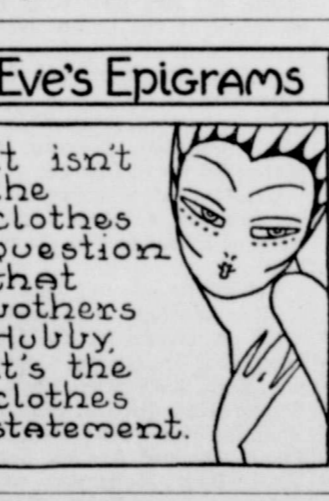
fighter among us would be helpless if he had to face that fellow alone, but if we all attack him together there will be nothing to fear." So certain of the sharpest-eyed rats were appointed to watch all the holes through which Billy Mink might enter the big barn. When it should become necessary for them to go hunt for food other rats were to take their places. All the others scattered to their homes. Some lived under the barn, some lived on the main floor of the barn, and some lived in the hay loft. The old rats were still worried, but the younger ones were filled with pleasant excitement. They rather hoped that Billy Mink would come soon. They wanted to show how brave they could be. Not a doubt crept into the mind of one of them that all would end as they had planned. Meanwhile Billy Mink was comfortably dreaming in the little chamber he had chosen under the big woodpile between the big barn and the henhouse. Billy's dreams were pleasant dreams. That is, they were pleasant dreams for him. He dreamed he was hunting rats. Yes, they were very pleasant dreams for Billy. But had any of the rats in the big barn had those dreams they would have been anything but pleasant. It is funny how in this world the things which are very pleasant for one are very unpleasant for another.

MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

FOOD FOR THE FUSSY THERE are grown-ups who are fussy about their food, but sometimes they are hopeless; however with children a firm hand and eternal vigilance will accomplish wonders. Children are naturally imaginative and keenly enjoy a fairy tale, no matter what it is about. Why not use this method in teaching him to eat the things he should. Every woman should be a good story teller, able to picture interesting things out of the ordinary. With really ill people in bed, one may use about the same story for even grown ups, they get pleasure out of the things that the child will, if presented in a whimsical manner. A dish of floating island, so good for children who will not eat custards and refuse milk, may be presented in a glass dish with the cooked white of eggs on top. It may be a treasure island, an iceberg with a "nut" to be rescued or a raisin will do. If it is not real enough make legs and arms of

Tall and Funny



Fall and winter millinery modes decreed in Paris seem rather eccentric to conservative folk, and are even described as tall and funny.

"Mirror Boy" Who Sees Backward



WHILE Eleanor Mengert, his school teacher, looks on, Harold Elliott, eleven-year-old Moundsville, W. Va., boy afflicted with "mirror image," copies a series of numbers and letters as they look to him. He spent a full day being interviewed and examined by psychiatric and medical experts at Johns Hopkins hospital. The experts traced his trouble to an early illness, but time and a more detailed case history of the boy will be needed to entirely solve the case.

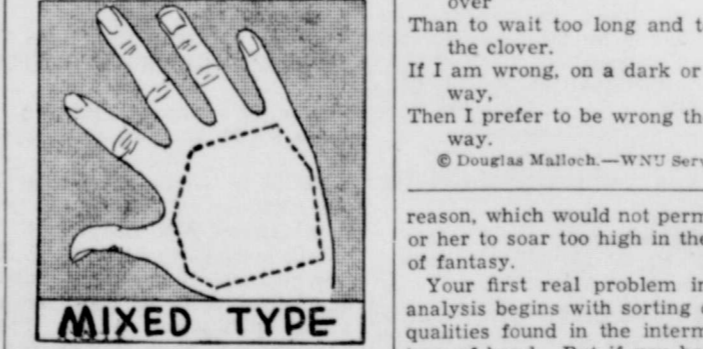
THE RIGHT WAY

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

IT'S a good old rule and it's good to follow. Not to call it spring just because one swallow Has ventured north when the wind was blowing. In a way no swallow has of knowing. It's a good old rule not to count your chickens And be disappointed as the dickens. Not to be too sure, or be sure too early. In this strange old world, with its hurry-burry. But a much worse way is to look behind you, Ev'ry day that dawn, ev'ry path you find you. When you see some sign that the winter's leaving To shake your head and insist on grieving. The chicks may hatch and may not be many. But some declare that there won't be any. Yet to doubt all eggs, and to doubt all seasons. Is a much worse rule, and for much worse reasons. For, as for me, I would rather follow The first spring song of some foolish swallow And count some chick, though it never hatches, Than to think this life is all rags and patches. I'd rather think that the winter's over Than to wait too long and to miss the clover. If I am wrong, on a dark or bright way, Then I prefer to be wrong the right way.

THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR HAND

By Leicester K. Davis



IN the study of hands by type you have probably discovered by now that many hands do not run true to type. Such belong to the last of the eight classifications, and combine several or all of the characteristics found in the other seven types. The Intermingled Type of Hand. You will recognize it by its irregularity of shape. Close scrutiny and comparison of fingers, thumb and the shape of the palm will place these individual elements as belonging to a variety of the true types. Success in analyzing the intermingled type depends upon one's ability to determine how great a part is played by each opposed element in the sum total of characteristics. For example, a hand of this kind may have one finger of long, flat-padded spatulate variety; another finger of decided mental type, and still another of the spiritual order. From which our analysis would tell us that their possessor was idealistic, studious, but kept from being too visionary by

Love, Honor and Obey



Ask Me Another

A General Quiz

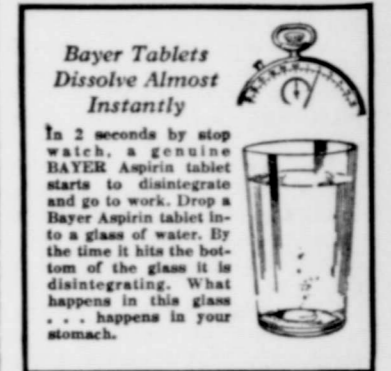
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- 1. In court procedure, what does "in camera" mean? 2. Did Lincoln's assassination precede or follow Lee's surrender? 3. What elements make up the dentist's laughing gas? 4. Where is Faneuil Hall? 5. What is the Nibelungenlied? 6. Where are the Society Islands? 7. What relation was Napoleon III to Napoleon I? 8. Who was William Harvey? 9. Who was the first president of the German Republic? 10. What is "turbid" water?

Answers

- 1. Not in public court; privately. 2. Lincoln was shot April 14; the surrender took place April 9, 1865. 3. Nitrogen and oxygen. 4. In Boston. 5. A medieval German poem, telling of the Nibelungs, a supernatural race. 6. In the South Pacific. 7. Nephew. 8. An English physician who discovered the circulation of the blood. 9. Frederick Ebert. 10. Water cloudy or muddy.

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Firm Answer

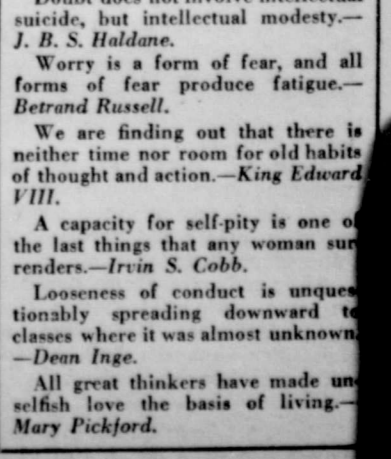
A short and firm answer gives one a rest from long annoyance.

CHEST COLD HAD HIM IN AGONY



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PAPA KNOWS



"Pop, what is basic?" "Cornerstone." © Bell Syndicate.—WNU Service

PWA Has Allocated \$17,844,124 to State

Edward H. Oakley, state director of PWA and other allied federal agencies, has submitted a detailed report showing just what the PWA meant to New Mexico in dollars and cents. Total allotments are shown below and indicate New Mexico has gotten its share of the PWA.

The summary:

Federal projects costing	\$17,818,728
Non-federal project under NIRA costing	2,145,344
Non-federal project under ERA'35 costing	2,900,347
Non-federal project under ERA'36 supplemental costing	288,957
Non-federal projects under FDA'36 costing	226,365
Projects costing	\$23,379,741
Projects Completed or Under Construction:	
Projects completed costing	\$11,638,899
Projects under construction costing	11,208,220
Work Contracted:	
Federal projects	\$17,818,728
Non-federal project under NIRA	2,145,344
Non-federal projects under ERA'35	2,900,347
TOTAL	\$22,864,419
Wages	\$ 6,130,000
Materials	9,929,724
Other expenditures	1,784,400
TOTAL	\$17,844,124

Employment Provided at Construction Sites:
Average number men employed: 1934, 5,578; 1935, 4,080; 1936, 1,338.
Total man-hours worked to date: 12,260,300.

School Notes

Perfect attendance this month in fourth grade was made by our pupils. They are having a perfect attendance drive. Follow are the names of the pupils having perfect attendance for the past week: McAlvin Cantnell, Peacock, James Sidney, Kenneth Richardson, Norie King, Wanda Davis, Archie Lewis, Mary Grizzle, Rose St. Paul Casabone, J. E. Mc-

Of the wonders we're receiving
And the beauties of which we drink.

De we really deserve the glories,
God sent for us all to share?
Do we make the most of our lives
here,
And make others burdens less to bear?

Shall we all go gaily onward
Along this pathway of joys and tears,
Thinking only of our loved ones
Not stopping to look after theirs.

We will never get to our goal,
If we shove and push our way,
There's always someone to block us,
And they also must have their say.

Life's pathway is sometime rocky
But surely no one expects to fly,
Before we get to heaven
And then not if we don't try.

So help others is our motto,
Let us daily do our share,
If we lighten others burdens,
Ours won't be so hard to bear.
—By Lola Mae Ridgley.

There are several new pupils in the primary and first grade. In primary Bobby Wilson has enrolled. In the first grade Wright, J. B. Allgood and Duncan. We are always glad to welcome new pupils.

Everyone in the eighth grade exempted from spelling examination except one and he made this an excellent record.

Perfect attendance in the third grade are as follows: Jean Pearl, Frances Evans, Thelia Rhodes, Dorothy Rhoades, Anna Smith, Smokey Davis, L. V. Dean, Dean Goff, Jack Nail, Rhodes, Rector Thompson.

Perfect scores in spelling the last six weeks in the third grade are as follows: Jean Pearl Cowles, Hinchison, Anna Grace.

The agriculture boys are engaged in wood work. They are making a filing cabinet for the commercial department and towels for home use.

Wednesday, November 17th, in assembly the Junior class gave two plays from their play, "An Arizona Cowboy." The regular chapel was held Friday. Mr. White addressed the student body on "Deciding Your Vocation." He has been collecting books, references, and pamphlets on this subject in order to assist the student to learn more about the occupation he may wish to pursue.

"An Arizona Cowboy," the Junior play, was presented at the school auditorium, November 17th, to one of the largest audiences in many years. The play had much talent and everyone enjoyed his or her part very well. Credit is due Mr. Eminger, director.

Two poems are enclosed which have been written during the past weeks in the English IV class:

THE UNITED STATES FLAG
Hats off!
The flag of the land of the free,
The American beauty,
Whom we are of thee.

Stand for liberty, we know,
You unfurl on yonder tower,
We forever love and guard
The Great Almighty's Power.

are a beautiful token,
of the U. S., our nation,
which and loved you have been
your wonderful creation.
The christian flag alone above thee,
we thy citizens' eye.

propose to honor and serve
thee,
henceforth until we die.

make us as pure as its
white;
truthful and loyal as the blue,
courageous as the flaring red,
these three things we ask of you.
—By Naomi Jenkins.

LIFE'S PATHWAY
We wander down life's pathway
we ever stop to think,

LOCALS

Mrs. Elizabeth Cole is reported on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chrisman were Roswell visitors Sunday.

Mrs. A. S. Key is able to be up again after several days illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Zimmerman were in town from their ranch Saturday.

Mrs. E. D. Menoud had the misfortune of falling and injuring her leg Saturday.

Kenneth Stine plans to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stine.

Louie Burck, Hannah Burck and Mrs. Raynal Cumpsten were Roswell visitors Tuesday.

Miss Letha Green spent Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Green.

Mrs. Jim Williamson had the misfortune of falling last week and breaking her right arm.

Billy Jo and Miss Mary Burck of Texas Tech will spend the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison McKinstry plan to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. C. C. Pritchard and family in Roswell.

We are glad to report that little Thomas William McCarthy is improving fine. He is at St. Mary's hospital in Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dorman and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Menoud were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kek and sons Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cumpsten from Lucy, spent the week-end with relatives and Mrs. H. J. Cumpsten returned home with them for an extended visit.

Worthy Newsom and G. B. Newsom of Allison, Texas, visited over the week-end with relatives and friends. They report conditions good in their section of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sweatt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Van Sweatt and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Mann plan to join with other relatives for Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Sweatt at Malaga.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cumpsten entertained Sunday with a turkey dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Curry and daughters Helen Ruth and Mable, Mr. and Mrs. Raynal Cumpsten, Mrs. H. J. Cumpsten and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cumpsten of Lucy, New Mexico.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid is planning to give their annual bazaar and turkey dinner on December 12th. An announcement will be found in The Messenger. They will have all kinds of gifts for Christmas and turkey with all the other good things to go with it. The public is cordially invited.

HYBRID CORN WON'T YIELD WELL WITHOUT GOOD SOIL

Seed corn may be too good for the land it is planted in. Or, as A. L. Lang, Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station soils specialist says, "Hybrid corn cannot be expected to take the backache out of hauling limestone nor remove the pain when it is necessary to extract money from the family purse for potash and phosphate."

A corn grower cannot expect to grow 90-bushel or 100-bushel corn on 30-bushel land, and he may be wasting high quality seed if he tries it. On the other hand if he has high quality soil capable of yielding big crops, he is wasteful if he does not buy seed good enough to make full use of the land. Practical tests have shown over and over again that good hybrid seed corn well adapted to the soil and the climate will yield enough more grain to return many times the extra investment in seed.

How the seed should fit the land and the land should fit the seed has been revealed clearly in plantings in Illinois, say agronomists of the United States Department of Agriculture who have been cooperating in this corn work. In comparing yields from the best five varieties of hybrid corn with the yields from the best five open-pollinated varieties, tests were made on fields of varying fertility. On the least fertile fields, the hybrids outyielded the open-pollinated varieties by only 5 bushels to the acre, but on the most fertile fields there was a difference of 24 bushels to the acre in favor of the hybrid corn.

One good feature of corn improvement by hybrid breeding, Lang points out, is that superior hybrids may make it possible to obtain much larger returns from good systems of soil improvement than has been possible in the past. In other words, a farmer need no longer fear that he is getting his land too good for his seed.



A Line To You

BY E. M.

Guess the joke is on us. How were we to know; we had never been to a turkey shoot? Not that the Rifle club is going to ask us for suggestions, but anyway anyone can put up a bull's eye and hit it, but it takes a real shot to hit the turkey. And we hear the honorable mayor was barred from the amateur list, and carried off three turkeys against champions at that.

Judge West also said, "Twenty-nine years ago I bet I shot 5,000 shells at the shooting gallery that stood where Price & Co., now stands." Well, John Tolliver is pretty swelled up because of his skill against the state champions; guess we would be, too. We think little Joe Ford is starting out to be a champion.

By the way, did you see how the blonde gentleman blushed and ducked at the same time?

Do you know there is a confirmed bachelor resident who reads "True Story"?

Marie Wheeler is quite a poet. She submits the following: "With cakes and pies, and cranberries too, a big turkey dinner awaits me and you; December the twelfth, nineteen thirty-six, at the Presbyterian basement, just about six."

Do you know the young lady who had her fingernails tinted by the young cosmetologist?

Can you guess which young lady says her guardian angel doesn't sleep much?

World Wool Prospects

A Mystery Shot Kills An Officer

CLAYTON—A bullet wound received under mysterious circumstances claimed the life of Morrison Rupp, 28-year-old game warden in the hospital at Clayton Saturday.

Rupp, bleeding and faint from a bullet hole in his stomach, drove up to Chief of Police J. L. Pounds on November 15th saying he had been shot.

Examining physicians found traces of powder burns on Rupp's shirt, and Pounds said a revolver with two discharged cartridges was found in the game warden's automobile. The gun, he said, had been fired recently. The car's windshield was pierced apparently by a bullet, and two other bullet marks were found on the machine.

The only statement by Rupp made public by Pounds was that he was fired upon by unidentified persons from the rim of a Mesa near Apache canyon where he had gone to watch some shooting.

Hospital attendants disclosed also that Rupp muttered about an "Ed" during the spells of delirium saying "he didn't suppose he would do him that way."

Pounds related that Rupp told him about noon Sunday that he was going to Apache canyon to watch some shooting. About twenty minutes later, the officer said, Rupp returned wounded.

Your husband may be a devil with a forked tail and all that, but if he has horns, you had better keep him out of the hills until after the deer season is over.

Nobody knows exactly what heaven is like, but they say it's there nobody scolds.

Stocks of raw wool in the United States during the remainder of the present wool-marketing season (to April 1, 1937) probably will continue to be much below average, and the carry-over into the new season may be smaller than a year earlier. Stocks of apparel wool held by dealers and manufacturers in the United States on September 26, totaled 125,940,000 pounds, secured basis. This represents a decline of 20 per cent as compared with the same date in 1935.

Domestic mill consumption of wool for the final quarter of this year is likely to be considerably smaller than in the same months of 1935. Consumption for the entire year 1936 is expected to show a substantial decline as compared with 1935, but will be well above the average of recent years. Consumption of apparel wool by United States mills from January through August of this year was 8.5 per cent smaller than in the same months of last year, but was larger than in the corresponding period of any previous year since 1923.

Wool prices advanced in the Australian markets after the middle of September, but through the first week in October the advance was largely offset by the decline in the exchange rate of the British pound. Japan remains out of the Australian market, but is buying rather heavily in South Africa and wool prices in that market are reported to be higher than in Australia.

The recent currency changes in France and Italy may result in some readjustment of wool textile activity in the principal foreign consuming countries. The devaluation of the franc is expected to improve the competitive position of France in the export markets for manufactured wool products and may enable the French industry to regain some of the export business in wool textiles lost during recent years.

Officials Predict Much Activity In N. Mex. Oil Area

Heavy drilling activity in southeastern New Mexico during the next eighteen months is forecast as a result of the official visit of Hale B. Soyster, Washington, D. C., chief of the oil and gas leasing division of the federal government and a party of division officials who made an airplane inspection of the eastern New Mexico and west Texas oil field Saturday, and a more careful survey of the Hobbs field by car Sunday.

Members of the party included Mr. Soyster, John M. Alden, Tulsa, mid-continental supervisor for the oil and gas leasing division of the federal government, and Thomas J. Taylor and Ernest A. Hanson of Roswell, district federal engineers of the same service.

The government men seemed very much enthused over prospects of the eastern New Mexico oil fields, particularly the Hobbs field, says the Hobbs News.

Object of the official inspection tour was described by Hanson as "an inspection to review progress made in gas and oil development in the last twelve months with special reference to the development of the field."

The party made a tour of the oil fields in two airplanes loaned for the occasion by the Oil Well Drilling Co., and the Trinity Drilling Co. Accompanying the official party were Hugh Johnston, district superintendent of the Continental Oil Co., and E. N. Cooliston, petroleum engineer for the Continental. They covered the Wink, Odessa, Artesia, Andrews, Maljamar fields and all the Lea county fields.

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