

# THE MESSENGER

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PECOS VALLEY'S FERTILE  
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Immediate interest to the oil industry is the progress of several wildcats in the southern district. A test in eastern Lea county in the wildcat in the territory, which has been drilled for several weeks is the No. 15-18-31, reported prepared to swab.

## Carlsbad Youth Dies In Roswell

Evel Holley, 23-year-old son of M. H. Holley, Carlsbad, was killed Friday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock when the motorcycle he was riding crashed into a passenger car in front of La Honda courts, in Roswell.

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## Rain and Snow Bring Winter

Winter struck swiftly here Tuesday, following a slow drizzling rain. A fine rain driven by a north wind turned to snow Tuesday night, but the white flakes melted within a few hours, leaving only a trace of snow on the house tops.

## Alleged Hit-Run Driver Arrested

Jose Oroma, farm hand, was being held in the Eddy county jail Saturday night in connection with an alleged hit-and-run accident Friday night in which Esteban Gevora, Lovington laborer, was injured, according to word from Carlsbad.

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### CHAPTER XII—Continued

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"Edelweiss claims he gave him two hundred and twenty-five. But he'll sell it back to you for the twenty-five extra because he don't want any trouble, see?"

"Can you get it for me?" "Certainly."

Peter Cayne took out his wallet and gave Terriss two hundred-dollar bills, two twenties and a ten.

"Then get it at once. I don't like to think of my gifts to my wife being in that scoundrel's hands."

"To say nothing of the value of it!" exclaimed Terriss, with what he meant for sympathy. "Okay, Mr. Cayne, I'll go right down there. He's holding it till he hears from me."

"When you bring the bracelet bring me your account and I'll pay it." He sagged down into his chair and swung half round with his back toward them.

Terriss rose and went to the door, then turned and looked back. "And Miss Vincent, here, she's washed up too. Will it be all right for her to get her things and leave, or do you want to make some excuse to Mrs. Cayne and the servants about fring her? You don't want them to know why she was there, I guess."

With an effort Peter Cayne came back to them. "I promised you a bonus, didn't I, Miss Vincent, if you found the thief?"

"I won't take it," said Rachel. "I wouldn't think of taking it. I can't tell you how sorry I am, Mr. Cayne."

"You thought he was a good boy, didn't you? You didn't see any signs? I keep trying to find excuses for him, maybe he wanted to help out some of his friends and didn't want to tell me, he knew I didn't like 'em, they seemed a cheap crowd to me—did he ever say anything that made you suspect?"

Terriss interposed before Rachel could answer. "It was his trying to borrow money off Miss Vincent that gave her the hot tip. And he's borrowed off your servants till they won't lend him any more."

"Mr. Terriss—you shouldn't—" "Oh God!" groaned Peter Cayne.

"He tried to borrow from you, Miss Vincent? Did you lend him anything?"

"No—and I wouldn't have told you—"

"Better I should know it. I don't want to be shielded by outsiders from what's going on in my own family. This'll kill his mother if she finds it out, she's so wrapped up in him."

"Mr. Cayne," said Rachel, "I'll go up and get my clothes and tell Mrs. Cayne that I've found another job, or that I've been called away by sickness in my family, I'll make some excuse and I'll leave at once, if you don't mind. And please forget about the bonus. I couldn't take it."

"That's very irregular, Miss Vincent," snapped Terriss. "You can't afford to be sympathetic. You're earning your living."

"I'll never earn it in this way again," said Rachel, fervently. She rose, eager to end the miserable interview.

"Don't take it that way, Miss Vincent," said Peter Cayne, dully. "It's better for me to know the whole thing. You did what I wanted, you found the thief. Just don't let Mrs. Cayne suspect anything queer, will you? I'll take care of the rest of it."

"I'll take care," promised Rachel. "Mr. Cayne, please—I don't want to be impertinent, but don't be too hard with Holbrook. Many young people—get strange ideas—and don't consider their—parents. I know—I've done it myself."

He did not answer, but made a slight movement of the hand in acknowledgment. Outside the door Terriss spoke severely. "You'd ought to have taken that bonus, to act. He offered it and you earned Miss Vincent, that's a foolish way it. It's not your fault he's got a bad egg for a son."

"I don't want to be melodramatic," said Rachel, "but that money would have seemed a little like the 30 pieces of silver to me."

"I don't get you," said Terriss. "What 30 pieces of silver? It was 36 silver spoons in that lot the boy took."

"Never mind," said Rachel. "Oh, but I'm glad this is over."

"You're one of those young ladies who let your feelings run away with you and you can't do that in this business. I hope you didn't mean what you said about never taking another job of this kind, I'll be glad to turn something else your way. I misjudged you, Miss Vincent, at the first, but now I believe you might develop into a good operator, with training, of course, and experience. The way you got yourself up like a maid, and did a maid's work and got in with the servants shows you've a talent for this kind of work."

"I'd hate to think so. No, Mr. Terriss, I'm through playing detective and that means I'm through. I'll go back to posing thoroughly."

"Well, Louis Vinco'll be thankful, too, I expect. He's been giving me an awful razz about taking you off his work. But look at the profit you might've made. That bonus—"

They had reached the street. "Good-bye, Mr. Terriss," said Rachel, shaking hands with him. "You've been awfully nice. I'm sorry to be such a disappointment, but nothing will change my mind."

"Never speak too final," said Terriss. "Circumstances alter cases, I always say. You got my phone number and if you should reconsider, give me a buzz, that's all."

"Not to ask for a job, Mr. Terriss." As she went on Rachel felt unhappy, yet relieved in spirit. At least this was over. Now there was nothing left to do but get out of the house and forget the whole wretched affair. "I shall have to forget a great deal," she thought, "but most of all I want to forget about her. I don't want to think of her again. I shall try not to remember how she looks or how she acts. I shan't even remember her name if I can help it. If I ever see her again I'll avoid her. It serves me right for doing this behind Anne's back, and for wanting someone different from Anne. I'll just get away as quickly as I can."

She began to wonder what she could tell Lena and Towers, who had been so good. It might be best to say that she had another place, if she said anything else they would be over-observant and perhaps over-protective.

For he was staring at her as if he had never seen her before. He repeated her words, almost whispered them: "Rachel has stolen your bracelet, the big gold one. Oh Elinor, my poor darling—"

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"Towers says you cleaned my room, he saw you in the closet, he told us so. And the paper was there when I went out, I'd just looked at it and the only reason I didn't take it with me is because there isn't any good inside pocket in my camel's-hair coat." Holbrook was sobbing now. "I came in and put on my other coat and then the paper was gone. Mother, make her tell us!"

Elinor flung her arms protectively around the boy. "Don't, don't, darling," she begged. "It'll be all right. This girl's got to tell or else I'll have her arrested."

"You'll have me arrested?" said Rachel. "You will have me arrested?"

Nobody heard the door open behind them, but they heard Peter Cayne's voice booming over them. "What's going on here? What's all this?"

Elinor Cayne pushed Holbrook behind her and stood up defiantly.

"Peter," she cried, "I want you to send for a policeman. Rachel has stolen my bracelet, the one you gave me a long time ago, the big gold one with the four square sapphires." Her voice faltered, changed into fear. "Peter—what's the matter with you?"

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His voice was cold now, his eyes hard, but Rachel knew that something within him was dying. "Don't make it sound so dreadful, Mr. Cayne," she begged, shakily. "They didn't realize—"

But Elinor Cayne cut across the plea for pity. "What's this girl got to do with it? What's she doing here anyway? You've banded the servants to spy on us, they all hate me, Towers and Lena and Yates and now this girl."

Cayne went on as if he had heard neither woman. "I wouldn't have believed this unless I'd heard you say so. I—I can't believe it yet. I think you're shielding Holbrook. It was bad enough when I thought he was to blame, but you—Elinor, I don't know, I don't know! You must be crazy."

"It's a wonder I'm not crazy! I'm like a prisoner, everywhere we go and whatever we see it's because you want it! Holbrook, too—never any freedom, never any rights of his own, you force him to do the things he loathes—"

"Well," said Peter Cayne, "if he feels like that and has any guts, why don't he get out and dig for himself? I'd never have put up with being bossed as you say he is when I was his age. But of course you've babied him and spoiled him. He's more like a girl than a boy, I never thought I'd have a sissy for a son."

"Don't dare talk like that!" shrieked Elinor. "Holbrook's a genius, he's like me, he's sensitive, he must have understanding and sympathy and care! What do you know about anything except your hard old business? You ought to be proud of Holbrook—"

Rachel looked at the disheveled Holbrook, clutching his mother's hands, covering before his father. She trembled with something worse than fear. It was the realization that this was her mother, this was her brother and that she innocently had brought them to this pass. "I am watching death," she thought, appalled. "Everything that seemed decent in them is dying and everything Peter Cayne lived for is dying too. And there's nothing I can do, nothing." She went out of the room and down the hall blind with tears she could not hold back.

Elinor's voice was shrilling on, higher and higher, bitter, venomous, mad!

Towers and Lena were down the hall trying to hear what was going on. They wanted to question her but she waved them away. "I can't tell you, it wouldn't be right," she said. "It's all between them now."

Rachel went into her own room, shut the door. She wanted to get away quickly, quickly. Her suitcase was under the bed, she pulled it out and began throwing her clothes into it, but even her will to escape failed her and she sat down on the one chair and rested her head on the dresser, sobbing.

Someone opened the door and came in and she roused herself to face Elinor Cayne, her face twisted from its beauty, her fair skin blotched with angry red, her blue eyes shrap with fury. Rachel saw these ravages in an agony of pity.

"Oh, I am sorry," she said. "I know about you now," said Elinor Cayne. "I thought there was something queer about you from the first day. I never trusted you and I never liked you. And now I know you were sent in here just to trap me and ruin my life and Holbrook's. I wasn't going to let you leave without telling you how rotten and vile I think you are!"

"Don't," said Rachel, "don't say such things. I can't bear it."

(TO BE CONTINUED)



"I Know About You Now," Said Elinor Cayne.

curious as well. She devised a possible announcement but she had no chance even to begin it for Towers met her at the servants' entrance fairly wringing his hands, Lena with him in tears.

"Rachel, Rachel, where've you been? The madame's been carrying on like a wildcat. Something's happened, I don't know what, the boy's mixed up in it, too. Something about your cleaning his room, they asked me who'd been in there and I told 'em. But look—Lena and I'll stand by you, don't you let the little brat scare you. We know you're all right. Go on in."

As she started down the hall Lena caught her arm. "You better put on your uniform. She'll be madder yet if she sees you dressed up."

"It doesn't matter," Rachel told them, "I was out looking for another place and I've found one. It doesn't matter how she sees me or what she says."

She went on to the drawing room where she had seen Elinor Cayne and Holbrook for the first time, but today they were not sitting at the tea table. The whole room as she came in seemed filled with their suspense and terror and anger, they themselves were so wrenched and driven by these furies. They pounced at her.

"Did you clean my son's room?" said Elinor. "Did you clean his closet? I know you did. Don't lie to me."

"Yes," said Rachel, slowly, "I cleaned the room and the closet."

"You took a paper out of my overcoat pocket!" shrieked Holbrook. "Where is it? Give it back to me this minute!"

Elinor Cayne came close to the girl, she was haggard and desperate. "I'll pay you for it, I'll give you anything you want, I can get money, or I'll give you some of my jewelry. This is very important, Rachel, it may make a lot of trouble for Holbrook—be still, let me handle it, son. Quick, we've got to get this settled before Mr. Cayne comes home, he may be in any moment—quick, Rachel—you must have taken the paper. Give it to me at once—"

"It was a little slip of white paper with some penciled figures on it, in my inside pocket!" wailed Holbrook.

Rachel put her hands up to her head, trying to think what to do,

## Great Mogul Diamond Kept in Moscow Treasury Building; Is on Exhibition

In an unpretentious room in the Moscow Treasury building there is on permanent exhibition a simple glass case that contains the famous Great Mogul diamond, one of the largest in the world. This priceless stone, formerly called the Orlov in honor of the count who ran many risks to procure it for Catherine II's collection, has a long and colorful history.

Originally weighing 300 karats, it adorned the throne of the Persian Nadir Shah until 1772, at which time it passed into the hands of the extravagant Russian empress, Nadir Shah, to gratify a whim, one day decided to have it cut differently. The recutting was performed, but the Great Mogul lost 100 priceless karats. However, still flawless and of brilliant luster, it ranks among the leading diamonds of the world.

The Treasury building's collection consists of several thousand precious stones. Massed together now as the property of the U. S. S. R., they embody a history

that is so varied and colorful that it seems almost fantastic. Afghanistan rubies bought secretly in China to grace the crown of Empress Catherine, chrysolites gathered from the Red sea by Crusaders, rare emeralds and rubies, diamonds famous throughout Indian and Persian history, all having curious legends of their own, are now set simply in black velvet casings in the treasury museum.

Until recently the stones were unassorted and unclassified. In the excitement that followed the outbreak of the war in 1914 the treasures of the Winter palace's jewel room were hastily transferred to Moscow. When old Russia became the U. S. S. R., the collection passed into the hands of the government.

Eskimos Make Sundaes Eskimos in the Good News bay, Alaska, area, have a reliable concoction similar to ice cream sundaes. They call it "gotuck." Some of its ingredients are seal oil, tallow, mossberries, snow and cod liver oil.

## Christmas Morning Mothers!



Picture Parade

CHRISTMAS dolls are producing many a juvenile "ooh!" and "aah!" this year. Betsy has a portable folding bath tub with underclothes and safety strap. Also complete changes of underclothing (really necessary!!).



It's Monday after Christmas but wash day doesn't last long for the modern young lady with a washing machine. Thoroughly spoiled by modern conveniences, she uses a built-in wringer, folding ironing board and a dryer.



The Dionne quintuplets are three and a half now and Santa Claus has kept pace with the years of these international idols. Since they're not babies any more, he had to perfect "grown up" toys. Hence this see-saw on which Yvonne, Cecile, Annette, Marie and Emilie play under the eyes of a watchful "mother." As last year, the world-famous quintts will be prominent in 1937 Christmas doll circles.



Since dolls are always top favorites with the little mothers who creep downstairs on Christmas morning, whirring machines have been turning out thousands of them this year. Here is a mountain of arms and legs made of a rubber which scientists of the B. F. Goodrich company have made to simulate the texture of baby's skin.



Artificial eyes, ready to animate Christmas dolls.

## Smiles

What's the Matter, Pop? Father (looking at son's report)—Do you know that George Washington was at the head of his class when he was your age? Son—Yes, but he was President of the United States when he was your age, pop.

Most men are easy marks for the girl who aims to please.

Granite "Then she isn't exactly one of the sympathetic sort?" "Sympathetic! Why, it's my opinion that woman wasn't born; she was quarried!"

"Ah showed yo' mammy with JEWEL, too, honey"



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News Review of Current Events

CONGRESS CONFUSED

President Returns to Find His "Must" Measures Are Facing Failure of Passage in the Present Session



Pictured above from left to right are Senator William Borah of Idaho, Senator Edward R. Burke of Nebraska and Professor Henry W. Edgerton of Cornell University and formerly of the antitrust division of the Department of Justice, as the professor was about to appear before a subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee.

Edward W. Pickard SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

Stormy Days in Capital

RETURNING from his fishing trip in Florida waters with an infected gum, President Roosevelt was confronted with a situation that was decidedly disconcerting.

The senate's farm bill seemed to have the best chance to get through, but it differed so radically from the house measure that it was certain a conference committee would have to try to find a common ground.

Tax Setup Needs Revision

DANIEL C. ROPER, secretary of commerce, says the entire tax structure of the United States should be revised.

He asserted that the undistributed profits tax had not entirely fulfilled its proponents' expectations that it would bring about a higher velocity of money through larger and more widespread distribution of corporate earnings.

Mr. Roper expressed confidence that a "constructive approach will be found to the solution of the utilities dilemma and that significant results will be forthcoming."

standing between utilities and the administration, Wendell L. Willkie, president of Commonwealth and Southern corporation, proposed a general truce between business and the Roosevelt administration.

Lindberghs Come Back

AFTER two years of self-imposed exile in England, Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh returned to the United States.

The landing of the Lindberghs at New York was accomplished with such secrecy that they almost escaped the notice of reporters and news photographers.

Infantry Comes First

IN WAR operations on land the infantry is still the most important branch of the service, says Gen. Malin Craig, chief of staff of the army, in his annual report.

It was crisp and starlit, and she walked far. The light and warmth of a cafe attracted her, and she stopped for tea.

Edgerton Backs Water

CONFIRMATION of the appointment of Henry W. Edgerton of Cornell university as associate justice of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals was endangered because it was thought from his writings that he did not believe in judicial review.

Leviathan to Be Junked

JAPAN made a bid for the Leviathan, huge liner seized from Germany in the World war, but the United States Lines rejected it and sold the vessel to Metal Industries, Ltd., of London for \$800,000.



MRS. GREENE sighed as she rummaged through the old trunk for the Christmas decorations. Sighed, and felt ashamed.

The CHRISTMAS HARVEST

By ALSON SECOR In Successful Farming

OLD SANTA CLAUS—Some don't believe in him because He makes them spend.

They are tight-fisted cynics, these. They never know how presents please The little kids, and others;

They never learned to live Because they never learned to give. You've got to plant before you reap.

He found the decorations and bustled down. Mary, the housekeeper the boys provided, had finished.

He shined eyes made the whole night seem brighter. They left together.

There was more than the bicycle. It seemed a shame, Mrs. Greene



And Before Long She Heard the Boy's Whole Story.

said, for mittens not to be used, and these books, now, and—well, why not? Mary would be scandalized,

"Listen, lad," she said, "I've been aching my heart out for a son. And you need a home. Couldn't we give ourselves to each other for a Christmas present? Won't you be my son?"

"Gee!" cried the boy, voicing a wonder of love and gratitude. "You can sure have me, and Merry Christmas! Merry, Merry Christmas, Mother!"

ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING

THERE are those to whom Christmas dinner would not be Christmas dinner without ending with plum pudding.

Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

"He Confessed a Murder"

By FLOYD GIBBONS Famous Headline Hunter

HELLO EVERYBODY: Meet James B. Doyle, boys and girls, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who tells us a yarn today about a terrific adventure that happened to him while he was a member of a CCC camp in Long Island back in '34.

Jim was sleeping soundly, after a hard day's work, when he was awakened by the bright rays of a flashlight in his face.

"What's the matter?" he growled. The light flashed off and Jim recognized the hushed voice of a buddy of his who occupied a bunk near him.

"Sh-h-h," it warned. "Don't make any noise. I want to tell you something—something important."

"Well, go ahead," Jim answered, "but I don't see why you wake a fellow up at this time of the night to tell stories."

"I can't tell it to you here. Someone might be listening. Slip into your clothes and come to the washroom."

Told of Killing Infirmary Attendant. The washroom was a separate building. It was raining outside and Jim didn't feel like getting wet.

"I'm in trouble," he said finally, "a lot of trouble. I want your advice. But first I want your promise that you will never breathe a word of this to a living soul."

"I promise," Jim said wearily, "what's the trouble?" "I've just murdered a man!"

Jim's eyes nearly popped out of his head. Murder! He hadn't



"I've Just Murdered a Man," He Said.

thought it would be as bad as that. He couldn't quite figure it out. He remembered seeing his buddy in bed earlier in the night and said so.

"I know it," the excited man went on, "but I got up in the night and went down to the infirmary. The attendant and I got into an argument and I shot him dead."

Jim understood now and recoiled in horror from the speaker. Face to face with a murderer he felt a feeling of revulsion.

"I wish I was kidding," was the answer; "if you don't believe me go down to the infirmary and see for yourself. He's lying on the floor in a pool of blood. I put two bullets in him."

Jim's Turn Was to Come Next. Jim, still unable to associate his friend with such a cold-blooded killing, studied his twitching face carefully.

Jim promised anything to get away from that menacing bulk in the raincoat pocket. But his words fell like water on a duck's back.

"The gun is right here in my pocket," he sneered, "and I was just thinking you know too much. You're the only man who knows I did it and I know what's on your mind. You're going to tell the state troopers. I was a sucker to tell you I killed a guy, but I'm going to kill you now and play safe. One more won't matter."

And with that the self-confessed murderer came after Jim. Jim backed away, stalling for time. He talked fast and told the determined man that he was his friend.

"Don't kill me," he pleaded. "I won't say a word. Run away now and they will never know who did it."

Jim promised anything to get away from that menacing bulk in the raincoat pocket. But his words fell like water on a duck's back.

All the Result of Shell Shock. Wham! Jim braced himself and let fly a haymaker! It landed full on the other's jaw.

Well, sir, Jim wouldn't risk going back to the barracks. He hid all night, instead, in a pile of lumber. From his shelter he could see his erstwhile buddy slinking back and forth in the darkness, searching for his escaped victim.

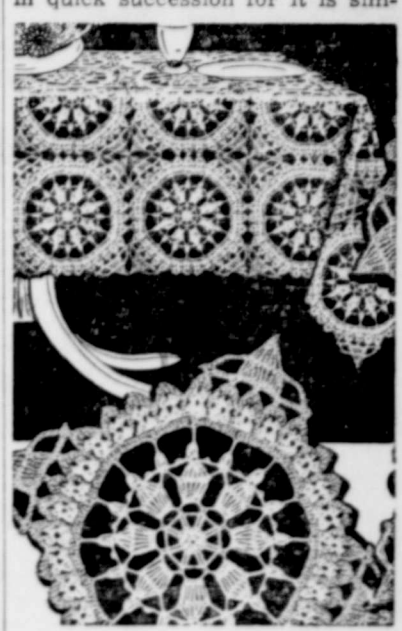
And up the path—alive and smiling—came the murdered infirmary attendant and his arm was around the man who had confessed to his murder!

Jim heard the whole story then. It wasn't a joke. His poor buddy, he learned, was suffering from shell shock, and, although he often had wild hallucinations he was, in reality, harmless as a baby!

And that, boys and girls, is what I call an adventure! Copyright.—WNU Service.

Lacy Cartwheels Make This Cloth

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Send 15 cents in stamps or coins (coins preferred) for this pattern to The Sewing Circle, Needlecraft Dept., 82 Eighth Ave., New York. Please write your name, address and pattern number plainly.

Home Heating Hints

By John Barclay Heating Expert

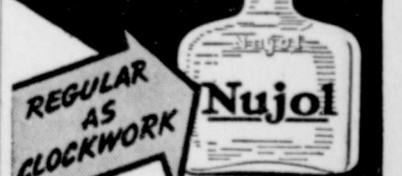
THERE'S a little fault with the firing method of quite a few home-owners that I should like to correct. They have a mistaken idea that when a fire is low, all they have to do is to shake the grates vigorously and the fire will flare up again.

Nothing could be further from the fact. A shallow, half-burned-out fire cannot be revived by shaking most of the remaining coals into the ashpit. The simple way to revive it is to add a sprinkling of fresh coal, giving it time to ignite.

Then refuel the fire, remembering to fill the firebox to the level of the bottom of the fire door. This will provide a deep fire, which is considerably more economical than a shallow one, for it burns less coal and lasts a longer period of time. Also, it minimizes the attention you have to give a shallow fire in trying to revive it.

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## HE PLAYED THE WRONG INSTRUMENT

"The trouble with your boy," said the Judge, "is that he played the wrong instrument. If, instead of letting him waste his spare time and money playing the nickel in the slot gambling machines in billiard rooms and dance halls, you had had him play the piano, the violin, the trombone or some other instrument, he might have kept away from bad company and he would not now be facing a two year sentence in the penitentiary."

"That hurts, Judge," said the father: "his mother wanted me to give him music lessons, but somehow I thought it was sissy for a boy, and again I guess I was too mean to lay out the money. Gosh, Judge, ain't there something that can be done? He's only seventeen."

"Well, said the Judge, "I could put him under parole. He looks as though he had good stuff in him; and I will do it under one condition, and that is that you buy him the best instrument you can afford and get him a fine teacher an darrange to have him come to my home once a month and let me judge how hard he is working at his music. You see, I was brought up with music in my home. I know what it means."

This story was told to us by a band conductor who refused to have his identity revealed. This much we do know, boys and girls

who are deeply engrossed in music study have not the time for dangerous nonsense. As Cervantes puts it, "Where there is music there is no mischief." Even in prisons, experts have found that those who play in the band and the orchestra offer far fewer disciplinary problems than those without these privileges.

Millions and millions of dollars are spent each year upon the manufacture of gambling slot machines, which, like all gambling devices, prove dangerously attractive to youth. They are the kindergartens of vice. A fraction of their cost spent upon music and musical instruments would reduce the potential prison population of tomorrow very greatly. The reason why such machines exist is that parents fail to do anything to counteract them.

Our prisons are filled with young men and young women, many of whom are there because of the neglect of their parents, just as though the parents had led the youths to the prison gates as a kind of human sacrifice in this "age of don't care." Let's stop it! Do your share!—Etude.

Editor's note:—There is in every human make-up just so much energy, naturally more in youth, than in more mature years. This energy must be expended, sometimes there is an excess, that needs more ways of "burning up." It is also characteristic of the human make-up to follow a leader, to naturally fall in line with precept. The duty of the home, the duty of the parents, and this includes the mother as well as the father, (the story used by the Etude, was merely used as an illustration, the Etude did not intend to stress the duty of the father as being any more important than that of the mother, but the duty of the home and both parents is to direct that energy of children, so that they naturally will desire those finer arts of life, and in so doing will create a better citizenship.

"I'm a self-made man."  
"You're lucky. I'm the revised work of a wife and three daughters."

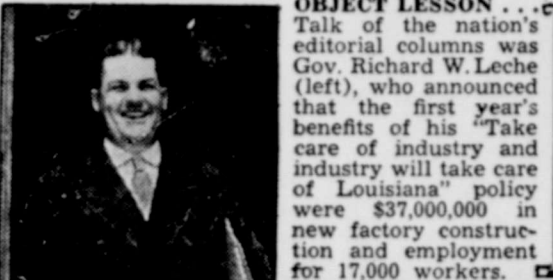
The minister arose to address his congregation. "There is a certain man among us today who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts five dollars in the collection box, his name will be read from the pulpit."

When the collection plate came in, there were nineteen five dollar bills and a two dollar one with this note attached: "Other three pay this day."

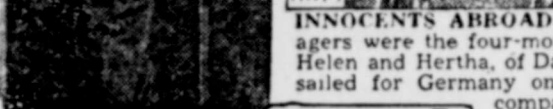
# People and Spots in the Late News



**SAILFISH, BEWARE!** . . . Turning his back on the special session of Congress, President Roosevelt, bound for a week's fishing, led the annual winter exodus to Miami, Fla., and was greeted by Mayor Robert R. Williams.



**OBJECT LESSON** . . . Talk of the nation's editorial columns was Gov. Richard W. Leche (left), who announced that the first year's benefits of his "Take care of industry and industry will take care of Louisiana" policy were \$37,000,000 in new factory construction and employment for 17,000 workers.



**INNOCENTS ABROAD** . . . The youngest voyagers were the four-month-old Coelle twins, Helen and Hertha, of Davenport, Iowa, who sailed for Germany on the Europa, accompanied only by their two-year-old sister, Anna, and cared for by travel agencies.



**SETS SPEED MARK** . . . In a startling demonstration of benefits of a new type tire soon to be introduced to the public, Robert Mackenzie sped from Los Angeles to New York in 51 hours, 48 minutes, clipping 2 hours and 42 minutes from old stock-car record, also set by him.



**NOT IN THE SCRIPT** . . . Martha Raye suffered a sprained ankle and John Payne lost a toenail when they fell from a balcony during the filming of a new picture in Hollywood. The cameras, grinding at the time, caught the unusual scene.



**FASHION** . . . New York society applauded this week's costume of Mrs. Ernest Utterback at the sixth annual Miss Distress Fashion Show and Ball at the Waldorf.

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## Livestock and Range Report

Sheep and cattle of this section have entered the winter in normal flesh except in scattering areas to the southwest of here. Feed is sufficient to carry the livestock through the winter in most parts of the state. Recent rains are expected to add life to winter grass and weeds.

The range over the state is reported to be above normal in condition and will carry stock through the winter without a great amount of additional feed. Stock water is still plentiful except in areas to the southwest of here where the rainfall was the shortest. The condition of the range is reported at eighty-seven percent against eighty eight percent last month.

### FEWER TURKEYS NOW, PER PERSON, THAN IN 1890

Considering the growth of the human population, turkey growers of today still have a considerable way to go before they catch up with the turkey growers back in the 1890's, a report of the Bureau of Agriculture shows. For example, back in 1890, turkey growers raised enough turkeys so that every five people could have had one turkey. In 1936, the year of the big crop of turkeys, growers provided only enough to go around at the rate of one turkey to every six persons.

For many years after 1890 considerably fewer turkeys were raised because the disease known as blackhead became widespread. Research finally showed how the trouble might be controlled.

The discovery of a control for blackhead, however, is only one of the reasons why farmers are again raising more turkeys. The development of commercial hatching of turkey poulters helped to increase turkey production. Artificial incubation of turkey eggs on a large scale got underway only about six years ago.

Because of the warm, dry, winter climate, growers in the southwest are able to produce early hatching eggs on a commercial scale. Cooperative turkey-shipping associations assemble the eggs in large numbers. With convenient supplies of eggs, commercial hatcheries are able to conduct large scale hatching operations.

### COTTON GRADE LOWER

The report on cotton classed from the southwest irrigated section, which includes the states of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas, district 1 (that section of Texas west of the Pecos river) indicates a decrease in percentages of white grades above middling in Arizona and New Mexico as compared with percentages reported last week. There are increased percentages in white good middling grades in California and very small change in percentages of grades in Texas, district 1, this week compared with the report of last week.

A small percentage of cotton classed this week in Arizona, California, and New Mexico is untradeable.

### APPLICATIONS FOR JOBS IN STATE TOTAL 557

Five hundred and fifty-seven persons took recent examinations for employment service jobs in New Mexico, it was learned last week.

Applications for state jobs included: junior interviewer, 156; senior interviewer, 84; manager, 40; administrative assistant, 27; field supervisor, 19; director, 7.

### RELIEF BILL GROWS

New Mexico's relief bill mounted to \$92,905 in October, approximately

ly \$1,114 above the total for September, the State Department of Public Welfare reported at Santa Fe Thursday.

In addition the department reported distribution of commodities and clothing valued at \$21,889.

Payment of old age pensions to 4,462 persons at a total cost of \$39,893 headed the state's relief expense. The pensioners received on average of \$11.52.

Aid to dependent children was the second largest item in the October report with 1,157 cases receiving \$28,176 for an average payment per case of \$24.44 and an average per child of \$8.48.

Direct relief clients numbering 6,108 received a total of \$16,483 while \$2,711 was paid out in aid to the needy blind.

In the two remaining classifications payments totaling \$2,478 were made for child welfare services and \$3,061 for crippled children's services.

The department also reported that 1,540 New Mexico boys were enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps during the month making the state's total enrollment in CCC camps 3,106 as of October 31.

No other person in the entire world is exactly like you—so be yourself and don't attempt to imitate any one else.

From an exchange: "Grandpa Smith celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday last Tuesday . . . at the head of the table sat grandpa and the birthday cake, beautifully lit up."

Wedding announcements, printed or engraved.—The Messenger.

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An advertisement of The Hagerman Real Estate Co., N. S. West and O. R. Tanner, contains this: "If you are crowded and tired of life in the effete East, come West. Ten acres of water-right land in the 'Arid West' will keep you in comfort the rest of your days, twenty will 'yield enough to spare, and forty will make you rich. Come to the Land of Perpetual Sunshine."

Dexter schools have seventy pupils enrolled. Greenfield has thirty-five.

Ollie Durand took his fine bay horse to Roswell to enter in the races.

### October 26, 1906; Chaves County's First Bale

The first bale of cotton ever raised and marketed in Chaves county was exhibited on the streets Tuesday by A. L. Haynes, the farmer who raised it, and who lives about twelve miles southeast of Hagerman. Mr. Haynes planted quite a field of cotton this year, but only cultivated the few acres which produced a fine crop. Mr. Haynes finds it very inconvenient to haul his cotton fifty miles to have it ginned and another seventy-five to market, but he thinks it will not always be this way. He thinks cotton can be successfully grown east of the Pecos and that it will be a staple crop in a few years.

"I want to buy a violin for my wife's birthday present."

"Yes sir, and do you want a chin rest to go with it?"

"By all means, if it's detachable."

"Oh, of course, but what's the difference?"

"I thought she could use it to good advantage when she wasn't playing the violin."

"How'd you get along with your wife in that fight the other night?"

"Aw, she came crawling to me on her knees."

"Yeah? What did she say?"

"Come out from under that bed, you coward!"

New Typist (following rapid fire dictation):

"Now, Mr. Jones, what did you say between 'Dear Sir' and 'Sincerely yours'?"

Mrs. Ernest Utterback leaves tomorrow for Las Cruces to bring Ruth and Stanley Utterback and Clarence Lathrop home for the holidays.

## Locals

Miss Betty Mason of Portal arrives Saturday to spend the days with home folk.

Will W. J. Alter please of the Messenger for a courtesy et to see "Music For Madam" the Crystal Theatre on Dec. 19, 20, or 21?

Miss Elizabeth McKinstry of Lovington schools will arrive tomorrow (Friday) to spend the days with home folk.

Miss Eliza Floto left Wednesday to spend the winter in Iowa her sister and other relatives.

Dr. J. T. Condit may have courtesy ticket to see "Music For Madam" at the Crystal Theatre December 19, 20 or 21 by call at the Messenger office.

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Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. F. W. Sadler, superintendent. Morning service each Sunday at 11:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. R. M. Middleton, director. Evening services each Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Emery C. Fritz, Pastor. J. E. Wimberly, Sunday school superintendent.

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Ladies Missionary society, second Monday each month, 2:30 p. m. Wednesday Ladies Aid society every month 1:00 to 5:00 p. m. Wednesday.

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Rev. P. B. Wallace, Pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Oscar Kiper, superintendent. Morning service, 11:00 a. m. N. Y. P. S., 6:30 p. m. Miss Ruby Rhoades, president. Evening service, 8:00 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rollo Davidson, Pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a. m. B. F. Gehman, superintendent. Morning service 11:00 a. m. Young people's service, 6:00 p. m. Evening service, 7:00 p. m. Prayer service on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

A cordial welcome awaits you at any of the services mentioned above. If you have not been in the habit of attending services, come to church Sunday and rest your mind and feed your soul.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa: Here is the very first letter to you. Please can you take time to read just what Carlyon wants you to bring?

Thank you, and we wish you a Happy Christmas, as we are sure you will have in making so many little girls and boys happy. The Messenger.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Di Di doll, a doll buggy, skates, sewing set, a sewing machine and dishes. Hoping to see you soon, Carlyon Hanson

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MONK'S BRIGHT SPOT 10th & Main



COMES HOME ALONE—Elinor Richard, 8-year-old orphan returns to her birthplace, San Francisco, from Norway, with her name and destination stitched on her coat as the only means of identification. Her uncle awaits to adopt her.

WINTER'S NEWEST MODE—Edith Dstman, young New York designer, poses in her own conception of the ideal 1938 skiing costume. She uses doeskin velvet—a new upholstery material that proves equally suitable for snowy slopes—in robin's egg blue and beige.

DOG IS ARMY OFFICER—Sergeant Rags, who has been in the Army for 15 years, seven of which he has been an officer in the 76th Field Artillery, is shown with Staff Sgt. L. R. Lappin.



AMNESIA VICTIM HOME—Two years after Jimmy Saunders became a victim of amnesia his memory was restored when a vertebra was put in place. He is shown being greeted by his wife upon arrival in Cincinnati.



CROCHET CHAMPION—Title of National Crochet Champion was conferred upon Mrs. Frank E. Hayward, of Seattle, Wash., by Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt at the American Woman's Club in New York. Mrs. Hayward's victorious bedspread was crocheted of cotton in a fine star-and-circle motif. It won over hundreds of entries of prize winners in local fairs.



SINGS FOR PRESIDENT—John Jacob Niles, invited by Mrs. Roosevelt to give a program of American folk music at the White House, holds one of the many dulcimers he has designed and on which he accompanies himself.



A Line To You

Can you place the actors in the everyday play of life around you? The gentleman whose favorite fishing equipment was sold at the rummage sale? The two young farmer boys demonstrating their ability as cotton growers this year? The two brothers who are giving their mother a marvelous Christmas present of a trip back home? The very young miss who said "I won't be ashamed to go to bed now"? That in the "smart set" were two who have attended all the concerts, and whose names were left out of the society column. (For that we beg pardon, but also remind that our telephone number is 17).

That the high school sent down more "do you knows" than we could possibly fathom?

THANKS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS Mrs. V. S. Curry B. F. Knoll Lt. George R. Lange Mark Boyce

NOTICE The Presbyterian Missionary society have a few boxes of Christmas cards for sale. See or call Mrs. B. W. Curry, phone 45, Hagerman, N. M. 50-1tc

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKinstry, the Rev. Emery Fritz, Miss Mildred Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green and Kirby Hughes attended the Christmas cantata at the Christian church in Roswell last Sunday night. E. O. Moore, Jr., has arrived from California to spend the holidays with home folk. Misses Ruth and Grace Wade

ALMANAC

- 17—Wright brothers make first successful airplane flight, 1903. 18—The Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery, proclaimed, 1865. 19—Patent issued to Wheeler for four motion feed for sewing machine, 1854. 20—Russian republics combined as Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, 1922. 21—Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, 1620. 22—Embargo Act passed prohibiting foreign commerce, 1807. 23—Act establishing Federal Reserve System passed by Congress, 1913.

will arrive tomorrow (Friday) from Denton, Texas, to spend the holidays with home folk.

Mrs. G. R. Hams may have a courtesy ticket to see "Music For Madame" at the Crystal Theatre on December 19, 20 or 21, if she will call at the eMessenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Watford accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green to Fort Sumner Tuesday. The party returned the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Solomon spent Tuesday in Roswell shopping.

Charles Weir arrived the latter part of last week to spend the holidays with home folk.

Miss Anna Lattion was an over night guest of Miss Nellie Mae Lange on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green went to Fort Sumner Tuesday to attend to business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus King and Neal were in Roswell Saturday visiting and looking for Santa.



Everybody Buys and uses Christmas Seals

1 MORE WEEK TO SHOP

J. W. Dodson and Miss Annette Holloman of Roswell visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Newsom Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wimberly and Clifford Wimberly transacted business in Roswell last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Sammy McKinstry arrived Saturday from Denver, Colorado to spend the holidays with home folk.

Miss Mildred Christensen and Mrs. A. L. VanArsdol shopped in Roswell last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Grady Fletcher and Ruth Ann left last week for Sulphur Springs, Texas to visit with her parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Walden were visiting Miss Wilma Walden and Mrs. A. M. Hedges and attending to business affairs in Hagerman Tuesday.

Enjoy Perfect Entertainment In Solid Comfort At Both Theaters. FRI. - SAT. Robert Louis Stevenson's "EBB TIDE" First Sea Picture in NATURAL COLOR Sun.-Mon.-Tues.-Wed. Barbara Stanwyck "STELLA DALLAS" JOHN BOLES. FRI. - SAT. BUCK JONES "HOLLYWOOD ROUNDUP" SUN. - MON. - TUES. MICKEY ROONEY JUDY GARLAND C. AUBREY SMITH "Thoroughbreds" Don't Cry" YUCCA = PECOS

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# RUSSIA'S DEMOCRATIC ELECTION

## Communist U. S. S. R. Prepares to Enfranchise 100 Million Subjects This Month—If the Pencils Hold Out!



All photos from Sovfoto. Now on an equal basis with their sisters throughout Russia, these collective farm women are among the numberless Soviet residents participating in the epochal, gigantic election.

By JOSEPH W. LABINE

COMMUNISTIC Russia is trying to be democratic. But her efforts may fail for want of pencils!

This month an estimated 100,000,000 voters are balloting in a country that covers one-sixth the world's land area. They will select representatives for village, regional, province, area and Supreme Soviets. Most of them are voting for the first time.

Angry threats are heard against the Timber Commissariat for allegedly trying to "wreck" the election. The pencil shortage could have been avoided through proper use of Russia's forest resources. Likewise, a serious paper shortage (for ballots) is blamed on the same bureau. While school children use slates in the emergency, every Soviet agency but the Timber Commissariat is apparently straining to make the election succeed.

And why this great effort? Russia's "most democratic" election will probably cause Nicolai Lenin, father of Bolshevism, to turn in his grave. It is the perfect antithesis of the specially-flavored brand of Marxian doctrine on which Lenin founded Soviet Russia 20 years ago. The Bolshevik goal then was world revolution and abolition of democracies. Mass suffrage was scorned.

**Election Is Defense Measure.** The apparent about-face is a direct result of pressure from Germany, Italy and Japan. Russia fears war. She must build an adequate national defense and this cannot be done under policies of class distinction and restricted suffrage. Every man must be made to feel Russia's future is his own future. The new era of quasi-democratic government is encouraging this attitude, forsaking the revolutionary flag in favor of a healthy defensive diplomacy.

The momentous election falls under the privileges inaugurated with the new "Stalinist constitution." The ballot is granted all men and women aged eighteen or more, "irrespective of their race, religious profession, trade and class extraction." Criminals and lunatics are barred. Unlike most "democratic" nations Russia gives the vote to soldiers



Gypsies, homeless and persecuted under the Tsarist regime, have been given "land, literacy, a happy and prosperous life" under Soviet rule. The grandson of E. P. Romashenko, seventy-six-year-old Gypsy collective farmer, is reading election rules to his aged relative.

and sailors. They are thoroughly tutored in communist doctrine and are most likely to vote "right." Similarly, suffrage starts at eighteen years instead of twenty-one as in other countries, because Russia's younger generation has known no other government than Bolshevism and will not vote against it.

Moscow boasts the election is a model of secrecy and democratic principle, but few foreign observers are hoodwinked. Comrade Stalin

and his associates have safeguarded themselves against an anti-administration vote. Press, radio and movies are under the government's thumb and only one party—the Communist—is permitted. Hence any organized opposition to Communist candidates will die in its youth. Since minutes of community nominating meetings must be signed by town officials, no minor authorities will endanger themselves by permitting the selection of non-conformist candidates.

### Religion Enters Politics.

Moreover, Moscow has avoided religious interference in the election by interpreting the Stalinist constitution as it saw fit. Article 56 of the election law granted the nominating right to all "legally registered societies." Among these are 30,000 religious communities which recently saw hope for their cause in nominating and electing sympathetic candidates. Just as their influence became felt in pre-election campaigning, Public Prosecutor Andrei Vishinsky denied religious societies the nominating right. "It is perfectly true that they are legally registered societies," he explained, "but they do not exist in the interests of the Soviet cause." Russia's "democratic" election is obviously tempered to suit the government's interests.

Despite the rejection of church groups as nominating bodies, thousands of village priests will play important roles on the election day. The recent "purge" which brought new Soviet administrators to the small towns is playing into the hands of religious bodies. These men are strangers. Not knowing what local candidates are sympathetic to the Communist cause, they will ask the priest's opinion, since in most villages the priest is a leading citizen. Thus will the priest gain administration support for the nominee favoring his interests!

### Why Hold an Election?

If religious societies are trampled upon and all pre-election propaganda favors the Communist party, what is the sense of this mammoth voting orgy? As in Hitler's recent German elections, there can be but one outcome. But it is not sheer comedy, say the Soviet leaders. Voters may have no choice of political parties or principles, but they have free choice among men. Those they believe the most honest and efficient will be elected; incompetent and corrupt officials will be ousted. How a Mongol peasant in Siberia is to judge the qualifications of two candidates in Vladivostok, a thousand miles distant, is not explained.

But let no one scorn modern Soviet Russia as a backward country. Within 25 years she may pass even the United States in literacy. Today only 15 per cent of her population is unable to read and write. Her program for youth is building a physically-fit generation that will probably outstrip all other nations.

There are so many amazing features about this giant country that the investigator goes away unable to understand it. Russia has suffered countless failures in the past 20 years, yet she has succeeded in a surprising degree despite her failure.

Lenin's communism is probably one of the failures, though the "Father" himself predicted his Utopia would be reached only via a zig-zag course, "by three steps forward and two steps back." Possibly the present "democratic" attitude is merely a temporary deviation from the intended path, necessitated by the encroachments of

fascism from all sides. In defense there cannot be class hatred. Russia discovered that once before when the hated Czarist regime found its subjects unwilling to play.

### Still Experimenting.

Thus today Russia employs methods little different from those of capitalism, so far as the average man or woman is concerned. An employee of Soviet Steel enjoys about the same status as a worker for United States Steel. The puzzle of this sprawling nation is further complicated when we realize that its methods are also similar to those of fascism. Twenty years after the revolution, Russia is apparently still in the experimental stage.

What, then, is the force that has transformed her from medieval feudalism to Twentieth century modernity in a scant 20 years? That very



The December election is probably contrary to ideals of the late Nicolai Lenin, "father" of Soviet Russia.

transformation is the most startling fact about this startling nation. It is Russia's one major claim to success. She has made her citizens so patriotic that they pity the American woman for her "lack of freedom." She has built huge industrial cities and changed agriculture from a primitive occupation to a scientific mechanized vocation. She has made people interested in their own country by a nation-wide system of free holidays on the semi-tropical coast of the Black sea.

Her army, once an undisciplined body of misfits, now challenges the world. Where most countries must beg youth to enter the army, Red Russia finds military candidates enthusiastic. And well they might be, for Soviet soldiers are better clothed, fed and housed than the masses. They receive practical and mental education, and after their period of service is up they settle on one of the thousands of communal farms maintained by the army.

Although Russia's citizenry boasts of "freedom" and "liberty," these things are based only on a comparison with their former feudal status. True democracies do not recognize as "freedom" any system which progresses by compulsion for the individual. In other words, is it "freedom" when the ruling powers assume the right to shoot, imprison or exile all dissenters?

But proud Russia, her eyes closed to these apparent discrepancies, invites comparison and boasts that this month she will hold "the most democratic election." If the Timber Commissariat gets around to manufacturing pencils and ballot paper, and if newly-enfranchised Russians learn how to mark their "X" in the proper square, the election will be a success in Moscow's eyes. Likely it will be a success no matter what happens, because Comrade Joseph Stalin isn't taking any chances.

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# Wool Robes and Hostess Gowns

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



CONSIDERING fashion from a fabric angle, the big news is the outstanding importance attached to the use of fine wool weaves not only for daytime clothes, as one would naturally expect, but that which is the thrill of thrills is the widespread use of rich wool materials for the evening apparel.

If you have the right slant on that which is truly high style you will wear over your prettiest formal gown to the opera, horse show, or to your favorite dine-and-dance rendezvous, a floor length cape (three-quarter length if you prefer) of broadcloth, duvetyne, or nubby tweed or even fine jersey, as some few Paris designers now sponsor.

For the more casual and workmanlike modes, smartly patterned flannels are shown in gay young stripes, checks and geometrical designs that yield to flattering tailored treatment emphasizing square-shouldered lines with mannish details to accent, by way of contrast, the femininity of the beautifully molded silhouette. To the left in the picture you will see just such a garment. It is of deep wine flannel with a smart white pin stripe, the same distinctively tailored in a wrap-around robe which is at once chic and practical. It has broad padded shoulders, slit pockets and tailored shawl collar

and is built on graceful fitted and flared lines. A self-fabric sash is tied casually at the waist.

In keeping with the mood for elegance that dominates current styles, there is a decided tendency to embellish these lovely at-home flannels with glistening trappings and bright metallic touches, also lavish embroidery, beading and fringe that contrasts to perfection the smooth richness of the fabric. For closings all the fashion world loves the new decorative slide fasteners that run the full length of the garment. See centered in the group the slender sculptured lines of a fitted woolen robe in rich blue flannel enlivened with contrasting tri-colored bands that make a perfect setting for the neck-to-hemline slide fastener that gleams so brightly against its gaily colorful background.

A diagonal zipper glittering with gold sequins is striking against the jet black of a gracefully draped robe in soft lightweight flannel, as shown to the right in the group. From a slender, high-built waist the wrap-around skirt falls in soft flowing lines and the well-cut sleeves are slightly puffed at the shoulders. Silk cord with gold pointed ends ties at the neck for flattering effect.

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## STREAMLINE GOWN

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



Streamliners are what they call the stunning party dresses that made their bow with the opening of the New York automobile show. The handsomely gowned young woman here pictured was photographed as she stood admiring one of the new-model streamline cars. She is wearing a dinner suit of uncut black silk velvet with emphasis on the word silk for there is an insistent and increasing demand for materials of sterling quality that bear an air of distinction. The smart fitted jacket has appliques of gold kid flowers. The applique idea is a fashion highlight this winter, carried out not only in gold on black which leads, but other very effective designing is being achieved with patent leather or suede applique motifs. The hat worn with this voguish costume is a black Persian coronet.

## DESIGNER SETS OUT FASHION SIGNPOSTS

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

From no less an authority than the renowned Schiaparelli comes this foreword in regard to fashions on the way. Says this distinguished style creator: "Signposts signal a new class distinction for black tailored suits, giving them first place in fashion's relay."

They flash "go" to innumerable gadgets and accessories—colored jersey stockings to match sports blouses in same material; pailletted bowknots; all the tinsel decorations of a Christmas tree directed in fashion channels.

The signals tell us the road lies straight ahead to long legs, a higher waistline and a covered throat, to draped sleeves and draped blouses, to bust length jackets, to jewels you never saw before made to flash from jacket lapels and so the story of fashion unfolds.

## Coat Silhouettes Varied in Fashions for Winter

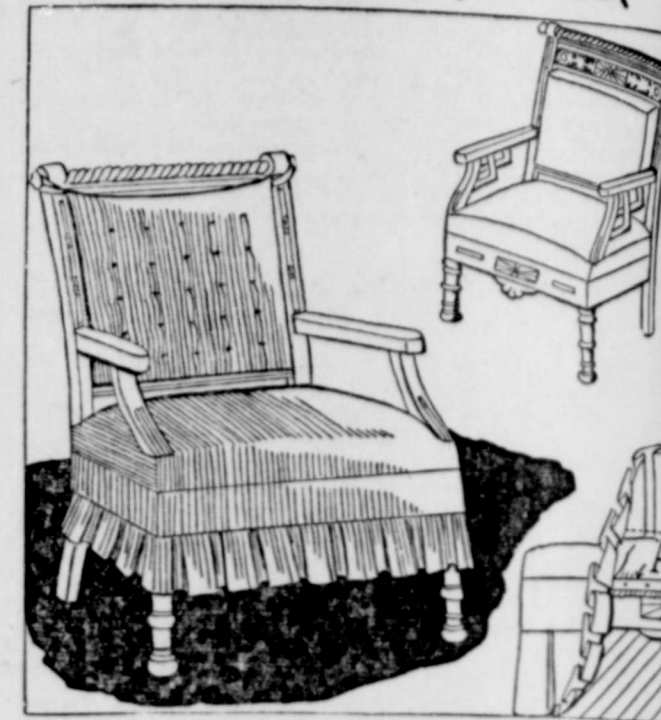
Coats for the coming winter have refused to conform to any one silhouette. Paris designers show sheath-like tubular coats that are sometimes edged with a band of fox at the bottom; straight, loose coats that are full-length and occasionally made with extra fullness in the back; or of classic lines, nipped in at the waist and flared to the hemline.

## Leopard and Green Used in Smart Paris Costume

Touches of fine fur on wool dresses are important as trimming now. One smart form-fitting ensemble seen in a Paris collection is of soft deep green wool with long slide fastener closing at the front, slightly accentuated shoulders and bows of leopard at throat and belt fastening. It is worn with boxy leopard jacket and matching green turban, leopard trimmed. It is "sporty" enough to cheer your favorite football team on to victory and smart enough for any afternoon function.

# HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



## Making Over a Chair of the Ginger-Bread Era.

TO modernize the old walnut chair at the right the pieces under the arms were removed and most of the carving covered up. The padding at the back was removed entirely and replaced by a fiber board which was covered by a loose cotton filled cushion tufted like an old fashioned bed comfort except that the tied front ends of the tufting were left on the wrong side.

This back cushion was fastened in place with tapes that slipped over the knobs at the ends of the upper carving. If the knobs to hold the cushion had been lacking it could have been tacked in place along the top on the under side by using a strip of heavy cardboard to keep the tacks from pulling through the fabric as shown here for tacking the box pleated ruffle around the seat as at A. A plain rust colored heavy cotton upholstery material was used for the covering.

Every Homemaker should have a copy of Mrs. Spears' new book,

## AROUND THE HOUSE

**Caring for Knit Garments.**—In wearing and caring for knit garments, beware of rough surfaces, which cause thread breaks. Give the garment rest periods; steam and reblock occasionally.

**Preparing Starch.**—Stir a piece of lard about as big as a five-cent piece into your starch while it is boiling. Your clothes will take on a nice gloss, and the iron will not stick.

**For Meringues.**—Eggs that are several days old make better meringues than fresh ones.

**Watering House Plants.**—Rinse water from milk bottles will make house plants healthy and vigorous.

**A Needed Utensil.**—A knife sharpener is an essential piece of household equipment as the coffee pot. Not even an expert carver is able to do much with a dull knife.

**For Cooling Cakes.**—An ordinary wire dish-drying rack makes a good cake cooling rack when turned upside down.

SEWING. Forty-eight page step-by-step directions for making slipcovers and dressing table couches; making curtains of every type of room and parlor; making lampshades, rugs, mats and other useful articles for the home. Readers wishing copy should send name and address, enclosing 25 cents, to Spears, 210 South Desplaines, Chicago, Illinois.

## Ask Me Another

A General Q

1. What are the freezing boiling points of mercury?
2. Which is larger, the United States of Brazil or the United States of America?
3. What do the designs and colors of Scotch plaids indicate?
4. What were the first messages sent by telegraph and telephone?
5. Does the use of veneer furniture imply poor quality?

Answers

1. Its freezing point is -39 degrees F., and its boiling point 675 degrees F.
2. The United States of Brazil which is 272,000 square miles larger.
3. The clans or regiments which their wearers belong.
4. The first by telegraph was "What hath God wrought," by telephone, "Mr. Watson, please come here; I want you."
5. It does not. It is the method by which the grain or ure in some rare and beautiful woods can be displayed to advantage.
6. Approximately three billion dollars a year in mutilated currency is turned in for redemption.

Smokers know that

# LUDEX'S

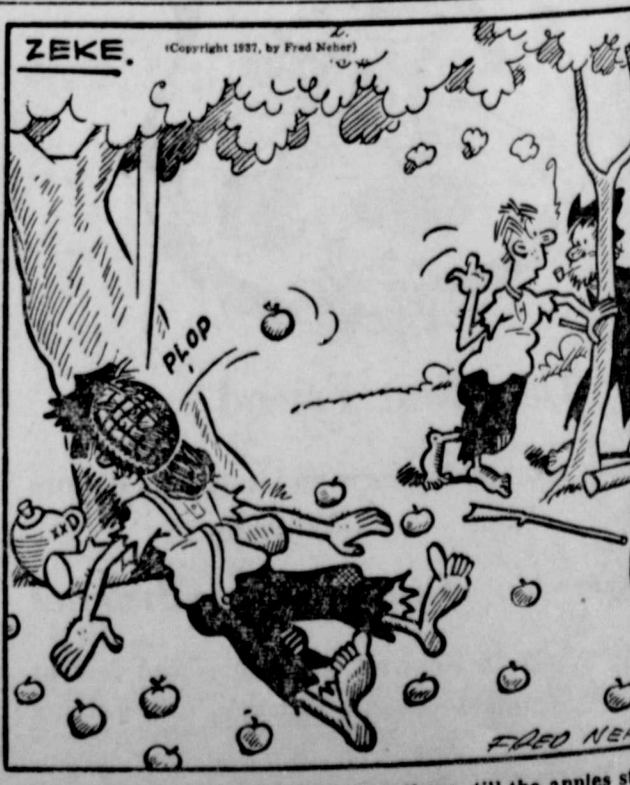
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## LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"It was all right for Paw to sleep there till the apples started to ripen."



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# Historic Hoaxes

ELMO SCOTT WATSON

Propaganda Goes Gruesome  
The World war not only made people aware of the word "propaganda" than they had ever before but the use of this word in "molding public opinion" reached greater heights—reached to lower levels, which way you wish to look at it—never before. One of the classic propaganda stories, broadcast all over the world, was that the Germans were using their dead to manufacture soap. This story was first published in China (where ancestor worship is strong) to win that country to the side of the Allies.

## Boomerang

WHEN Eugene Field joined the staff of the Chicago Daily News in August, 1883, and began writing his column "Sharps and Shots," he learned that it was the custom of the News to give each employee a turkey as a Christmas present. Thereupon he wrote a note to Mr. Stone, the publisher, who was famous as the head of the Associated Press) saying that he didn't like turkey but he could use a suit of clothes.

## The Lamplight Funeral

THE late Arthur Brisbane was once unintentionally responsible for circulating a story which turned out to be a hoax but which stirred the whole state of Georgia to the deepest indignation. It was the story of holding the funeral of a young girl in a Georgia cotton mill at night to permit her fellow workers to attend because the mill owners refused to allow its employees to leave during working hours.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

## Lesson for December 19

### THE BIRTH OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:8-20.  
GOLDEN TEXT—For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord—Luke 2:11.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—When Jesus Came.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—When Jesus Came.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Birth of Our Saviour.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—God's Gift of a Saviour.

Few indeed are the stories that will bear retelling or the books that are worth re-reading. Rare is the song that we care to hear more than once. How significant then that we come to the observance of Christmas each year with hearts full of delight in the story of the birth of Jesus, eager again to hear the account from God's Word, and to listen with attentive souls for the sound of the angel's song in the Christmas music.

The birth of our Lord as the incarnate Saviour of men is still front page, headline news, even in 1937. The glad tidings of his coming still color the thinking and living of a world that has gone far from him, that lives today in hatred and enmity, even while outwardly recalling the coming of the One who was to bring peace on earth. We have even gone so far that men feel that the way to promote peace is to use the sword. Until the Prince of Peace himself shall reign there may be no other way. But let us be certain at this Christmas time that the tender baby hand from the cradle at Bethlehem has reached out hearts and lives, bringing us peace with God and good will toward men.

The first seven verses of our chapter relate the coming of Mary with Joseph to God's appointed place at his appointed time, for the entrance into this world of the Son of God as the "Word" that "was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Our lesson opens with the proclamation of the blessed good news to the shepherds in the field. Three thoughts are suggested for consideration. The announcement of the coming of the Saviour; the personal response of the shepherds to the glad tidings; and their immediate activity in making it known to others.

### I. "Unto You Is Born . . . a Saviour" (vv. 8-14).

Christ was a great teacher, one whom the common people heard gladly, "for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). He was a leader among men, and lived a life which was an example beyond that of any man. But mark it well, this was not the central and essential purpose of his coming. He came as a Saviour. His mother was told before his birth that she should "call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

It is not enough to be among the countless thousands who superficially observe Christmas with greetings and gifts. We must with the shepherds go and present ourselves in personal devotion to him. If you have not met the Lord Jesus as your own personal Saviour do it now. And if you know him, make this a Christmas in which Christ shall be supreme.

### II. "Let Us Now Go . . . and See" (vv. 15-16).

Their fear changed to assurance by the words of the angel, the shepherds at once "go" and "see." Would that all those who heard today did likewise. The shepherds might well have found all manner of excuses for not going. They had sheep to care for, they were not prepared for a journey. No, the divine urge was upon them "and they came with haste . . . and found" Jesus.

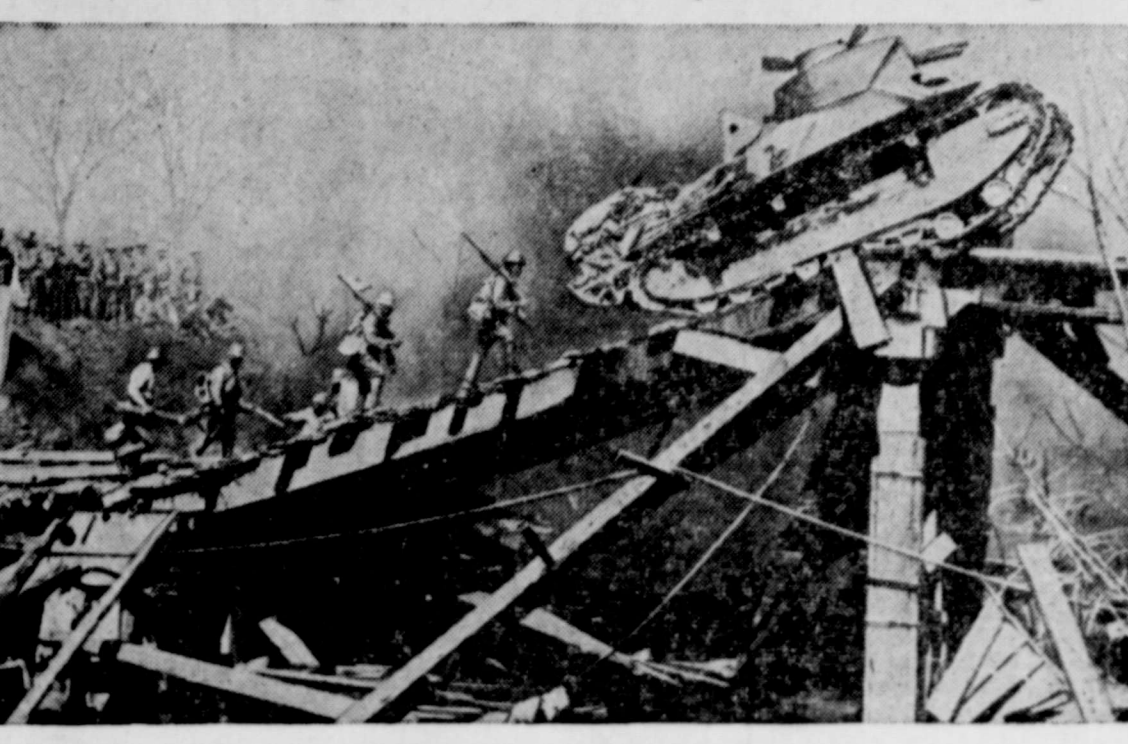
Let us follow the example of the shepherds lest any of us be like the guests who were bidden to the great supper (Luke 14:16-24), who "all with one consent began to make excuse" so that none of them ever entered into the supper chamber.

### III. "When They Had Seen . . . They Made Known" (vv. 17-20).

Mary the mother of Jesus had special reason to ponder these things in her heart. But the shepherds "returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen."  
"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" (Ps. 107:2). When we have found the Lord Jesus we must not simply rejoice in the satisfaction and peace that has come to our own souls. We are saved to serve. The normal expression of the new life in Christ is the proclamation of the gospel to the ends of the earth. Only in that spirit do we truly keep Christmas!

To every one that sees these lines—whether editor, typesetter, or proofreader—whether a reader in the midst of the clamor of the great city or in the quiet of a distant countryside, whether old or young, whether well or on a sickbed, whether alone, far from family and friends, or in the bosom of your family, the writer of these lines extends in the name of Christ a most hearty good wish for a blessed Christmas.

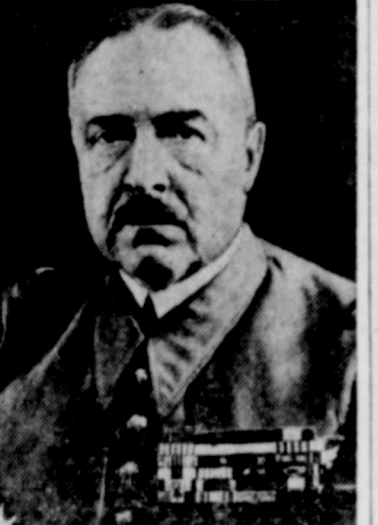
# Over the Top Means Rickety Ride for Japs



A partially demolished bridge on the Chinese front provides the setting for this unusual picture. A Japanese tank followed by soldiers rumbles cautiously over the unstable structure as the army moves forward to a new fighting position on the way to Nanking.

## General Billotte Takes Post of Governor of Paris

Many-medaled General Henri Billotte, new military governor of Paris, pictured shortly after he had



taken over his important post to succeed the veteran, one-armed General Giraud, of the World War.

## World's Tiniest Ocean Spanners



Probably the world's tiniest ocean voyagers are these four-month-old twins, Helen and Hertha Coelln who sailed on the Europa for Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, recently. Until their destination is reached, they will be entirely in the hands of traveling agencies. Their mother died recently and their father is sending them to relatives in Germany.

## Machine Tells Sex of Eggs



Dr. Willard P. Funk, (sitting) of Los Angeles and his assistant Jack Davenport shown demonstrating the operation of his new machine which can determine immediately whether a newly laid egg will hatch a pullet or a cockerel. Dr. Funk claims he can change the sex of eggs with the new device. In the past 80 per cent of chickens hatched were roosters. When the contact is made with the egg, the instrument gives off an audible male or female signal indicating its sex.

## Cousin of Italian King Is Made Ethiopia's Viceroy

The duke of Aosta, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy who has been appointed viceroy of Ethiopia, succeeding Marshal Rodolfo Graziani,



ani, who was relieved at his own request. The duke is married to the daughter of the duke of Guise, pretender to the throne of France. They have two children.

## Russian Cathedral Observes Anniversary



The robing of his eminence the archbishop of North America and the Aleutian Islands was one of the ceremonies in the services commemorating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the erection of the Russian Cathedral of St. Nicholas in New York, mother church of the Russian Orthodox Greek-Catholic faith in the United States.

# Niftiness for New Year's



LIKE to give yourself a lift for the New Year, Milady? Then spruce up with Sew-Your-Own—the easy way to chic. Here, for instance, are three swell swing models that will make you modern as tomorrow and put you in the running for the title, "best dressed woman." Right now it's parties you're thinking of, so pick a pair of eligibles from today's trio and you'll be groomed to hobnob with the smart young set.

**Will You Dance?**  
The New Year's Party will be festive and so will you in the model at the left in black moire. This is a very young frock and not a little flattering to the debutante figure. It has a skirt that's built for dancing, and the oh, so slender waist is no drawback (take it from one who knows). Be sure, young lady, to have your version ready to go when the invitation to celebrate comes flashing over the wire.

**Spic 'n' Classic.**  
There's always a "morning after," and that's when you'll be glad to have a spic and classic frock like the one above, center. It is suitable to take back to school to rouse the roommate's envy and, pleasantly enough, it's so easy to cut and stitch, a freshman can't go wrong. Make one version in flat crepe and a carbon copy in sheer wool—it is superb both ways.

**Ah, My Friends.**  
How about a two-piecer of lame and velvet for that rousing family reunion over the holidays? The model above, right, is two pieces, but it's one with chic and figure flattery. You'll have your aunts making ohs and ahs and the bright young cousins calling you "the duchess"! What's more you'll look the part—a stunning compliment to your family as well as to the New Year.

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Pattern 1330 is designed for sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 40 bust). Size 14 requires 4 1/2 yards of 39-inch material plus 6 yards of gros-grain ribbon to trim as pictured. Pattern 1397 is designed for sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 40 bust). Size 14 requires 3 1/2 yards of 39-inch material. Pattern 1396 is designed for sizes 32 to 44. Size 34 requires 1 1/2 yards of 39-inch material for the blouse; 1 1/2 yards of 54-inch material for the skirt.

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## Uncle Phil Says:

At Least They're Pleasant  
We all like pleasant manners; and are not so particular whether they are punctiliously polite or not.

The "man of few words" doesn't realize how tiresome they become.

There are some admirable people who never let it be known that they are unhappy because they are too proud to.

A few men in the audience who laugh uproariously in the right place are a great asset to the speaker.

Never bestow real criticism of the faults of your friends when they ask it. Sidestep it, somehow.



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# IN SOCIETY

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(Items for either this column or the calendar must be turned in by not later than Wednesday noon)

## DEXTER WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Dexter Woman's club entertained with "husbands' night" at their regular meeting on December 9th at the Lake Van club house. At seven o'clock a delicious and bountiful banquet was served by the hostesses, Mesdames Loman Wiley, W. F. Kerr and A. D. Rutledge. The social committee with its efficient chairman, Mrs. Ray West and members, Mesdames K. L. Britt, Ben Adams, Frank Wortman and Bob McNeil had charge of all decorations, and never have the club rooms and tables appeared more beautiful. The red and green color scheme was elaborately used in the lounge, and blue and silver in the large room. Young daughters of the club mothers, costumed in dainty blue caps and silver aprons, played the role of waitresses.

The men drew their dinner partners, by shooting with bow and arrow paper reindeer (their dears). During the serving of the dessert course the president, Mrs. L. Parker called the meeting to order and graciously welcomed the guests. An amusing feature was the response to the secretary's roll call, when each one present was given the rare privilege of responding with "a pet peeve I have against my husband—or wife." The evening's program was in

charge of Dexter's popular playwright and director, Mrs. L. Parker. A mock trial was staged with Mrs. Walter Anderson as judge, Mrs. Ira Marshall as bailiff, and Mrs. Parker and Mrs. George Wilcox as attorneys. Those tried for serious offenses were Raymond Durand, L. Parker, F. L. Melhop and Walter Anderson. Among the character witness (which kept the audience in a constant uproar) were: Carl Carruthers (as Sally Rand), Miss Maureen Harper (as farmer Tumbleweed), Mrs. K. L. Britte (as Mrs. Parker), Mrs. John Parker (as Mrs. Melhop) and George Wilcox (as Dr. Hubbard).

Miss Vesta Lois Stevens, dressed as a bellhop, gave two clever tap dances. She was accompanied at the piano by Warner Wilkes.

The club octette sang a number of paraphrased Christmas jingles. Santa Claus passed out small gifts, and the recipients read aloud the enclosed original verses.

About seventy-five members and guests enjoyed this most happy and successful Christmas party.

## THURSDAY CLUB MEETING

Mrs. Harry Cowan was leader with a very interesting lesson last week, when the club met at the home of Mrs. T. D. Devenport. Mrs. Cowan's subject was "Plant Life of the Sea," and "Beebe and the Bathosphere." Mrs. Cowan disclosed some very interesting facts relative to deep sea life and scientific experiments.

Present were: Mesdames Hal Ware, E. A. Paddock, W. L. Heitman, Willis Pardee, J. E. Wimberly, C. G. Mason, Robt. Cumpsten,

Jack Sweatt, the leader and the hostess.

The club will have a Christmas party on December 28th, with Mesdames Willis Pardee and A. L. Van Arsdol as joint hostesses.

## MEN'S CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Soft lights, a beautiful mantle scene, and gayly decorated tables added holiday spirit to the Men's club dinner on Tuesday evening at Hedges hall. A delicious turkey dinner was served by the ladies of the Methodist church. About thirty members and guests and their lady friends were seated at four tables, making sixty covers.

The president, Jim Michelet, presided, and introduced the entertainers for the evening. Miss Maryonne Becker, local musical supervisor presented her two orchestras in several numbers, and each received spontaneous applause. Each orchestra was in uniform. The girls' glee club in costume and carrying candles marched and sang two lovely old Christmas carols. There are thirty-six girls in the club. Mrs. Howlett of Roswell, a talented reader, gave two clever readings. The program had been arranged by the Rev. Emery Fritz, and received much favorable comment.

Following the program, Santa Claus entered and presented each one present with favors of candy bars, and the gifts which had been brought by the guests were distributed. After inspection and witty speeches, the gifts were tied, and presented to the committee to be distributed among the children in the Christmas treat.

Long after the program and entertainment was over, the crowd lingered on, visiting and expressing their pleasure in attending.

## PARTY COMPLIMENTING MRS. PAT PATTERSON

The Christmas theme was carried out in gay decorations of the home of Mrs. P. E. Jarnigan, when a group of friends met there, surprising Mrs. Pat Patterson with a miscellaneous shower on Tuesday afternoon.

The beautiful array of gifts was very cleverly displayed under a Christmas tree.

Refreshments of cheese sandwiches, cookies and hot chocolate topped with marshmallows was served.

Those bidden to share this lovely compliment with the honoree were Mesdames: Harris Jarnigan, Mac Sharp, Carroll Newsom, Eugene Hobbeson, Joe Mannis, P. E. Jarnigan, Sam Hamon, S. K. Patterson, Curtis Patterson, Lige Hooten, Lloyd McKnab, Tommie Bledsoe, Bed Adams, Bill Pritchard, Walter Grant, Miss Minnie Campbell, Mrs. Starling, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Adams.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their kindness and assistance during the illness and death of our beloved mother. Messrs. and Mesdames Noah West; Ben Jack West; J. T. West; Mrs. W. P. West, Hagerman, N. M.; Messrs. and Mesdames Jimmie West; Joe West; Charlie West; Oscar Shell, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. 50-1tc

## SUBSCRIBE FOR THE MESSENGER

# EYES

Edward Stone

## IT'S TRUE!

By Wiley Padan

**FLORENCE RICE**  
TAKES A DIP IN THE OCEAN EVERY MORNING BEFORE DRIVING TO THE M-G-M STUDIO.

**FRANK MORGAN**  
AND HIS FAMILY HAVE BEEN REAPING A FORTUNE FOR YEARS FROM A BITTERS INDUSTRY. YET MORGAN HIMSELF DOES NOT KNOW THE SECRET FORMULA!

**REGINALD DENNY**  
WHO ATTENDED ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE IN ENGLAND, BUILDS MODEL AIRPLANES FOR A HOBBY.

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New York, N. Y. "IT'S TRUE!" that Reginald Denny, the airplane builder, rushed back to Hollywood from Muroc Dry Lake, where he made a successful test to control his miniature planes by radio, and reported at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios to play the part of Lord Summitt in "Beg, Borrow or Steal," featuring Frank Morgan, Florence Rice and John Beal," says Wiley Padan.

"Denny's time these days is divided—seventy-five per cent to the air lanes, and the balance to acting. After several more tests of radio control the actor-manufacturer expects to stage a demonstration for army and navy aviation experts with the view of adopting these small flying machines for anti-aircraft gunnery practice."

## VIOLIN CHOIR GIVES PROGRAM Social Calendar

Mrs. Doris Welborne directed twenty-five of her students in a violin choir at an assembly program at the Hagerman school auditorium Wednesday morning. Mrs. E. R. McKinstry was the accompanist at the piano. Miss Elaine Frazier and Miss Dorothy Deason, two talented violin artists, each gave two solos. Mrs. Welborne's class shows skill and careful technique in their interpretations and always draws an appreciative large audience.

The Belle Bennetts are having a Christmas party Friday, December 17 at Mrs. Dacus Parker's.

Turkey shoot at rifle range one mile north of Pecos bridge on Sunday, December 19th. The public is cordially invited.

Frances McCarthy may have a complimentary ticket to see "Music For Madame" at the Crystal Theatre on December 19, 20 or 21 by calling at the Messenger.

## LT. AND MRS. LANGE AND SON VISIT HERE

Lt. and Mrs. George Lange and young son of Pima, Arizona have been visiting here with Lt. Lange's father, Leonard Lange and in Tatum with Mrs. Lange's parents. Lt. Lange will return to his post Sunday. He is 1st commanding officer in charge of CCC camp D. G. at Pima.

There are about 160 men in this camp with 1st and 2nd commanding officers, an educational director and medical officer in charge. Lt. Lange exhibited the menu card for the Thanksgiving dinner. It was a very attractive and clever bit of handiwork and was designed by one of the men in camp. Mr. Lange stated that there was perfect harmony and each man seemed happy and contented.

The public is cordially invited to a program on Monday evening, December 20th at the Hagerman high school auditorium. The program is being given by the classes and students of Miss Maryonne Becker. There will be no admission charge.

## METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

The Christmas sermon will be preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The congregation will sing the Christmas hymns and the choir will render "Calm On The Night," Sunday evening there will be a pageant "Thank God For Song" and a short program given by the children's department. You have a special invitation to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pittman and Hugh spent Wednesday and Thursday in Alamogordo.

Mrs. Jack Menoud, Mrs. Schuler Smith of Hagerman and Mrs. Ira Marshall of Dexter attended the "recreational" school in Roswell last week, and report a very interesting and helpful series of instructions concerning community recreational ideas.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Key made a business trip to Fort Sumner last Thursday, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Menoud were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Watford Sunday and in the afternoon they motored to Roswell to see "Heidi." Mrs. W. P. West accompanied them to Roswell and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Curry and son while they were in the show.

## DANCE AT WOMAN'S CLUB

About a dozen couples danced until late hours on Tuesday evening at the Woman's club building. Music was furnished by John Mann and Dr. Bielinski. The rooms were decorated with Christmas colors, and a gayly decorated tree gave festivity to the scene.

Among the Hagerman people in Roswell on Tuesday were Messrs. and Mesdames George Wade, Royce Lankford, Johnny Allen, Ross Jacobs and Clea Glee, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Matthews and Wanda, Mrs. Jim McKinstry, Mrs. J. E. Wimberly, Misses Sammy McKinstry and Irene Newsom.

## Mothers' Night, Ancient English Christmas Name

THE oldest English name for Christmas is Modra Night, or Mothers' Night. In the early days, when our Saxon forefathers had just settled down in the country that was to be England, the day of December 25th was given up to games and feasting, but the night was dedicated to the special honor of mothers. They occupied the seats of honor, and everyone brought them gifts. Sons and daughters who had gone out into the world strove to be at home on that one night in the year.

A little later the name Yule was given to Christmas, and the rejoicings of the day were prolonged into night, when men sang and told stories sitting round the cheerful blaze of the Yule log.

The old customs of Mothers' Night gradually died out, though they still survive in a few parts of the country. Its place has been taken to some extent by Mothering Sunday in the North of England. On that day everyone who can do so still makes a pilgrimage homeward, and the mother receives the homage of her family.—London Tit-Bits Magazine.

## THE DAYS BEFORE



"What nice manners the polite little Thompson boys have!"  
"Yes. They are always like that just before Christmas."

### Toys Should Please the Child

Select Christmas toys to please the child, not to amuse the adults in the family.

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Mrs. Martin Brannon and visited in Roswell last day afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Yates baby visited at the home of Mrs. Jim Rhoades a few last week. They had been relatives in Texas and were returning to their home in California.

Mrs. H. G. Ehrhardt, who been in the hospital for a few weeks following an automobile accident has recovered sufficiently to be removed to her home. Mrs. Ehrhardt is moving to well from Hagerman.

Philip Kingsley and R. P. Frence of the Fireman's Fur Albuquerque, transacted business in Hagerman last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Lawrence, who has in San Francisco for several years, has been transferred to New Mexico district, and will with Mr. Kingsley.

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