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AMERICAN HEROES

by WOODY COWAN



SEEING his two squads of infantry pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire, Lt. Beryl R. Newman, Fargo, N. D., boldly advanced, wounding two with his Tommy gun and chasing two others into a house. When the latter two attempted to retake a gun, he killed them. Then he kicked in the door of the house and forced eleven armed enemy gunners to surrender. He was awarded the Medal of Honor. Victory Bond investments support men in all services who made this drive for final victory.

U. S. Treasury Department

Mertzton Star Changes Hands

With this issue of the Star comes the closing chapter of our long term as owner, manager and editor of the Mertzton Weekly Star. It is with a feeling of regret that we step down and out.

During the 34 years we have been connected with the Star, we have learned to love the business. We have strived to the best of our ability to give you a good newspaper of local interest. We have enjoyed the patronage you have given us and we take this opportunity to say "thank you", for any and all favors, large or small.

Mr. J. L. Werst, our successor, comes to you from San Angelo, where he served for three years with the San Angelo Standard-Times. He knows the game and can, with your co-operation, give you a better paper than you now have. You will find him ready at all times to co-operate with you.

Deb and Lonnie McFall

It is with pleasure that we take over the Mertzton Star from Lonnie and Deb McFall. We come here with the best intentions of giving you as good a weekly paper as we know how and will try to please everyone.

We will appreciate your help in calling or bringing in news items telling us of your comings, goings and doings. At first it will be hard for us to remember all your names so if you will bear with us a while we will do our best to get the correct names with the correct faces.

Maurine and "Mike" Werst

Veterans Service

Malvin Helmers, who recently received his discharge from the army, was appointed Veteran Service Officer by the Commissioners Court. The office has been filled by Trueman Lawdermilk. Duties of the office is to render service to the returning veterans.

J. W. Hargrave has a crew of painters remodeling his Dry Good Store in Mertzton. The store has been closed almost a year.

Men's Brotherhood Meets

The second monthly meeting of the Men's Brotherhood of the Methodist Church met last Friday night at the school Cafeteria.

Fifty-five were served a delicious supper, after which a splendid and interesting program was presented by the young people.

The men had as guest their wives. A delightful evening was enjoyed by all.

Mertzton School Honor Roll

Honor Roll of Mertzton High school.

7th Grade

Lou Ann Deal.

8th Grade

Joann Cathey.

9th Grade

Maxine Van Court.

10th Grade

Jay Lindley.

Roy Schilling

Jean Evans

Margaret Macomb.

Wilmuth McCarty.

11th Grade

Geneva Hensley.

Yvonne Van Court.

Doris Tankersley.

12th Grade

Burleson, Lillie Ruth.

Frances Carr.

Leona Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tranthum received a message from their son Sam Tranthum, who has been overseas, stating he had landed in the states, and would be home soon.

Ray Weatherford who served with the (C B's) during the war arrived in Mertzton last week with a discharge. Ray will take up where he left off nearly two years ago by returning to his old job as meat cutter for the M System.

Mans Hoggett sold 12 bulls to C. D. Rhymes of Montcello, Mississippi. The bulls were shipped Wednesday.

Marriage of Miss Dorothy Smith

Denton, Texas, November 26. The marriage of Miss Dorothy Velliene Smith of Mertzton and Roger A. Bugby of Los Angeles, Calif., was solemnized Monday morning (Nov. 26) at the Chapel in the Woods, Texas State College for Women in Denton. Rev. Joseph Copeland of the Presbyterian Church, USA, Denton, read the ceremony.

Traditional wedding music was provided by Miss Inagene McMillan, organist of TSCW, and Miss Florence Gwin, vocalist of TSCW, who sang "Because" and "I Love Thee Dearly."

Given in marriage by her father, Fred G. Smith of Mertzton, the bride was lovely in a white satin gown featuring a sweetheart neckline, the basque waist and a gathered skirt which fell into a moderately long train. She wore a tulle veil with a coronet headpiece which was finger-tip length. Her only jewelry was a small gold necklace which fashioned a sunburst arrangement of small pearls surrounding a small ruby. She carried a white rose bouquet.

Attending her former roommate as maid of honor was Miss Jane Hascall of TSCW. She wore an aqua blue marquisette featuring cap sleeves. She carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds. Best man for the bridegroom was Jay Edwards of Dallas.

Following the money reception was held in the TSCW Tea Room immediately after the reception the couple left for a wedding trip to the Gulf Coast area. For travelling the bride wore a blue gaberdine suit with dusty pink and black accessories. The couple will be at home in Port La Vaca, Texas.

Mrs. Bugby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Smith of Mertzton, received her degree in 1945 from TSCW. The bridegroom, son of Mrs. Lette F. Bugby of Los Angeles, graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines and is now employed by the National Geophysical Company in Havna, La.

Out-of-town guests present at the ceremony were Misses Nell DeLong, Peggy Madena, Dallas; Mrs. Jay Edwards, Dallas; Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Mason, Arlington; Mr. Arthur Smith, Mertzton; Mrs. Joe Shaw, Mertzton and Mrs. Hallie Hascall of Houston.

Sewing Club at Wagner Home

Mrs. M. H. Wagner entertained her Sewing Club at her home last Wednesday, afternoon November 21st., from 1:30 til 4:30.

The ladies spent the afternoon knitting.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Otis Deal, Mrs. John Boyd, Mrs. Lake Tankersley, Mrs. N. C. Packer, Mrs. Street Whitley. Mrs. Harry Hahn and son, Wayman Dean, were guest.

FOR SALE— Electric train, good as new, phone 40 after 5 o'clock.

Lt. J. W. Adams Coming Home

Wiesbaden, Germany — J. W. Adams, of Mertzton, Texas arrived in Germany recently and has been assigned as Station Air Corps Supply Officer at the Erbenheim Airport here, it has just been announced at Headquarters, United States Air Forces in Europe.

He studied aeronautical engineering at Texas A&M in January, 1943, and left to attend the Army Air Forces Administrative Officer Candidate School in Miami Beach, Florida, receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant there in May, 1943.

After receiving his commission he was stationed at the Oklahoma City Air Depot, and came overseas in October, 1943. He became commanding officer of a military administration section at Headquarters of the Air Technical Service Command in England, and was promoted to First Lieutenant shortly after his arrival. He was promoted to Captain in May, 1944, and came to Germany on his present assignment in October of this year.

Captain Adams is planning to return home on leave but will come back to Wiesbaden and resume his military duties afterward. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Adams of Mertzton, Texas.

L. B. Knowlton Receives Discharge

McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas, Nov. 27. Service men who were honorably discharge from the Army today at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas, included Pfc. Larry B. Knowlton, Mertzton, Texas, who saw action with the 11 Armored division in France, Belgium, and Germany, was wounded Jan. 14, 1945. He has been in the service 22 months.

Turkey Dinner at J. T. Klingler

Those eating turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Klingler Thursday were the following, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Boyd, Mertzton, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Atkinson, Mertzton, Mr. Jess Templeton, Odessa, Mr. W. C. Hogan, Houston, Mr. J. C. Moore, Van Horn, Mr. Alley Baruchman, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd and daughter Ann of Midlothian visited their son and daughter-in-law T. J. Boyd last week.

Mr. J. T. Klingler was in Odessa Tuesday on business.

We are requested to announce that the boys basket-ball team and the girls volley-ball team will play the Barnhart team at Barnhart Friday night at 7 p. m.

Mertzton Lions Club met in regular session at the club dining room Thursday and enjoyed a short program rendered by pupils from the Mertzton high school.

Star Adds get results. Try one.

Special Service at Methodist Church

Sunday December 2 will be another great day at the Methodist Church.

We are to have a great speaker at 11 o'clock service, James Hale of McCamey. James entered the ministry this year and preached his first sermon in our church early in September.

At the night service Mrs. R. S. Williams will present a very unique and interesting program of "Worship with Music."

You will miss much if you miss either of these fine programs of worship. You are cordially invited to attend all the services of the church.

Lassetter Reunion on Thanksgiving

In honor of the 78 birthday of their mother Mrs. T. J. Lassatter, members of the family met at the Lassatter home for a reunion and a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving dinner.

Among members of the family present were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hill, Mr. and Mrs. James Hill of Christoval, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Pace, of Tankersley, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Jones, Mertzton, Mrs. Ida Mapes and daughter, Georgia Mjr. and Mrs. Burl Lassater, Mrs. Lewis Deets, Christoval and Mrs. Lloyd Krebs. Two sons who were unable to attend sent greetings.

Mr. Lassatter who recently received his discharge from the army served with the 36 division in 131 field artillery, serving in North Africa, Italy and Germany.

Lt. Bruce Knowlton Discharged

1st. Lt. Bruce Knowlton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Knowlton arrived in Mertzton this week. Lt. Knowlton recently received his discharge from the army Air force. He received his discharge in California and came directly home and got out of his uniform.

Bruce says he had all the army life he wanted for a long time to come and he was going to make a special effort to accustom himself to civilian life.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

My property is posted according to law. "Anyone" Camping-hunting, wood-hauling, handling stock without permission, or in any way trespassing, will be prosecuted. Mrs. Fayette Tankersley Mertzton, Texas.

The theft of a black suitcase, a box of clothing, and a revolver was reported Wednesday morning by A. L. Brantley, Mertzton, police said. Brantley said the articles were stolen from his car parked in front of a Chaddourne Street Cafe Tuesday night.— San Angelo Standard-Times.

A large crowd enjoyed the music and an evening of dancing at the Court house in Sherwood last Wednesday. The music was furnished by a band from Ballinger.

Household Hints

In patching your children's pants, place a book inside the leg or seat as a foundation to patch on. And when patching or darning stockings, a small tumbler inside the stocking against the hole will work quite as well as a darning ball.

After a number of dustings Venetian blinds usually need a good soap and water bath. Go over them with a soft sponge dipped in warm, mild, sudsy water. Rinse thoroughly with warm water applied with a soft cloth or sponge. Wipe dry with soft cloth.

SORE THROAT



due to colds
Let a little Vicks VapoRub melt on the tongue. Works fine, to soothe sore throat due to colds and helps relieve irritation in upper breathing passages.

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VICKS VAPORUB

SNAPPY FACTS about RUBBER



A new rubber cement called "Plastlock" for binding metals, woods, plastics, has been developed by E. F. Goodrich.

Latex foam made of synthetic rubber can now be used in the manufacture of mattresses and other cushioning materials.

The goal of the rubber industry a few decades ago was a tire that would run 3,500 miles. Now it's not unusual for a passenger tire to run ten times that far.

Some of the first synthetic tires built in early war days lasted only fifty miles. Mileage of present synthetic tires compares favorably with natural rubber tires.

John J. Manney

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J. Frank Duryea (left) at the tiller of his car at the start of the first automobile race in the United States held in Chicago on Thanksgiving Day, 1895. Beside Duryea is Arthur M. White, an umpire.

50 Years of Automobiles

By AL JEDLICKA

FIFTY years ago, H. H. Kohlsaat, editor and publisher of the old Chicago Times-Herald, took up his pen to make this daring prediction to a skeptical public:

"The horse still has work to do but motors are coming in and they will, in the end, be cheaper, faster and more economical. They will of necessity command ultimate supremacy. The law of selection, the survival of the fittest, is going to play its part in carrying it out as it has played it in everything else in the world."

Kohlsaat was drumming up his promotion of the first American automobile race to be run at Chicago, Ill., with the twin objectives of popularizing the motor car and improving the country's roadways. His was no easy task, for, though the automobile has since become an important economic and social link in American life, it was then looked upon with curiosity and even suspicion.

Indeed, the nation's farmers then were in the forefront of opposition to the automobile, as exemplified by the affronts suffered by Louis Greenough and Harry Adams of Pierre, S. D., in the early nineties. Having constructed a homemade "horseless wagon," powered by a two-cylinder gas engine and capable of seating eight, the progressive pair were refused the right to carry passengers at county fairs, and were even refused permission to drive their vehicle inside the town limits of Mitchell.

Said the Press and Dakotan: "It is a dead moral certainty that that infernal machine will frighten horses and endanger the lives of men, women and children."

'Model T' Arrives.

By the time Henry Ford's old Model T started rolling in the 1900s, however, the American farmer, like his other compatriots, was rapidly accepting the new motor car. Radical improvements in construction and design have come through the years. A vast, integrated roadway system presently comprising nearly 600,000 miles in state highways alone has been constructed. Almost from the start, the gas-driven car supplanted the electric and steam jobs, proving a steadier source of power and simpler to maintain.

The extent of the development of the automobile in the 50 years, dating from the first American race, is vividly shown in the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry's exhibit in connection with the celebration of the motor car's golden anniversary.

It was at the southwest entrance of the present museum, then the Fine Arts Building of the Columbian Exposition of 1893, that the heralded race of 1895 got under way, with six vehicles lined up. Four were gas-driven of either double or single cylinder motors, and two were electric-powered.

According to accounts, a goodly throng was on hand to see the start of the 55-mile race from Chicago to Evanston and back. The roads were slushy from an early snowfall. Crowds pressed about the high-wheeled, buggy-type vehicles in wonder, only drawing back to permit the drivers to start off.

With Kohlsaat bent upon making the race a constructive event rather than a circus, strict rules were laid down for judging the winner, with a total of \$5,000 in cash prizes. Awards were to be made on general utility or performance of the

machines, economy of operation, and appearance or design.

Three of the contestants dropped out early in the race, one gas-driven job failing to obtain sufficient traction in the slippery going, and two electric-powered vehicles retiring because of battery limitations.

Only Two Finished.

That left three gas-powered machines in the running, with one, the Rogers, entered by the Macys of New York, falling out after first colliding with a street car and damaging the gearing and then running into a hack and bending the steering apparatus.

With four vehicles eliminated, only the two-cylinder Duryea Motor Wagon, piloted by Frank Duryea, and the single-cylinder imported Benz, driven by Oscar Mueller and Charles King, remained to fight it out. Traveling the distance in a little over 10 hours, Duryea crossed the line first, with King, who relieved Mueller after he collapsed under the tension, following close behind.

Though the winning car is not on exhibition at the museum, a surer-type Stevens-Duryea model of the 1900s is to be seen, with its brass kerosene lamp, folding top and leather mudguards. The four-seater, the driver was situated in the back, with the engine beneath him. First to win an American automo-



This is one of the handsomest of the new cars, the Packard Clipper for 1946. The dashing appearance has been achieved by redesigning the radiator grille and by more massive sideguard bumpers. Colorful new interiors and clean-lined modern styling also enhance its beauty. There have been many mechanical improvements, too.

bile race, Duryea also had the distinction of being the first to sell a gas-powered motor car in the U. S. in 1896.

Next to the Duryea-Stevens, the Mobile phaeton of 1900 intrigues moderns used to the sleek streamliners of today. A surley-like four-seater with "steering handle" in the rear, this vehicle had an open front and a square canvas top with tasseled fringes. Of wooden structure, the Mobile was smartly trimmed in red and black.

Along with the old vehicles, the Model T Ford of 1908 proves of especial interest to spectators, milestone that it is in American motor history. None can mistake the Old T with its high top supported by metal brackets, its leather seats, shining black body, brass headlights and lamps and octagon-shaped hood.

Next comes the big blue Cadillac touring car of 1911, with its high windshield, gears on the outer running board, steering wheel on right, and brass accessories. A four-cylinder car, this model possessed an electric ignition system and headlights.

No More Cranking.

It was the installation of the electric starter on the Cadillac of 1911 that marked the first great stride forward in the development of the automobile in the U. S., not only enabling an easier and safer method of operation but also permitting women to take to motoring.

Inventing the self-starter, C. F. Kettering, one of the mechanical wizards of the industry, was spurred by the mishap of a friend who fractured his arm while cranking. Like all innovators, Kettering had to run a gauntlet of scoffers, but he got out of a sick bed to demonstrate his new

Fifty years ago J. Frank Duryea and his brother, Charles, formed the Duryea Motor Wagon Corp. They made and sold 16 of the quaint machines in 1896. Theirs was the pioneer automobile manufacturing company of the United States.

The 1895 model was described as a vehicle running "on four wheels with pneumatic tires and ball bearings. Speed is controlled by a proper arrangement of gears, cones and levers."

The Duryea company, despite its early start and the prestige enjoyed by the car following the victory in the American automobile race at Chicago on Thanksgiving Day, 1895, faded out in the 1900s.

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So try it, this week. You'll be delighted with the hard scrubbing work it saves . . . and you'll like the way it saves the wear and tear on clothes, too. Be sure to ask your grocer for Faultless Starch!—Adv.

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Rita School in San Angelo. Her father is the new owner of the Mertzon Star.

Mr. Shilling will have charge of next week's assembly program. He plans to have a "Battle of the Sexes" between three outstanding high school girls and three outstanding high school boys. Nice prizes will be awarded to the winning girl and to the winning boy, and a final award will be given to the one contestant who has the highest score. The public is invited to attend this program, Thursday afternoon, December 6, 3:30.

Eighth Grade Report

Joanne Cathey is the best citizen in the eighth grade this week. Joanne has blonde hair and light blue eyes. Her favorite food is fruit salad. Blue ranks at the top of her list of colors, and Hedy Lamar is her favorite actress.

This week's senior is Helen Pledge. She has brown hair and blue eyes. Her favorite color is pink, and her favorite branch of the service is the navy. This senior

doesn't have any definite dislikes. Helen plans to attend San Angelo Business College next year.

"Buzzin' Around"

Home from school for the holidays were Marie Carr and Monte Noelke. Harrell Mathis from Illinois was Monte's guest.

Louise Wyatt of San Angelo visited Janette and Leona Thanksgiving day.

Margie Pate spent her holidays at the Bar S Ranch.

The sailor in town is F I-C Billy Joe Smith. He came in last Monday and will be here for 30 days.

We all miss having Cheesie Smith at school. He withdrew last week. Cheesie was a very popular sophomore student, whom we all liked.

Kodaking Thursday afternoon were Maxine, Jean, Margaret, Betty, Buzzy, Stewart, Jack and E. L.

THE STINGER

We hear that Modell and Patsy had a wonderful time in Midland.

Frances enjoyed the show Sunday. Wonder why they didn't ask us to go.

What's this we hear about the city's plan to install parking meters at a certain popular spot in Mertzon? Could be that the city would profit by such an investment.

Betty had company Saturday afternoon, and it seems that every one had a good time.

We wonder why Margie would like to make her home at the Bar S Ranch.

The H. E. class is planning a picnic. Sounds like fun.

Peggy has a wonderful gleam in her eyes these days.

We wonder why Modell likes Big Lake so well.

Blue, you sure have a peculiar effect upon Buck. We hear that he has lost his eyesight this time.

Punk, what about this tale that going around about you and Cheesie?

Miss Horn, are you going to give your history class a test every day?

We wonder if the sophomore boys ever gave Miss Sutton that chewing gum.

Why go to San Angelo or Big Lake to get your Butane tank, when you can get them from C. L. Asberry at home. He will vote for you and they will not. I will get a tank as soon as they will, so why go elsewhere.
 —C. L. Asberry, Mertzon, Texas.

Job

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Properly Done
Mertzon Star

One-third of our school year is over, and we have begun our last six weeks period in the first semester. We are very glad that we finished our tests before the holidays.

We wish to welcome three new students into our midst this week. Reta and Shirley Munsell have moved here from Tarzan, Texas. Reta is in the seventh grade, and Shirley is in the fourth grade. Beth Werst has enrolled in the fifth grade. Beth is from the Santa

OPENING Announcement

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Mr. and Mrs. Gus Duncan and son Bije, of Kingman, Arizona are in Mertzon this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pruett.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Dorsett and family of Houston were in Mertzon last week end the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Ramsel.

HOLIDAY GOODS

Shop Early and Avoid the Holiday Rush

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- Electric Churns
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Gems of Thought

MY SHARE of work in the world may be limited, but the fact that it is work makes it precious.—Helen Keller.

The test of a man or woman's breeding is how he behaves in a quarrel.—George Bernard Shaw.

Failure is only a spur to the one who received it right.—Edmund Vance Cook.

For however often a man may receive an obligation from you, if you refuse a request all former favors are effaced by this one denial.—Pliny.

A new broom sweeps clean, but the old broom knows the corners.—Irish Proverb.

Embroidered Cases For Christmas Gifts



HERE is a de luxe wedding or Christmas gift idea. Crochet four of the gossamer-like 5 1/2-inch butterflies in white thread—embroider the shaded pansies in soft blue, yellow, a touch of brown, then add a suggestion of pale pink to the bouquets.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

U. S. Code Interceptions Bared Jap War Plans; Attlee Outlines Labor Party Economic Program

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As joint U. S.-British commission studies Palestine problem, Jewish youth parade in Jerusalem in protest against restriction of immigration into Holy Land.

PEARL HARBOR: Code Secrets

As the Pearl Harbor investigation got underway at Washington, D. C., before a joint 10-man congressional committee, intercepted messages placed in the records disclosed that U. S. intelligence officers had cracked the secret Japanese code a year before the start of the war.

While the early intercepted messages dealt with ship movements, chief interest centered in the diplomatic documents dating from July 2, 1941, when Tokyo told Berlin that Japan would work for its "greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere" regardless of the world situation.

On November 22, Tokyo advised Nomura and Kurusu, Jap envoys negotiating in Washington with Secretary of State Hull, that it had been decided to set November 29 as the final date for effecting an agreement, after which things would "automatically . . . happen" in case of failure. Then on November 26, Nomura told Tokyo of Hull's ultimatum and the improbability of reaching a settlement.

On November 30, Tokyo informed Berlin of the imminence of war with the U. S. and later relayed the same message to Rome. Meanwhile, Tokyo warned its consulates on December 3 to be on guard for the "winds" messages in short wave radio broadcasts indicating rupture of relations with the Allies. The "east wind, rain" message (meaning war with the U. S.) then came through on December 5.

Among the last messages decoded were Tokyo's reply to Hull's ultimatum on December 6, with final instructions for presentation to the U. S. at 1 p. m. the following day coming in on the morning of December 7. Dated December 7, a Jap message from Budapest, Hungary, to Tokyo stated that the American minister to that country had presented its government with a communique from the British that a state of war would break out on the seventh.

BIG TALK: Reassures U. S.

In the nation's capital to discuss disposition of the horrific atom bomb and touchy international questions, British Prime Minister Attlee also found time to address congress and outline the democratic objectives of his labor party just as negotiations for a multi-billion dollar loan from the U. S. were materializing.

Aimed at helping Britain get its export-import trade functioning again and lighten the load of six billion dollars of debts to wartime creditors, the projected multi-billion dollar advance was attacked in some circles as an aid to the labor party in socializing the United Kingdom. In addressing congress, Attlee declared that British businesses were only to be nationalized when they had grown into monopolies detrimental to the economy.

No radical in speech or appearance, the short, mild-mannered, mustached British leader described the labor party as a representative cross-section of liberal English society, with professional and business men, and even aristocrats, joining with the working classes in its membership.

In determining to retain the secret of the know-how of harnessing the atom, President Truman and Attlee declared that until effective safeguards were set up against its de-

structive use, no advantage would come from sharing its use. To work out such safeguards permitting exchange of vital information on atomic energy for industrial purposes, the Big Two recommended the creation of a United Nations commission.

As revealed by Foreign Minister Bevin in the house of commons recently, Britain has expressed deep concern over Russian demands for trusteeship of Eritrea and Tripolitania in the Near East, and establishment of a naval base in the Dodecanese islands, inasmuch as these territories lie athwart the famed "life-line" of the empire through the Mediterranean and Suez canal.

Coincident with Attlee's visit to Washington was the U. S. and British announcement that a joint commission of the two countries would undertake a study of the titchish Jewish immigration question with a view toward easing the plight of European refugees.

Pressing importance of the issue was emphasized by continued Arab and Jewish riots in the Near East, with scores killed and wounded in widespread demonstrations over the question of making Palestine a national homeland for the Hebrews.

Because they have been banded into a league 33 million strong spread over the entire Near East, with control over rich oil deposits cherished by U. S. and British concerns, the Arabs have greatly complicated settlement of the Palestine issue in view of their stubborn opposition to large-scale Jewish immigration.

Taking the Arab objections into consideration, the joint U. S. and British commission will look into the question of whether heavy immigration would upset the Arabs' political and economic position in Palestine. Consideration also was to be given to providing remedial action in Europe itself and allowing immigration to other countries.

JAPAN: Seek Trade

As the question of reconstituting the Japanese economy arose, Nipponese officials drew a pattern for the nation's future trade relations with the world by recommending a barter system to facilitate immediate imports of needed foodstuffs and raw materials. Under terms of surrender, Japan will not be permitted to produce some of the items formerly exported.

Under the Japanese proposal for the resumption of trade, Nippon would receive substantial amounts of food, salt, cotton, copra, coal, iron ore and non-ferrous metals, in exchange for gold, diamonds, silk, cotton goods, chemical products, medical supplies, machinery, hardware, and tin.

The problem of recreating the Japanese economy was pointed up by revelation that the country had been the sixth biggest prewar exporter, shipping out almost a billion dollars worth of goods each year. Of the total amount, China obtained the largest part, with the U. S. and India following.

Of the total amount, China obtained 27.2 per cent; the U. S., 18.2 per cent; India, 6.2 per cent; Great Britain, 3.7 per cent; Latin America, 3 per cent; Australia, 2 per cent, and Germany 0.7 per cent. Other European and Asiatic countries took 2.1 and 3.1 per cent of the remainder of exports respectively.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for December 2

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THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS ECONOMIC RELATIONS

LESSON TEXT: Deut. 8:17, 18; Luke 12:13-21.

GOLDEN TEXT: A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.—Luke 12:15.

Peace and the postwar period find America, and in fact the entire world, plunged into tremendous economic problems far too deep for any man or group of men to solve. We honor those who are laboring day and night to meet the threat of unemployment, the question of reconversion and readjustment to civilian production, of feeding a hungry world, etc. But we say again, they cannot find the answers in the wisdom of men; they must have the wisdom of God.

There is need, first of all, of a fundamental philosophy concerning possessions which will make men deal properly with them. The first section of our lesson says to us:

I. Think Right About Wealth (Deut. 8:17, 18).

How trenchant and altogether fitting are the words of Scripture: Nothing could describe our times more succinctly and accurately than verse 17. Men are glorying in their ability to do things.

Man has even gone so far as to develop a weapon of warfare, the atomic bomb, so powerful that he fears it might be used to wipe out all civilization. Even secular leaders are now saying that we must have a spiritual rebirth if we are to use such things for good and not for evil. Man needs God now more than ever.

We honor those who by skillful hand and brilliant brain produce excellent and thrilling results. But our question is, How many are there who say, God has done this thing. He gave the strength and the skill. His is the honor? Some there are who thus recognize Him, but they are few indeed. Their name is legion who say in their heart, "My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth" (v. 17).

II. Act Right About Wealth (Luke 12:13-21).

Most of us think of money as something we want to get hold of and use for ourselves, but if it belongs to God, and we are only his stewards, we must put away that impulse. "Take heed," said Jesus, "and beware of covetousness" (v. 15). It is a deadly and deadening sin, all too common even among Christian people.

The teaching of this whole passage of Scripture is so directly opposite to all ideas regarding such matters accepted by the world at large, that it may be a total surprise to some readers and attendants at Bible school.

The yardstick of success in the world for an individual, an organization, or a nation, yes, even for many a church, is the possession of wealth, or property, or other "things." Write it in large letters on the hearts and minds of our boys and girls, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (v. 15).

The one who was known to his friends (and to himself) as "a rich man" (v. 16), but whom God knew as a "fool" (v. 20), had more than he could use for himself. He had to build new and bigger barns, and could not see the "barns" that were already prepared, for, as Ambrose says, "Thou hast barns—the bosoms of the needy, the houses of widows, the mouths of orphans and infants."

He was a fool who loved money for itself and for himself. One wonders what he had to say for himself when that very night he was called into the presence of God to give an account of his stewardship (v. 20). If you are similarly situated and have the same attitude what will you say in that day?

There is an important point which we must note. Jesus expressly repudiated the connecting of His name with the so-called "social gospel" in His reply (v. 14) to the question of the covetous fellow who regarded his inheritance as of more importance than brotherly love.

Those who are ignoring the gospel, of redemption and claiming Jesus as a social reformer, or the "judge and divider" of some new economic solution for the world's ills, need to read and ponder this verse.

Every Christian is interested deeply in social problems, but knows that the first concern of Christ and His followers is the souls of men.

Frenchman's Procedure Really Quite Simple

Waiting for supplies to catch up with them, one of General Patton's armored units had rested a few days in a small French village. The citizens told the Americans that the most interesting thing in the town was a man one hundred years old with not an enemy in the world. An American officer thought this an unusual and beautiful thing.

"It is nothing of the sort," the interpreter contradicted him.

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Washington Digest

Attitude Against Postwar Service Sways Congress



Public Joins Influential Organizations in Objections to Training; Need for Interim Security Force Argued.

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In the days that followed President Truman's message to congress urging universal military training we, in Washington, waited to see if there would be an echo to the President's words spoken so earnestly but with so little effect on the audience before him. There was an echo all right but it was an emphatic rumble of negation.

I wasn't surprised—I read my listeners' letters.

It was interesting to see the way the members of congress reacted to the President's message as he delivered it. I watched them with one eye on the text of his speech as I stood squeezed into the crowd in the gallery of the house.

Varied Reaction To Proposal

Here are some of the sentences which I checked as bringing response:

"... above all else, we are strong because of the courage and vigor and skill of a liberty-loving people who are determined that this nation shall remain forever free." (Applause). Well, that was a general, non-compromising sentiment. Nothing to do with the subject in hand.

There was the statement that we didn't lack faith in the United Nations organization, "on the contrary with all we have, we intend to back our obligations and commitments under the United Nations charter." (Mild applause, this time.)

Then came the response to the first direct appeal for the measure in hand. The President said: "The surest way to guarantee that no nation will attack us is to remain strong in the only kind of strength an aggressor can understand—military power." Applause again but I had the feeling it was for the sentiment and not the suggested means of implementing it.

When he said that "the basic reason for military training" is to guarantee safety and freedom from an aggressor, there was another demonstration, but not quite as energetic and many members, I noted, refrained from any applause at all.

The last note is the most emphatic. "Good applause" followed the President's affirmation that "until we are assured that our peace machinery is functioning adequately, we must relentlessly preserve our superiority on land and sea and in the air." But that is just what the congress is not willing to do because it believes the country is not willing to have them do it. I am sure that that because I know they have been receiving, as I have, far more letters against military training than in favor of it.

Must Sell Public Program

Today, a man who keeps his fingers on the pulse of congress assures me that there will never be a universal military training act until a great deal more "selling" has been done by those who believe in it, than has been attempted so far.

This man, like the writer, is a convert to the cause, so his expression was the reverse of wishful thinking. Both of us, though members of the American Legion, never favored their program for universal service urged upon congress, beginning shortly after the last war.

"There is too much organized opposition," my friend said, "such powerful influences as the federal council of churches, some influential members of the Catholic church, virtually all of labor so far (and this includes the CIO and the AFL which often nullify each other's efforts) the colleges and the unorganized group which might be called simply 'the mothers.'"

Where do the returned veterans stand? It is too early to say. If they follow in their fathers' footsteps they will eventually vote for preparedness. It is the tendency of men who have seen service to place a high value on thorough preliminary training. But they will not become vocal until they join the ranks of the World War I veteran organizations or build others of their own.

There is, however, another force which may change the picture—a change in the international set-up which will inject the element of

fear into the people's attitude and since fear starts the adrenalin flowing that usually means action.

Meanwhile, there are those who feel that complete preparedness not only is essential in the interim, even though a future world security organization is moving swiftly to fruition, but that it will also act as a stimulus toward such a goal.

The argument runs, briefly: We must prepare to enforce peace, or prepare to fight a war. Many members of congress realize this and would undoubtedly support the President's program if they felt they could do so without flying in the face of the majority opinion of their constituents. I do not intend to use this column as a platform upon which to debate the issue now but I would like to present a viewpoint expressed by a medical man which made considerable impression on the comparatively few Washingtonians who heard him address a recent meeting in the capitol. The speaker was Dr. G. B. Chisholm, one of the world's foremost psychiatrists, who served as chief medical officer of the Canadian army and is now deputy health minister of Canada.

'Maturity' Needed For Peace

His thesis is that "this is a sick world, with an old, chronic but evermore extensive and serious sickness. Its sickness has recently become acutely dangerous and the future is uncertain indeed."

It is a sickness which has made us "the kind of people" who fight major wars every 15 or 20 years. The cure is education. Just as individuals become neurotic because they are not mature, and thus are unable to cope with the situations they must meet, so the world has developed a behaviour pattern which produces something which nobody wants: war.

We must have enough people who can show tolerance, be patient, and above all have the ability to compromise. These are qualities of maturity, Dr. Chisholm points out, and people, mature in this sense, would not want to start wars and would prevent other people from starting them.

But the doctor realizes that education will not produce such maturity in one generation. But such a state must be realized or we face one of two alternatives. Either we must become a race of trained killers, or a race of slaves.

Until we can achieve education sufficient to avoid such horrible fates, "for so long as it may take to change the bringing up of children enough in this world, our close watch on each and everyone in the world should not be relaxed for a moment." The first step in eradicating war is an attainable stopgap, Dr. Chisholm believes. Security must be achieved and the valid fear of aggression eliminated. This means legislation backed by immediately available combined force prepared to suppress ruthlessly any appeal to force by any peoples of the world. The administration of such a force is a delicate problem but it can be devised if and when the great power really wants it.

The second step would be to provide the opportunity for all peoples to live on economic levels which do not vary too widely, either geographically or by groups within a population. This means a redistribution of material. This is possible since there are enough resources in the world to go around.

It is impossible in this space to do justice to Dr. Chisholm's views but the main points are these: he feels that man has developed one consistent pattern of behaviour which causes him to indulge in a major war at frequent intervals; that going to war represents immaturity; that immaturity can only be cured by education beginning at childhood with an accent on the "sciences of living"; that until we achieve maturity we must unite ruthlessly to suppress the effort on the part of any nation or anyone in any nation to start a war.

Psychiatrists may not solve the problem of world peace but it is safe to say that immature laymen won't either. Meanwhile, what congress must decide is how dry the country wants to keep our powder.

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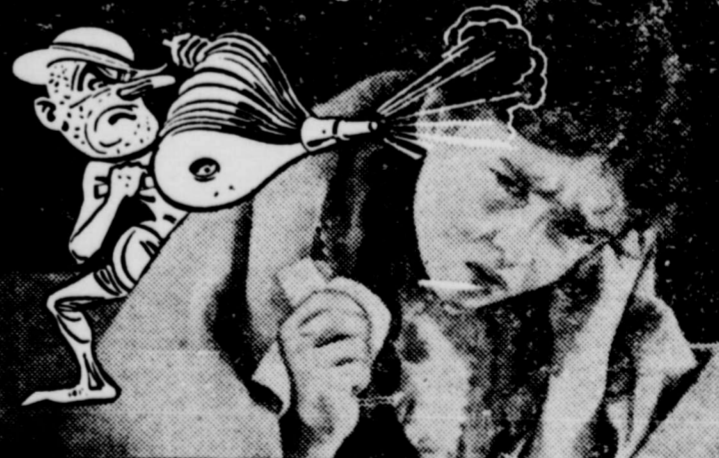
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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boyd Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark, Jr., were San Angelo visitors Monday.

Dick Preston who ranches south of Mertzton was a visitor here Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. C. M. Reynolds and son Bob and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dacy and children all of Schleicher county spent Sunday in Mertzton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parks were in Mertzton Monday after supplies for the ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Parks recently resigned their position on the Lake Tankersley ranch and moved to the Sonnie Noelke ranch.

Mrs. Frank DeLong who underwent an operation in the Shannon Hospital is rapidly recovering. Mr. and Mrs. DeLong are moving the first of the year to Carlsbad where Mr. DeLong recently purchased a farm.

Bart Westfall, Barnhart Commissioner, was in Mertzton Monday attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Packer spent Monday and Tuesday in Dallas where they accompanied their son Lynn who is entering the Navy Medical Corps another son C. E. Packer joined them at Abilene. They were accompanied by Mrs. Packer's father Dr. E. O. Deal.

Arch Lewis Owner of the Mertzton M-System Store and Pat Millican, manager of the meat department of the M-System store were business visitor to Mertzton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindley of Stiles were in Mertzton this week. Mr. Lindley owns and operates a ranch near Stiles and one near Mertzton. He brought some stock from his Stiles ranch to his Irion county ranch recently and says he and Mrs. Lindley will divide their time between Stiles and Mertzton.

Bud Ellis of San Angelo was in Mertzton Tuesday the guest of his son, Hayden Ellis.

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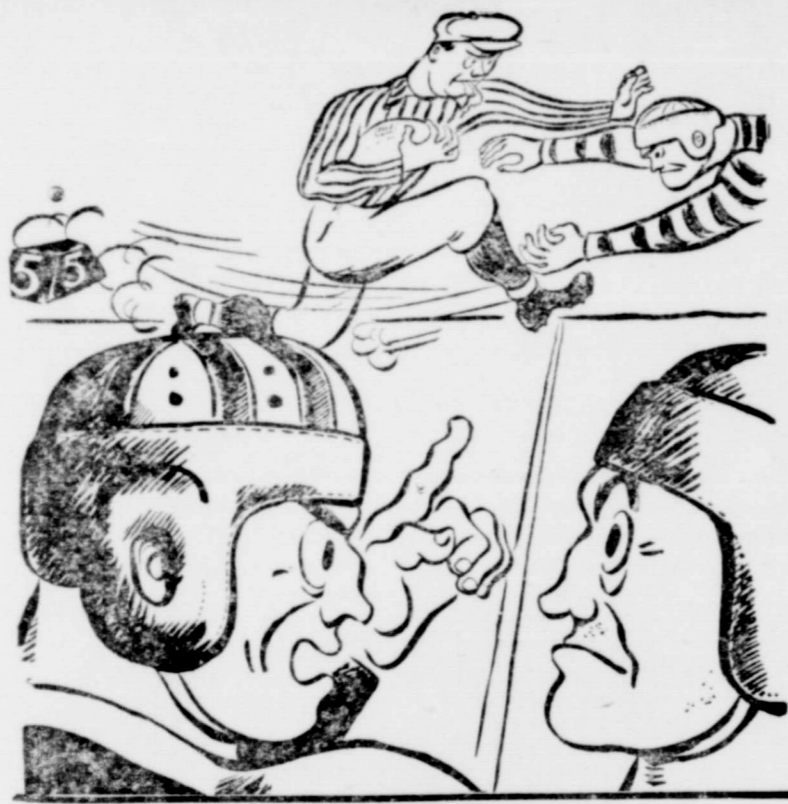
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OVERNIGHT GUEST

By BEN AMES WILLIAMS WNU FEATURES

THE STORY THUS FAR: Adam Bruce, department of justice operator vacationing in the Northeastern hills, where he had formerly lived, ran into his previous boss, Inspector Tope, and Mrs. Tope. He recommended that the Tope's spend the night at Dewain's Mill, operated by Bee Dewain, whom Bruce regarded very highly. Later that night Tope phoned Bruce to come out to the auto camp and have Ned Quill, a state trooper, join them. Despite the fact Bruce was to leave the next morning, he went out to meet Tope, knowing that something serious had happened. He was assured that Bee was not in trouble. He was to meet them at the Faraway cottage.

CHAPTER II

While Tope began to get out the bags, Bee and Mrs. Tope approached the cabin and the girl produced a key. Then, as she tried the knob, she said, in a surprised tone, half to herself: "Why, that's funny! It's unlocked!"

She entered and began to raise shades and let in a flood of light, and when Tope followed, with a bag in each hand, she was explaining to Mrs. Tope:

"You see, I had all the furniture built in. It's cheaper than buying."

Tope set down the bags; and he saw beds end to end along one wall, and a chest of drawers beyond. The beds appeared to promise comfort. The carpenter had built frames to support the springs and sheathed these frames down to the floor, so there was no chance for dust and rubbish to accumulate underneath. There were windows in front and rear and toward the brook; and a fireplace at one end, with birch logs ready for the match, and kindling and a crumpled newspaper under them on the clean hearth upon which, clearly, there had never been a fire.

Said Bee Dewain: "I'll open the windows. It seems stuffy. Would you like a blaze?"

"I think so," Mrs. Tope agreed. "It may turn chilly."

Tope crossed to touch a match to the paper under the kindling; but as he stooped down, he noticed something lying on the hearth, and held his hand.

It was a thing of no apparent importance. Another man, even though he saw it, would have discovered in this object no implications at all. It was simply a match which had been lighted and allowed to burn down till only half an inch of uncharred wood remained.

Tope's eye was caught by this match almost completely burned, and he saw two or three more, lying here and there. He had an old habit of noticing unimportant things, of suspecting importance in them; so now before he lighted the fire, he searched in the kindling and in the crumpled paper and on the hearth behind and beneath the logs, till he collected eleven matches which had like the first been lighted and burned almost to the ends before they were thrown away.

Bee Dewain was saying: "And supper will be ready at seven o'clock. Now if there's anything else you want—"

"You say we're the first ones to occupy this camp?" Tope asked mildly.

"The very first," Bee assured him. "I do hope you'll be comfortable." She turned to the door. "When supper's ready we ring a bell! You'll be sure to hear!"

As the girl's steps passed out of hearing, Mrs. Tope said: "Oh, we forgot to give her the message from Adam Bruce!"

"I was thinking of something else," Tope confessed; and he asked: "Need anything more out of the car?"

"Not for just one night!"

"We might stay longer," he suggested, and she smiled.

"Because a brook runs past the door?"

"When I see a place that looks fishy, I always want to try it out," he confessed. Something in his tone made her look at him; but he chuckled disarmingly. She began to unpack the few things they would need.

"It's nice knowing we're the very first ones in here!" she suggested.

He said, half to himself: "I wonder why they didn't turn on the lights."

"Why should she? It's still broad daylight!"

"Instead of using matches?" he persisted, in a deep abstraction; and Mrs. Tope looked at him with amusement.

"I discover new virtues in you every day," she remarked, "but you've unsuspected vices, too! It's time you quit detecting at your time of life, my dear. What are you wondering about now?"

He hesitated, said at last: "Why,

these!" He pointed to the mantel; she came to look, and he showed her those eleven burned stubs of matches which he had arranged in order there. "I found them in the fireplace," he said, watching her.

"Why not?" she protested, amused. "Probably the carpenters or the plumbers or the electricians threw them there, when they were finishing up the cabin."

"They wouldn't be working at night," he insisted.

"At night? Of course not! But they'd be smoking, lighting pipes and things."

"Whoever lighted these matches used them to see by."

She said briskly: "Nonsense! You've too much imagination! Are you trying to—scare me?"

"No, no!" He stood by the mantel, his back to the fire, looking thoughtfully this way and that as though he sought something. Yet in this small place nothing of any size could be concealed. There was no



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hiding place—unless perhaps the box-like under-structure of the beds.

"What is it you're looking for?" she asked.

"Nothing," he insisted, mendaciously. "Which bed shall I take?"

"The one nearest the fire."

He nodded, and went to the foot of the bed, built against the wall. "I never saw anyone yet who tucked in my covers at the foot the way I like them," he remarked.

"I'll do it!"

"Not even you!"

She laughed softly. "All right," she assented. "You're fussy as an old maid! I'll be down by the brook, if you're bound to be so independent. Come out when you're through!"

Mrs. Tope left the inspector inside, and walked toward the brook and sat down beside the water, relaxed and at her ease. It may have been ten minutes before she heard his step behind her.

"Well, ready for supper?" she asked.

He was a moment in answering. "Yes, I am." She looked at him intently, and he added: "But you know, I don't like this cabin, I wonder if Miss Dewain would let us change to one of the others, nearer the road?"

"Why? You act as though Faraway were—haunted!"

He said in slow apology: "You'll have to get used to my notions. I go a lot by them."

"We'll ask her when we go to supper," she promised; and after a moment she said, not looking at him, looking at the dark water: "Of course, I know something is bothering you and I know you'll tell me when you're ready. But—if you're uneasy, suppose we move on, tonight?"

He shook his head. "No, not tonight. Tomorrow, maybe; but not tonight."

Her eyes were grave, but she made no comment; and they came down to the Mill together, came into the bright dining-room. Bee Dewain was here alone, and Mrs. Tope said directly:

"Miss Dewain, may we change our minds about Faraway?"

And she explained, smiling apologetically: "Mr. Tope lived in an apartment before we were married; and now he isn't happy unless he can hear traffic going by. He wants to

be nearer the road."

"Of course," Bee assented. "I'll have Earl shift your bags while we eat supper."

Tope asked: "Have you a pay station here?"

The girl said: "Yes indeed!" She showed him the phone in the closet under the stairs.

When he emerged, he said at once: "You know, Miss Dewain, I think we have a mutual friend. Adam Bruce?"

The girl cried with quick interest: "Do you know Adam?"

"Known him for years," Tope declared. "I've heard him speak of you! In fact, he advised us to stop here. We had lunch with him in Middleford today. He said he'd seen you just yesterday. He sent you his love!"

Bee, her eyes dancing, tossed her head; and Tope said watching her: "He warned us not to mention his name; said if we did, you wouldn't take us in!"

"Adam's an idiot!" said Bee Dewain, her cheeks hot. While Tope was at the phone, the supper bell had been rung violently by some one at the kitchen door; and as Bee spoke, perhaps summoned by the bell, the gray-haired violinist appeared in time to hear her words.

"Adam?" the newcomer echoed. "Our young friend Bruce?" His tone was sardonic, hostile.

Bee introduced him; and he bowed, smiling. "Balsar Vade, otherwise known as the Lone Wolf," he explained. "I have the dignity of a cabin named after me, as Miss Dewain may have told you." And he asked: "What particular idiosyncrasy has our Mr. Bruce committed now?"

No one answered him, but Mrs. Tope saw her husband's glance rest upon the violinist, a lively speculation in the old man's eye. Then others came trooping in. The Murrell twins and their father and mother Mrs. Tope had already seen; but there were others, new arrivals, men. Miss Dewain introduced them. Mr. Whitlock, she said, and Mr. Beal.

Inspector Tope turned with Mrs. Tope toward their new cabin. It was called Cascade. On the stoop, he paused and looked around. Dusk cloaked them from every view. He made sure of this; and he said in a low tone:

"Go inside, my dear. Talk, turn on the lights, draw the blinds. Read aloud. I'll come soon." And without waiting for her assent, he slipped away, his feet silent on the carpet of pine needles.

Mrs. Tope was half impatient with this mystery, and half alarmed. Nevertheless after a moment she obeyed him. She went in, and drew the blinds. Then in sudden haste—the darkness was affrighting—she switched on the lights, and found a magazine in her bag and began obediently to read aloud. Alone in the cabin, her voice went monotonously on and on.

But her eyes did not stay fixed on the page. Her nerves were steady enough; yet the steadiest nerves might have been shaken by this necessity of sitting alone, in a small closed cabin with drawn blinds.

Adam found the door open. He went in, turned on the lights, closed the door. Some embers of a fire still glowed on the hearth, and he added fresh wood, and stood with his back to the fire, intensely alert, listening for any sound outside, wondering where Tope was, and what the old man had to tell, and how soon he would appear. But almost at once he heard soft footsteps on the turf—not on the gravel drive—outside; and then, without knocking, Tope opened the door. He came in, Mrs. Tope behind him.

"Hello, Adam," he said mildly.

"I didn't expect to see you again so soon," Adam confessed, gripping the other's hand. "Hello, Mrs. Tope. Inspector, if this is a wild-goose chase, I'll take it out of your hide. I'm supposed to be back on the job at noon tomorrow."

"You'll have a job here," Tope told him. "Let me give it to you in order, Adam," he explained. "So I'll get it straight in my own mind." And as Adam nodded, he went on slowly, as if weighing each phrase.

"When Miss Dewain put us in this cabin, she said it was new this spring; and that no one had ever spent the night in it. She had a key to unlock the door here; but the door was already unlocked."

"Probably whoever cleaned up after the carpenters got through forgot to lock it."

"Maybe," Tope assented. "But—I don't like that word 'probably'! Here's the next thing. I started to light the fire, and saw a match on the hearth. A burned match. It was burned clear down; but not the way a match is burned when it is used to light a cigarette."

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4. Can one correctly say of an airplane, it "zoomed down"?
5. What is considered America's greatest cash crop?
6. In nautical language to sail

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The Answers

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Local News

Cpl. Glenn G. Dewey, of San Angelo spent Monday in Mertzon. Cpl. Dewey is now located at Goodfellow Field having been moved there from Arizona. His home is in California. He was here looking for men who are interested in re-inlisting.

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First Methodist Church

Roy B. Shilling, Pastor.

Preaching each 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays.

Sunday School 10 A. M. Preaching 11 A. M. and 7 P. M.

Young Peoples Meeting at 6:15. Juniors at 5:30 P.M.

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L. W. Kirk, of Barnhart was slightly injured Saturday evening when he was struck by a pickup truck at the corner of Chadbourne St. and Beaugard Ave. He was released from a local hospital after treatment.

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