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DR. W. C. LACKEY DIES AT FORT WORTH APRIL 5

Dr. W. C. Lackey, 69, a Fort Worth physician since the horse and buggy days and a long-time worker in civic and church affairs, died at 7:30 a. m. Friday, April 5, in a hospital in Fort Worth.

He had been in the hospital since suffering a heart attack two weeks ago at his home, 2300 Medford Court, E.

Dr. Lackey had been a practicing physician in Fort Worth 44 years. He was a deacon of Broadway Baptist Church, a trustee of Buckner Orphans' Home in Dallas, and co-builder and supporter of several missionary churches in Korea and other foreign fields.

He was a Mason and a Shriner and a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Dr. Lackey is survived by his widow; two brothers, J. E. Lackey, Mertzton, and G. S. Lackey, Fort Worth; and five sisters, Mrs. Katherine A. Ross, Houston; Mrs. S. C. Frost, Dallas, and Mrs. Savannah Bowles, Mrs. Maudell Blair and Mrs. C. J. Donough, all of Fort Worth.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Saturday, April 6, in the Broadway Baptist Church. Rev. Forrest C. Freezer officiated, assisted by Revs. C. Alfred Brown and L. R. Elliott. Burial was in Greenwood.

Dr. Lackey established his first office in Fort Worth in the rear of the Lackey Drug Store in the old Terminal Hotel building, a site now occupied by the bus center at Main and Lancaster, shortly after his graduation from the Memphis Hospital Medical College in 1902. With his brother, the late H. F. Lackey, Dr. Lackey owned the store. They later owned another at Hemphill and Magnolia.

Dr. and Mrs. Lackey's first home in Fort Worth in the 1700 block of South Jennings is remembered as one of the show places of that neighborhood. It was described as always spick and span with flowers and shrubs setting off a smooth green lawn. Those flowers and the lawn were Dr. Lackey's hobby.

At that time he was driving a fast mare to a buckboard buggy and Mrs. Lackey had a phaeton with a good team. About 1910 the doctor bought one of the first cars to operate in Fort Worth.

It had bicycle tires, and a motor, which cranked from the side, located behind the seat. The front was the then-conventional buggy dashboard.

Children in the neighborhood soon discovered that Dr. Lackey wasn't too proud to use the buggy-mobile as he had his buggy, and it was a daily custom for them to gather several blocks nearer town and get a ride with the doctor on his way home in the evening.

Although he did not have any children of his own, Dr. Lackey was fond of children and oft-times said that he preferred them as patients. With a ready smile, an absurd story and the licorice or peppermint sticks in his bag, he shortly won the confidence of sick children.

Like the other physicians in Fort Worth in those days, Dr. Lackey found kitchen and dining room tables made good substitutes for operating tables and did far more work on such facilities than at hospitals. Fort Worth hospital facilities then were sparse and expensive.

In the influenza epidemic of World War I, Dr. Lackey, like the other few physicians in Fort Worth, was a stranger in his own home. It wasn't uncommon for him to be treating an entire family, all confide to bed, at the same time.

About a year after the end of that war, Dr. Lackey had his first coronary attack and after that was compelled to take his practice easier. Previously no call had come too late at night for him to make.

He made some real estate investments in Fort Worth and proved to be as good a real estate operator as a physician, but he never entered the field as extensively as he had the practice of medicine.

Time had taken some of the fire out of his red hair at the beginning of World War II, but Dr. Lackey started

Fellowship Supper To Be Held May 3

Next Fellowship Supper for the men of the community is scheduled for Friday night, May 3. Details will be given later.

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZES ANEW

The newly elected school board of the Mertzton Consolidated Independent School District met Saturday night and organized in its first meeting.

Mrs. R. S. Williams was elected president, and M. L. Van Court secretary-treasurer.

Due to the fact of the creation of the new school district and board, the trustees drew for places for length of their terms. Mrs. Williams and Mr. Van Court drew Place 1, and their place will be up for election next year. Otis Deal and M. H. Wagner drew Place 2 and their places will be up for election two years from now. Vester Hughes, Henry Lindley and J. P. Crews drew Place 3 and this place will be up for election three years from now. When each place is up for election trustees will be elected for three years.

MRS. RAMSEL OPENS SHOP IN BIG LAKE

Mrs. Felix Ramsel will have a formal opening of her new gift shop today in Big Lake.

Mrs. Ramsel has recently moved to Big Lake from Mertzton and extends an invitation to all her friends in Mertzton and Irion County to visit her shop in Big Lake.

The new shop will feature gifts for all occasions. Mrs. Ramsel also has her beauty shop in connection with the gift shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Sharp visited Mrs. Will Sharp over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Pool of Beaumont spent last week with Mrs. Pool's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vester Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Elmer of Chicago, formerly of Concho Field in San Angelo, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Williams Monday.

R. S. Williams is taking his father, W. H. Williams, to San Antonio today for a check-up.

Miss Laura Jo Rhea will spend the Easter holidays as guest of her parents in Childress.

Miss Fairie Fowler is spending the Easter holidays with her parents in Abilene.

Mrs. Felix Ramsel and daughter were visitors in Mertzton Sunday.

LOST—A ring, Small diamond surrounded by sapphires, 2 of which were missing. Believed lost on ball ground at school. Call Mrs. Pete Shafer.

"pulling his full load and more" as physician after physician left Fort Worth in uniform.

It was only a few weeks before his most recent illness that Dr. Lackey started looking around for a young physician to help ease his work load of the war years.

Dr. Lackey was born in Smith Grove, Kentucky, and received his preliminary education at Sherwood, Texas, and in Fort Worth. He had been a member of the Tarrant County, State and American Medical Associations since 1904, and had been a fellow of the AMA for many years.

Uncle Sam Says



United States Savings Bonds, which are War Bonds with a peace-time name, fight a new kind of battle for you. They fight insecurity and the temptation to spend recklessly. U. S. Savings Bonds pay you \$4 for every \$3 in ten years. Should any real emergency arise, you can have your money back quickly with my blessings and the accumulated interest.

U. S. Treasury Department

TRACK MEET FOR GIRLS IN SAN ANGELO APRIL 27

The Bluebonnet Relays for high school girls will be held in San Angelo April 27, starting at 1 p. m.

This track and field meet is the first event of this type for girls to be held in this part of the state. By Wednesday 14 high school teams had sent in their entries.

Mertzton girls interested in any of the following events should get their entries in early.

50 yard dash, 120 yard relay, 6 lb. shot put, 100 yard dash, running high jump, 160 yard shuttle relay, baseball throw, 200 yard relay, broad jump, basketball free throw, 440 yard relay.

Mail your entries to H. Oliver, Menard or W. R. Robbins, Mason.

SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE TO BE HELD SUNDAY

A union sunrise Easter service will be presented Sunday morning on the court house lawn by the Methodist, Baptist and First Christian Churches of Mertzton.

Just as the sun peeps over the horizon (which will be about 6:15) the services will begin. Everyone is invited to participate.

SCHOOL OBSERVING EASTER HOLIDAYS

Easter holidays for the Mertzton school children will begin today and classes will be resumed Tuesday morning.

A. H. Bird spent last week end in Abilene.

Behind Your Bonds Lies the Might of America



CIGARETTES

From the day that sweeter, brighter tobacco, adaptable to cigarettes, was discovered in Caswell County in 1852 and Washington Duke installed a Bonsack machine in his Winston-Salem, N. C., plant for making them, the cigarette business has expanded tremendously. A half billion dollar industry when World War II opened, it will continue to enrich the Nation and add resources to guarantee Savings Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

Wool Packing Demonstration Tomorrow 3 P. M.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 p. m. a demonstration will be given at the wool house here on wool packing and preparation of fleeces.

Everyone is invited to attend.

CANDIDATES REMINDED OF DEADLINE DATES

Candidates are reminded that June 15 is the deadline for filing for county and precinct offices. Other deadlines are June 3 for the U. S. Senate and top state offices, and May 20 for court of civil appeals, congress, state senators, state representative, district judge and district attorney.

M. H. Carr is county Democratic chairman.

LEGION CHARTER IS APPROVED

Post Commander Roy Shilling of the Burns-Harper American Legion Post 530, has received official notice that the charter has been granted and will be presented in the very near future.

As soon as the date has been set for the presentation of the charter notice will be made thereof.

S-Sgt. Elmer L. Taff sent his family a telegram from Japan this week. He reported that he would be leaving there very soon and should be here in Mertzton by the middle of May. Elmer has been overseas 26 months and expects to get his discharge when he returns to the States.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Scott have their two sons at home with them now. William E. Scott received his discharge in San Diego after 2 1-2 years in the Marine Corps. He arrived in Mertzton Saturday. John Robert Scott, Jr. received his discharge March 27 in Galveston after three years service in the Navy.

Mrs. G. C. Magruder and daughter, Mary Jean, and Hootie Rutledge of San Angelo spent Sunday in Mertzton visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Ethel Roberts left Thursday to spend the Easter holidays with friends in San Angelo.

NOTICE TO RANCHMEN—I am back in the trucking business. Haul anything, anywhere. Am insured and bonded. Call 79, Andy Bradford.

Adolf Helmers said Tuesday that he first subscribed for the Mertzton Star on March 14, thirty-two years ago. He has been a subscriber ever since.

LOST—A studio couch pillow. Lost on highway between Big Lake and San Angelo. Call 6802.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell are spending this week end in San Antonio.

FOR SALE—Sow and three pigs. M. H. Carr, Phone 138.

Walter Stratton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Stratton, was taken to a San Angelo hospital Sunday suffering from pneumonia. His condition Wednesday was reported much improved.

FOR SALE—Baby buggy, used only a month or two, good as new, extra nice model. George Sides.

MRS. PHILIPS HONORED WITH TEA SHOWER

Mrs. Hugh Phillips, formerly Miss Kathryn Horn, of the high school faculty, was honored at a tea shower given by Mrs. Jack McIntosh Tuesday at 4:30 p. m.

Minnie Jo Evans and Yvonne Van Court presided at the tea table which was laid with a blue cloth featuring a low arrangement of red carnations and candy tuft as centerpiece.

Mrs. O. J. Estes, Jr. registered the guests and Miss Fairie Fowler rendered selections at the piano. Kathryn Evans presented a mixmaster as a gift of the A.B.O.U.T. Club and club members presented the other gifts.

Refreshments of punch and cake squares was served to the following out of town guests: Mmes. R. L. Horn, R. L. Horn, Jr., of Greenville, Minta Phillips of Sterling City, Fred H. Ball, Swane Dudley, Misses Marie Phillips, Irene Morse, and Myrtle Fincher, of San Angelo, and Mrs. Morrow Pool of Beaumont. Approximately 56 guests called or sent gifts.

MOTOR TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY'S TAXES HELP SUPPORT SCHOOLS, HIGHWAYS

AUSTIN, April 18.—The Texas motor transportation industry last year contributed heavily toward the education of Irion County school children and in the construction and maintenance of the county's highway system, it was revealed today in an analysis of the industry's special tax payments released by Lynn B. Shaw, general manager of the Texas Motor Transportation Association.

The 407 scholastics in Irion County benefitted to the extent of \$1,465—\$3.60 for the education of every school child in the county or in excess of 13 per cent of the total education bill.

Trucks and buses paid \$11,664 in special taxes that went toward construction and maintenance of highways in Irion County.

The industry contributed a total of \$39,000,000 in special taxes, a ten million dollar increase over the preceding year, and this figure represents only proceeds from gasoline and license fee taxes paid by more than 280,000 motor trucks and buses, both commercial and private, in Texas. It does not include federal or regular state taxes, such as ad valorem, which are paid by all industries.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

There will be Easter services at the First Christian Church this Sunday with Richie Davis in charge.

Sunday school starts at 10 a. m. with church services at 11 o'clock. Evening services are at 8 p. m.

LAUNDRY WORK—Wet wash, 6c lb., dry wash, 8c lb. Washing done five days a week. Will appreciate your trade. Bring your laundry work to us. Located next door to Texas Ranch Supply store. MRS. ROY SARTAIN.

TOMATO PLANTS? Marglobe, Victor, Firesteel, June Pink and Red Cherry. See the M. T. Gobers.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday is Easter. It is the day upon which our Savior rose from the grave. What a glorious day indeed. Because Christ came forth from the tomb, death cannot hold us.

At sunrise (about 6:15) Sunday morning we will have a union sunrise service. Will you come and worship with us?

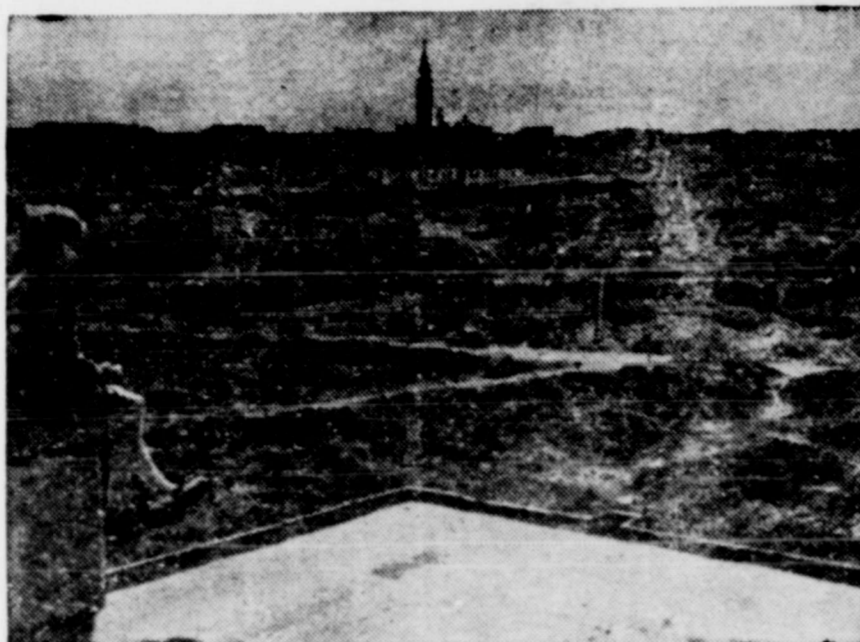
Sunday school at 10 o'clock and regular service at 11 o'clock. At the Sunday evening service we shall recognize the various groups of the Brownies and Girl Scouts. We invite all of them with their leaders at 8 p. m. Also the football boys and the new coach are honor guests. We will have a guest speaker. All are invited.

Roy B. Shilling, pastor.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

UNO Weathers First Big Test; Rail Unions Balk at Pay Award; Civilian Output at Peak Rate

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



Seated on stone block of ruined public building, Polish girl views desolation of once modern building section of Warsaw. Once proud Polish capital is now ghost city of Europe, with half of its population half-starved and ill-clad.

UNO: Weather Storm

Fraught with danger to the United Nations Organization and world peace, the tense Russo-Iranian dispute melted under the promise of diplomatic compromise, with Moscow saving face and Tehran its sovereignty.

Secretary of State James Byrnes, chief U. S. delegate to the UNO security council, started the happy train of events, suggesting that both countries state their position in the dispute over Russian failure to withdraw from Iran before UNO considered action in the case.

Russia had walked out of the security council after its decision to consider the question and Byrnes' proposal offered an excellent opportunity for the Reds to walk back in without losing prestige. Making the most of the chance, the Russians wrote UNO that they were pulling out of Iran without imposing any conditions for their retirement and their troops should be gone by May 6.

Taking his cue, Iran's representative then told the security council that if definite assurances could be obtained that the Russians would apply no pressure for oil concessions or Red-backed provincial governments as a condition for withdrawal, Iran would consider the matter closed.

And upon that happy note, UNO appeared to have overcome its first great hurdle.

RAIL PAY: Balk at Findings

In protesting the 16-cent-an-hour raise awarded by a labor-management arbitration board, railroad union officials declared that the boost granted failed to meet higher living costs and adjust differences in pay between railroad workers and employees in other industries.

Declaring railroad workers were entitled to a 46-cent-an-hour increase, B. M. Jewell, representing 15 non-operating unions, and E. E. Milliman, president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, asserted that the minimum award should have included 1 1/2 cents an hour for higher living costs plus the general industry-wide 18 1/2 cent-an-hour postwar advance.

Meanwhile, railroad officials also complained against the arbitration board's wage decisions, estimated to add up to \$400 per year for 1,220,000 members of three operating and 15 non-operating unions and cost the carriers \$584,000,000 annually.

Echoing the carriers' warnings that increased wages would require rate boosts, President Fred G. Gurley of the Santa Fe announced that the 16-cent-an-hour award was too large and his road would immediately appeal for higher freight tariffs. Stating that the wage increases would add \$25,000,000 yearly to Santa Fe operating costs, Gurley said the boost coupled with higher material, supply and fuel costs against reduced income made the step necessary.

Because both the railroads and unions had agreed to accept the arbitration boards' findings as final in submitting their dispute for settlement, no work stoppage loomed because of disagreement over terms.

The recommendations were handed down even as a fact-finding panel conducted hearings on demands of the Brotherhood of Locomotive

Engineers and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen for a 25 per cent wage increase and changes in working rules. In demanding that wages and working rules be considered simultaneously, the two unions refused to join the other 18 in submitting the pay issue to arbitration.

CONGRESS: Pay Adjustment

Government employees were in line for a pay increase as a result of congressional action but an administration measure to raise the minimum wage to 60 cents an hour appeared doomed because of the farm bloc's insistence that the same bill hike the parity formula over President Truman's protest.

The senate and house strove to get together on a uniform pay increase for U. S. employees following their approval of conflicting raises. While the senate had OK'd an 11 per cent boost, the house voted a \$400 a year advance. Since the house also decided to limit department appropriations in the 1947 fiscal year to those of 1946, however, the higher pay would cover fewer employees and thus cut the federal payroll by 200,000.

In pushing for an upward revision of the parity formula as an amendment to the 60 cent an hour minimum wage bill over President Truman's veto threat, the farm bloc sought to protect farmers' returns in a period of rising costs. Trumpeping administration disapproval, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson declared revision of the parity formula to include farm wages would result in a 33 per cent boost in farm prices and spark an inflationary cycle.

PRODUCTION: Rosy Prospects

In meeting the pent-up and ordinary demands of consumers, requirements for a large military establishment and heavy exports, the U. S. faces an unparalleled period of prosperity. Reconversion Director John W. Snyder indicated in a report to President Truman.

Despite work stoppages and material shortages, civilian production had reached a rate of 150 billion dollars during the first three months of 1946, Snyder said, with private wages and salary payments returning almost to the pre-V-J day rate of 82 billion dollars. Non-agricultural employment totaled 44,700,000 in February, with 2,700,000 jobless seeking work.

Indicative of the huge demand for goods, Snyder said that consumer and business purchases during the first quarter of 1946 equaled those of the Christmas period in contrast to an ordinary drop of 10 to 12 billion dollars. Though overall civilian production rose, the textile shortage remained acute, being aggravated by mills' refusal to sell unfinished goods because of higher profits on bleached or printed cloth.

Notwithstanding increasing production and high taxes, the threat of an inflationary spiral remains, Snyder said. Noting the trend, he pointed out that on March 15 wholesale food prices were 3.1 per cent above those on the same date last year and the prices of other products were up 2.5 per cent.

OVERSEAS RELIEF: London Confab

The problem of tiding war-stricken countries over the 1946-'47 consumption year concerned delegates from 18 Allied, neutral and former enemy nations at the Emergency Economic conference for Europe being held in London.

With the U. S. aiming to ship 1,000,000 tons of wheat monthly toward a goal of 11,000,000 tons, efforts were bent on stimulating contributions from other countries to fill out the huge deficit. In this connection, a report of the conference's combined food board recommended that Russia be requested to furnish cereals and that steps be taken to increase the extent of Argentine exports.

Little Ireland followed the U. S. in setting an example to participating nations, announcing it would send 35,000 cattle, 9,000,000 pounds of canned meat, 20,000 tons of sugar as well as milk, bacon and cheese to the continent this year. Normally Eire sends most of its cattle and eggs to Britain.

MIHAILOVITCH: U.S. to Aid

Lauding Gen. Draja Mihailovitch's contributions to the Allied cause in the early stages of the European war, the U. S. state department asked the Yugoslav government that American officers attached to the Chetnik leader's headquarters be permitted to testify on his behalf in his forthcoming treason trial.

Famed for his daring guerrilla warfare against the Germans during the height of Nazi domination, Mihailovitch lost his grip on the Yugoslav resistance movement with Allied recognition of the Communist-trained Tito following the Russian resurgence in 1943. At odds with Tito, Mihailovitch became a fugitive, charged with collaborating toward the end with the German invaders.

In coming to Mihailovitch's defense in the face of bitter Communist allegations against the Chetnik leader, the state department said many American army fliers had been rescued and returned to Allied lines through the daring efforts of his forces. It was also pointed out that U. S. officers were attached to Mihailovitch's headquarters as liaison men in co-ordinating resistance operations.

F.D.R.: Sell Stamps

Individual hobbyists and dealers shared in the purchase of Franklin D. Roosevelt's famed stamp collection, which brought heirs to his estate over \$210,000. Representing a lifetime collection of the late President, the stamps were appraised in advance of the auction at \$80,000.

Berry Hill, a New York dealer, was one of the biggest buyers at the sales, paying \$1,885 for most of 29 lots of French stamps and die-proofs and \$1,615 for four groups of German stamps included in statistical albums showing the extent of inflation in the reich after World War I.

Dr. L. L. Ruland, a hobbyist, topped bids to pay \$4,700 for 62 lots of Chinese stamps presented to Mr. Roosevelt by Chiang Kai-shek. K. Biloski, a Canadian dealer, paid \$2,100 for 848 stamps of a Russian collection tendered to the late President by Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff.

Almost \$8,000 was realized on the sale of 107 lots of Venezuelan stamps and albums.

NEAR EAST: Plot Thickens

Long the pawns of European power politics, natives of the Near East again figured in the diplomatic double play of the oil-rich region, with reports that the Russians were aiding chieftains of 5,000,000 Kurds in Iran, Turkey, Iraq and Syria in the establishment of an independent republic.

Though the Kurds in these countries enjoy relative freedom in the mountainous regions under local chieftains, the independence movement reportedly has thrived under Russian backing. An independent Kurdish republic already has been proclaimed with headquarters at Mehabad in northern Iran and Russian technicians were said to have arrived there to help strengthen native forces.

Headed by Ghazi Mohammed, the Kurdish movement was thrown into gear at a conference of tribal leaders held in Baku, Russia, last November. Revenue and troops reportedly are being furnished by the chieftains who attended the powwow, with the heart of the movement centered in British-controlled Iraq. Like Iran, Iraq's oil fields form part of the huge near eastern deposits prized by the major powers.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for April 21

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TWO FRIENDS TALK WITH CHRIST

LESSON TEXT—Luke 24:13-21, 25-31. MEMORY SELECTION—They said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?—Luke 24:32.

Fellowship with the risen living Lord is the unfailing source of faith and courage. Such certainty is the very essence of our observance of Easter.

We declare with Paul, "Now is Christ risen from the dead" (I Cor. 15:20), and that He is "declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead" (Rom. 1:4). We would join the apostles who "with great power gave . . . witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 4:33).

Come with us as we join two men who had become bewildered, who felt that all their hopes had been crushed.

We join them as they walk wearily along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Suddenly there is another with the little group. Let us listen to their conversation.

I. Chilled Hearts and Sad Unbelief (vv. 13-26).

The two sad men, who had left Jerusalem to go to Emmaus were disciples of our Lord, and they had just been through the crushing experience of seeing Him crucified.

True, there had been some reports on the morning of this third day that the women had seen Jesus alive (vv. 23, 24). But their hope and faith were at such low ebb that they could not—or did not—believe. Eyes closed by unbelief; faith hindered by doubt and fear; a dependent heart slow to believe God—how very effectively these shut out the blessing of God and of His Word even to the believer. Even deeper is the darkness in which the unbeliever finds himself.

II. Warmed Hearts and Renewed Faith (vv. 27-32).

Although they did not realize it (how slow we are to appreciate our blessings!) until after Jesus was gone (v. 32), their hearts burned within them as soon as He began to expound the Scriptures to them.

What a Bible exposition that was, as Christ Himself opened all that the Scriptures taught concerning Him!

The way to have a burning heart is to read God's Word, or to have it expounded by a Spirit-filled teacher or preacher.

When the heart has been warmed by the written Word and by fellowship with the living Word, our Lord Himself, the opened eye of renewed faith follows as day follows night. Now they knew the Stranger who was with them—and He was gone.

How did they know Him? We read that they knew Him in the breaking of the bread (v. 32).

Paul declared that same truth when he said, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I. Cor. 2:14).

III. Quickened Hearts and Glad Testimony (vv. 33-35).

The seven miles (sixty furlongs), (v. 13) which had passed so slowly as they came over were now quickly retraced. They had glorious good news to bring to the disciples at Jerusalem. How swift are the feet of the one who has good tidings to bear (see Rom. 10:15)!

One wonders why so many professed Christians are so slow about carrying His message. Can it be that they do not yet know the risen Christ? For if we know Him, we will realize that "we do not well" to keep silent in a day of good tidings (II Kings 7:9).

Note in verse 34 that before they could speak, the others gave them the good news of the resurrection. It is proper and delightful that believers share spiritual blessings (Rom. 1:11, 12). That's why we come together in God's house.

Brother in the Lord, Christian sister, how long is it since you had a new and stirring experience of the presence of Christ? Not necessarily something spectacular or exciting, but a real deep, stirring spiritual experience.

God is the same. Our need is the same, yes, even deeper, and greater. Why should not we seek out our Lord and let Him warm and quicken our hearts. We would then have a revival in our own hearts. Let's ask Him for it this Easter day.

Donovan Desired To Help the Court!

For some time Donovan and his wife had not been getting along so well. Finally Mrs. Donovan sued her husband for separate maintenance. In due time the case came up in court, and after hearing both sides, the magistrate deliberated for a time, then addressed Donovan.

"I have decided," he said, "to grant your wife's request. This court shall allow her \$10 a week."

Donovan beamed back at the judge and said, "Why sure, your honor. And that's very generous of you. I'll see if I can add a dollar or two to that now and then!"

Classified Department

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When Your Back Hurts - And Your Strength and Energy is Below Par It may be caused by disorder of kidney function that permits poisonous waste to accumulate. For truly many people feel tired, weak and miserable when the kidneys fail to remove excess acids and other waste matter from the blood. You may suffer nagging backache, rheumatic pains, headaches, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling. Sometimes frequent and scanty urination with smarting and burning is another sign that something is wrong with the kidneys or bladder. There should be no doubt that prompt treatment is wiser than neglect. Use Doan's Pills. It is better to rely on a medicine that has won country-wide approval than on something less favorably known. Doan's have been tried and tested many years. Are at all drug stores. Get Doan's today. DOAN'S PILLS

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GIRL SCOUTS' MEETINGS

HIAWATHA SCOUTS

The Hiawatha Scouts went on a hike to Camp Louis Farr last Wednesday. Mrs. Klingler and Mrs. Deal hiked with us. Each one had a sack of lunch and a drink. After we ate we played games and then sang taps.

Mrs. Shilling, Mrs. Noelke and Mrs. Sam Chumley went in cars and we all rode back.

All girls were present except Joan and Ruth.

This Wednesday the Hiawatha Scouts met and played games and discussed an exploration trip to the springs next Wednesday. We closed our meeting with the pledge to the flag and singing taps. Several of our girls were absent. Mrs. Deal and Mrs. Shilling met with us.

BROWNIES

We went to the park Tuesday and had a wiener roast and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Those present were Janelle McGilvray, Carol Crews, Edna Earle Smith, Patsy Allen, Beth Shilling, Joan Har-

key, Jayne R. Hargrave, Sylvia Smith, Marcia R. Davis, Rose M. Stratton, Connie Rae Probst, Wanda Sartain, Rose Marie Smith, Carolyn Burney, Janet Shaw, Mrs. C. Allen, and Mrs. R. Probst.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR SERVICE VETERANS

Following is a list of questions and answers prepared by the Veterans Administration as a service for all veterans.

Q. Does the Veterans Administration pay an allowance for the payment of burial expenses upon the death of a veteran?

A. A burial allowance up to \$100.00 is payable to the one who bore the expense of burial as reimbursement for such expense.

Q. Is there any way a veteran can arrange to have the proceeds of his National Service Life Insurance paid in a lump sum?

A. No. The proceeds of National Service Life Insurance is paid in

monthly installments, the amount of such installments being based on the age of the beneficiary at the death of the insured.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Powers left Wednesday to compete in the team tying contest in a rodeo in Phoenix, Ariz., this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lackey returned home Sunday from Fort Worth.

Mrs. L. E. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ivey, is now working in the J. W. Hargrave store.

Richie Davis was unable to participate in the union services conducted by the churches this week because of a business trip to Mexico.

Miss Leona Wagner was absent Wednesday from school because of a spider bite.

George Berry Cathey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hack Cathey, returned home Monday from overseas service in Japan. He has received his discharge from the service.

"Sure sign that spring is here to stay," says Rev. W. A. Knight, "is the scissor-tails I heard the other day. I'm not looking for any more bad weather."

Dick Macomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Macomb, is home on a 30-day furlough.

Mrs. Harold Ensminger received word last week from her husband that he had arrived in San Francisco. She plans to join him soon in Houston where he expects to get his discharge.

During the past week Henry Lindley delivered to Cap Yates of Jacksboro four registered Brahma heifers at \$225 each and three grade heifers at \$100 each.

Around 600 head of cattle went through the ring at the San Angelo Livestock Auction Co. Monday with the market very strong, probably being the highest on record in San Angelo.

Fat cows sold up to \$15.20; bulls most \$12 to \$13, with a top of \$13.40. Heavy fat steers weighing 1,200 to 1,450, selling at \$16.75 to \$17.20.

Butcher yearlings sold from \$15 to \$16.50, with a few up to the ceiling price of \$17.25.

Stock cows and calves were in active demand, several pairs bringing \$100 to \$116, with one outstanding pair going at \$185.

Stocker steer yearlings and two-year-old were also strong, being bid in at \$15 to \$16 with the light weights higher. Heifers sold from \$14 to \$15.

About March 20 George Sides predicted rain April 3rd. Sure enough it did sprinkle a few drops that day. We now hope George can predict a rain of about 5 or 10 inches soon. It would be welcome indeed.

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- Green Onions Home Grown Bunch 5c
- Squash White and Yellow lb. 7 1/2c
- New Potatoes lb. 7 1/2c

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- 7 Bone Roast lb. 28c
- Wieners Swift's Pure Meat lb. 39c
- Assorted Lunch Loaves lb. 39c
- Boneless Roast lb. 33c

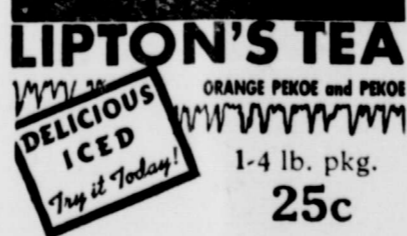


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FRIDAY-SATURDAY SPECIALS

Five New Members Are Elected To Champion Farmers Association

By W. J. DRYDEN
WNU Farm Editor



WILLIAM F. RENK . . . With the help of three sons he produced 85 carloads of food from his 850-acre farm at Sun Prairie, Wis. Farmer Renk, former Wisconsin commissioner of agriculture, with the able assistance of his sons, Wilbur, Walter and Robert, last year sold more than 1,000,000 pounds of beef, pork and lamb in addition to 25,000 bushels of hybrid seed corn and 10,000 bushels of Victoria oats and a carload of wool.



J. D. MCGEE . . . This champion is an outstanding example of a farmer who went heavily in debt in order to succeed. He now operates 2,300 acres of land at Morgan, Ga. McGee's major cash crop is peanuts, but he believes in and practices a modern system of versatile farming—raising hogs, Hereford cattle, as well as producing oats, corn and cotton. Does not believe in putting all of his eggs in one basket.



THOMAS J. PEARSALL . . . Rocky Mount, N. C., is proud of Manager Pearsall of the M. C. Braswell Company Farms. He has the job of operating a farm of 22,000 acres and supervising the work of 1,100 men, women and children who live and work on the farm. Cotton, tobacco, corn, lespedeza, hogs, beef and dairy cattle as well as small grains are produced by Tom Pearsall and his family of 1,100.



WILLIAM RICHARDS . . . Bill gave up a successful career as a chemical engineer and racing car driver to purchase a Cape Cod dairy farm in 1941 at Forestdale, Mass., and converted it into a truck garden. Born and raised in Boston, he decided to become a vegetable producer after suffering a serious truck accident. Known as Veg-Acres Farms, his 649 acres include 125 acres of broccoli. Like most scientists, he leaves nothing to chance. Irrigation, cold frames and modern mechanized methods are utilized by Racer Richards.

Five members have been admitted to agriculture's most exclusive organization, the Champion Farmers Association of America. Representing all sections, and phases of farming, they prove a living example that farming in America can be profitable and honored. Their names will stand high on the roll of agricultural fame, men of merit whose achievements win universal admiration.

The new members are William F. Renk, Sun Prairie, Wis.; J. D. McGee, Morgan, Ga.; Thomas J. Pearsall, Rocky Mount, N. C.; and camera-shy William Gehring, Rensselaer, Ind. (Ed. Note: No inducement proved sufficient to Farmer Bill, to secure his consent to pose for a photograph.)

The nominations for this award are made by farm leaders and elected by C.F.A.'s membership of agricultural authorities—the awards are presented by Firestone, which cooperated in the founding of the association in 1937.

Camera-shy William Gehring, who wouldn't have his picture taken, won his place by helping greatly to bring the rich muck lands of northern Indiana into heavy production through the application of proper fertilizer, irrigation, crop diversification and highly mechanized farming. On his farm at Rensselaer, Ind., his production of mint, of which he sold more than \$500,000 worth last year, has proven the financial possibilities of this crop. He also grows potatoes, sweet corn, and onions on his farm of 4,000 acres. Prior to 1931 he worked in a factory. Without farm experience he went to the muck lands to overcome their production problems and set an example to others.

A Veteran Farmer.

William Renk is a veteran farmer who has consistently followed a progressive policy. He emphasizes efficiency in every phase of farming, with the aid of three super-helpers, his sons. They are pioneers in arch-type construction of farm buildings, and their machine shop is a credit to their ability. Seven tractors, self-feeders, hay slides—and their ability to produce quality seed corn—hybrid—marks them as real progressive farmers. The Renks have developed a direct sales demand for their hybrid seed.

J. D. McGee started in 1928 on a small farm—purchased with borrowed capital. Last year his peanut crop was worth \$40,000. Soil conservation plays an important part on his farm, as they must on any farm that succeeds. He is a director of the Georgia-Florida-Alabama Peanut Growers' association, and an authority on the economic problems of the industry. Congress has heard with interest his facts and figures on peanut production and possibilities.

"Speed Richards"—they call William Richards. This not only applies to his farm operations but to his former record as a racing car driver. He started out by leasing a tract near Providence, R. I. Later Richards purchased his present farm from earnings from the leased tract—tenant farming may pay well. He launched an extensive and costly fertilizing program—essential for this type of farming. A major innovation was a large irrigation system drawing on a lake as a water source.

In Many Organizations.

Speed Richards takes an active part in farm organizations. He is a member of the governor's advisory council on agriculture, the Boston Market Garden association, Town Finance committee, Extension Vegetable committee and Farm Bureau. At 38 he has three daughters, one son and a modern successful highly mechanized farm.

Thomas J. Pearsall believes in progressive plantation policies which have attracted national attention. He is not a farm owner, but he manages the famous Braswell farms at Rocky Mount, N. C., containing 22,000 acres. Starting 10 years ago, he was considered "revolutionary," because he was a strong supporter of education among his Negro tenants and sharecroppers. The result—labor turnover greatly reduced and crop yields increased. He installed mechanical and technical innovations, such as terracing and strip cropping. A state representative and president of the Agricultural Foundation, Inc., he is now raising two million dollars for the farm research program at North Carolina State college. Tom has a wife and two sons to aid him.

It is particularly noticeable that the section of the United States in which a farmer lives has little to do with his ability to be a "champion." These five farmers come from New England, the Mississippi valley, the North and the South. The American farmer can do his job in any state, or climate, when he sets him-

self to the task with a will.

Although the war is over, the world needs food—meats, grains, vegetables and fruit. But somehow we all have the feeling that the "champs" down on the farms of America will see that few people starve.

Georgia Boy Rose From Buck Private To 4-Star General

WASHINGTON.—He was born in Perry, Ga., in 1887, where his father published the Houston Home Journal. As a boy he worked around the newspaper plant but was more interested in the Perry Rifles, a local guard unit. Having heard his parents speak of former members of the Hodges' family as Confederate soldiers in the Civil war, he was determined to become a soldier.

He entered West Point in 1904 but because of trouble with mathematics left the United States Military academy and enlisted in the army as an infantry private. In 1909 he received his commission as a second lieutenant, simultaneously with the commissioning of his former West Point classmates. Instead of spending three years at the Point, he became an officer after service at various infantry installations. His early army career included service



GEN. COURTNEY H. HODGES

with General Pershing's Mexican Punitive expedition and the 6th Infantry regiment of the 5th division in France, Luxembourg and Germany in World War I.

He was appointed commandant of the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1940. He became chief of infantry in Washington, was made chief of the ground forces replacement and school command when the army was reorganized into ground, air and service forces, and later became commanding general of the X army corps. He was assigned to command the Third army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in February, 1943, and served in this capacity until March, 1944, when he was assigned to the First army in the European theater of operations.

Assistant to Gen. Omar N. Bradley when the First army took part in the invasion of Normandy, capture of Cherbourg, and the breakthrough at St. Lo, Hodges assumed full command in August, 1944. He paved the way for the Third army's and his famous First's spectacular lunges across France, was the first into Paris, first into Germany, first army commander since Napoleon to cross the Rhine river in battle, first to enter and clear out the Hurtgen forest in the cold winter months, and first to meet the Russians.

Among his higher decorations are the Distinguished Service Cross and the Silver Star from the first war and the Distinguished Service Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster for services in the current conflict.

General Hodges presently commands the First army with headquarters at Fort Bragg, N. C.

From private to four-star general is a route any soldier would like to travel—and Courtney Hicks Hodges is one who did! And in future years some of America's highest ranking officers will come from the ranks, from among men who made the army a career.



A Teaser

"You certainly look cute in that gown, Millie."
"Oh, this? I wear it to teas."
"Whom?"

"There's no place like home"—and the home hunters are getting to believe it.

That Too?

A female voice on the phone asked: "Hello, is this the Fidelity Insurance company?"
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"If all, I want to have my husband's fidelity insured."

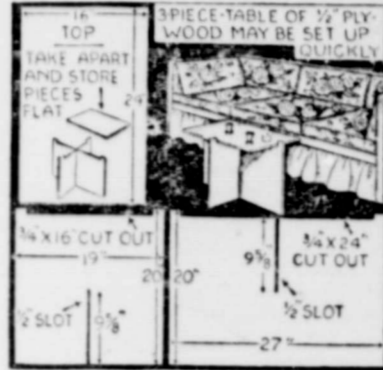
Or an Elephant?

The sweet young thing entered a photographer's studio with a small snapshot.
"I want this enlarged," she said.
"Certainly. Would you like it mounted?" said the clerk.
"Oh, that would be lovely," replied the girl. "He'll certainly look wonderful on a horse."

Like Strangers

"Out West we treat the help just like the rest of the family."
"Well, in New York, if we want them to stay, we have to treat them with respect."

A Table Without Nails or Screws



HERE is a little coffee table that you can make from three scraps of plywood with straight cuts of the saw. Detailed directions are in Book 10 of the series offered with these articles.

The sofa shown is made by combining an iron cot with a slip-covered frame built around it. Book 9 gives directions for making the frame and doing the upholstery.

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Raspberry bushes must be pruned every year if they are to be long-lived and productive. Without pruning, the bushes become choked with deadwood and a super-abundance of new canes, so that the fruit canes are weakened greatly.

To measure a half tablespoonful or teaspoonful of dry ingredients fill spoon, scrape level with a knife and divide lengthwise. To measure a quarter spoonful halve crosswise.

Early in the spring the lawn should be rolled if the area is rough. Rolling should be done when the soil is friable but not wet. Then the grass should be thoroughly combed with an iron rake to remove the dead grass and debris. However, brooming the lawn with wire or rattan is harmful because the partially decayed grass clippings and other organic matter are removed and the soil surface is exposed to the drying winds and sun.

To remove perspiration marks from white silk mix some bicarbonate of soda to a stiff paste with cold water. Spread thickly on the parts and leave for an hour or so before washing. This will damp weather.

Sweet peas should be staked as soon as seeds break through soil so that plants may cling to stakes as small tendrils form. If allowed to sprawl on the ground the growth of vines will be checked.

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STAY ON YOUR SIDE

Out on the highway there is a painted line. It is the line that separates life from death; happiness from despair; safe driving from dangerous driving. It is the line that goes down the center of the highway.

Stay on your side and live. Thou-

sands annually cross over that line and meet death or serious injury. Statistics show that passing another automobile out on the highway is one of the most dangerous things a person does.

State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer makes a timely plea when he calls for strict observance of highway markings and signs. Traffic volume is already well above pre-war peaks in Texas, tire and car shortages notwithstanding. It will soar further upward as new cars get on the road. Authorities predict the nation's 1946 death toll from motor accidents will pass 38,000 unless motorists can be persuaded to assume more cautious driving habits. At the predicted 1946 death rate, only seven years will be required for motor vehicle accidents to kill as many Americans as were killed in World War II from Pearl Harbor through V-J Day.

It will be as impossible to remove defective cars from our highways over-

night as it will be to rebuild all highways overnight to conform to the most advanced safety standards. It is up to the driver in 1946 to overcome the defect in his car and in the highway, in addition to reducing the number of accidents attributable to the driver himself.

While enjoying the beautiful Texas landscapes adjacent to our highways, may each driver keep alert for those yellow signs which warn him of danger. May he stay on the right side of the center stripe and never attempt to pass another vehicle when the dashed line is on his side.

Safety is one of the battles of peace. It will be fought by every person who gets under a steering wheel. His weapons are caution and never-ending practice of a few simple safe driving rules. How well he uses these weapons will determine which is the more fatal: the battles of war or the battles of peace.

GEN. EISENHOWER WILL ATTEND AGGIE MUSTER AT A&M

COLLEGE STATION, April 18.—The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, which declared war on Sunday, December 7, 1941, a day ahead of the nation at large, will officially declare World War II ended at the Victory Homecoming here April 19-21.

When registration begins on April 19 at the nation's largest military college, thousands of Texas Aggies will be on hand to represent the 20,000 who served in the conflict.

Headlining the many honor guests will be Army Chief of Staff Dwight D. Eisenhower under whose command so many Aggies fought in the European campaigns. He and all the former students of the College who achieved the general's rank will be awarded honorary degrees at a convocation on Saturday evening, April 20.

The homecoming will be climaxed by an observance of the traditional Aggie San Jacinto Day Muster to be held at Kyle Field on Easter morning at 8:30 a. m., with General Eisenhower speaking to the 15,000 or more people expected to be present. The services will honor the 800 A. & M. men killed in World Wars I and II.

R. S. WILLIAMS IS INFANTILE PARALYSIS ASSISTANCE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. George H. Pittman, of Dallas, Texas State Representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, reminds us that R. S. Williams is Irion County's Chapter Chairman for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Infantile paralysis victims needing financial assistance for hospitalization and treatment please contact Mr. Williams or some member of his Chapter Committee.

C. E. Smith, son of R. B. Smith, sold one acre of land last week at Sherwood to Mrs. Buck Keith of Sherwood.

Fred Loftin of Iranan was a Mertzon visitor last Friday.

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ANNUAL TEXAS COWBOY REUNION JULY 2, 3, 4, STAMFORD

Directors of the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc. confirmed the tentative dates of July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th for the 17th Annual Texas Cowboy Reunion which were set at a meeting last fall. The annual affair, held in Stamford, Texas, exceeded all previous attendance records in 1945.

W. G. Swenson, president, presented a plan for a special calf roping event for servicemen and ex-servicemen which was accepted unanimously by the directors. Winner of the event will receive a hand tooled saddle. The ten low roping servicemen and ex-servicemen in the previous two day go-round will compete at the night performance on July 4th for the saddle. All servicemen and ex-servicemen of World War II will be admitted free except for government tax at that performance to witness their buddies successes and failures. Roping is an event that re-

quires constant practice, a deft touch and split-second timing, something the boys in service the past four years have missed.

Sgt. and Mrs. M. T. Fields of San Angelo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Thorp. Mrs. Fields is a sister of Mrs. Thorp.

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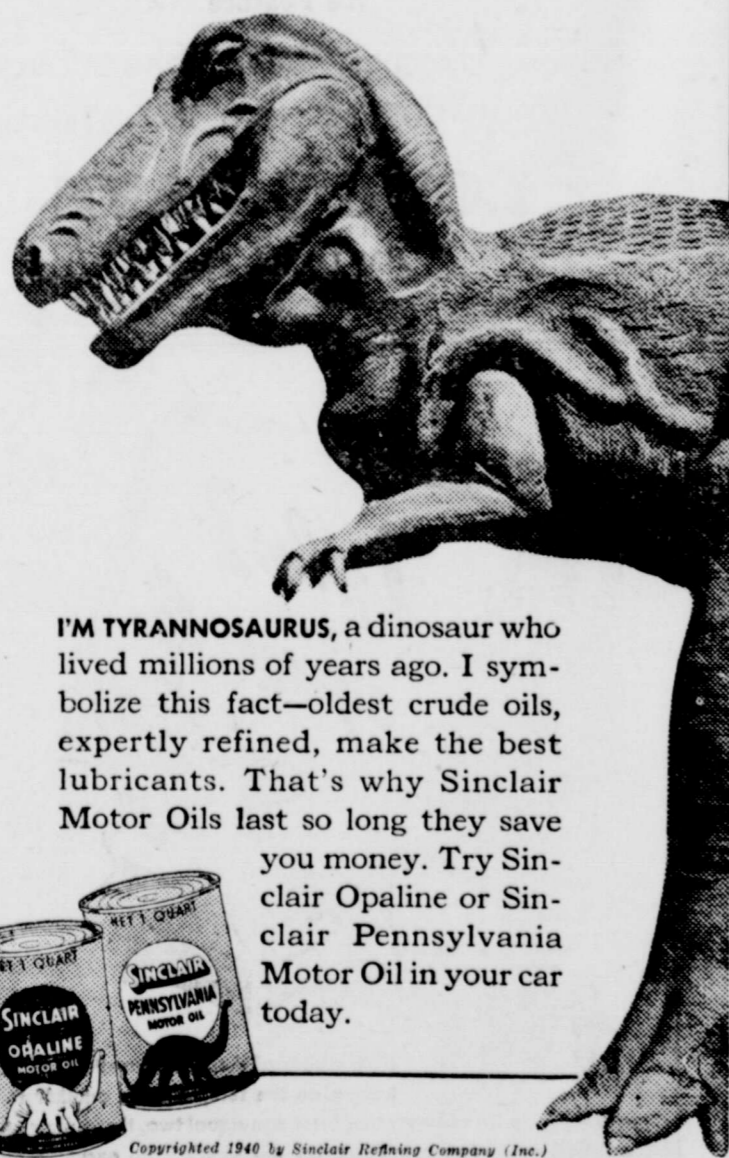
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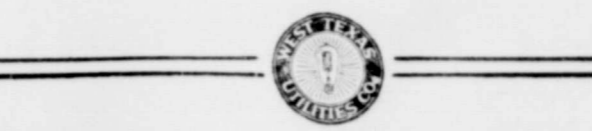
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PNEUMONIA SHOULD BY NO MEANS BE TAKEN LIGHTLY

Since the discovery of the sulfa drugs and penicillin, pneumonia is not as grave a threat to life as it was a few years ago. Nevertheless, pneumonia is by no means to be taken lightly. It ranks among the leading causes of death and is apt to strike particularly hard during the months of January, February and March.

Lobar pneumonia is an infection of the lung usually caused by the invasion of an organism called pneumococcus. It results in inflammation of the lung and is accompanied by high fever. There are various types of lobar pneumonia, some more and some less resistant to the sulfa drugs. All types of pneumonia, however, are serious and may be followed by such complications as pleurisy, lung abscesses or meningitis.

The first symptoms of lobar pneumonia are a chill and pain in the side. The disease develops rapidly. Within 48 hours there is a high fever, which may go up to 104 degrees or more. The patient has a rasping cough and expectorates blood-tinged sputum. Breathing is heavy and difficult. When sulfa or penicillin is used, the disease is usually brought under control quickly. The drugs do not seem to be effective, however, with some types of pneumonia.

Pneumonia often develops if proper care is not taken after other illnesses. The patient who becomes active too soon after influenza may break down with pneumonia. Any number of illnesses may be followed by pneumonia if the body is not permitted to regain

The History of Coffee

The fragrant cup of coffee which makes us civil every morning and renews us so often during the day links many nations in a long and romantic history. Just when it first appeared as a beverage no one can say exactly. But that it was an Arabian discovery seems very likely in view of the fact that coffee grew wild in that part of the world before the ninth century after Christ, and fanciful Arabian nights tales have been handed down about the first brew.

The most popular legend concerns Kaldi, an Arabian goatherd, whose dull life on the hillside made him a gloomy Joe indeed. But he picked and ate some of the berries his goats were fond of nibbling, because he noticed that after eating these berries, the goats became gay creatures. Kaldi himself became a new man. Thereafter coffee berries were indispensable to his diet, and so carefree and lively did he become that he often joined his goats in a merry dance.

A monk, to whom Kaldi confided his experiences, prepared a drink from the beans and served it to the members of his order. They found the beverage sustained their energy and helped them to pray and meditate longer, so they adopted the drink and cultivated the plant.

Gradually the popularity of the beverage spread to Turkey, where, in 1554, the first public coffee house was established. It was introduced

to the Venetians in 1615, the French in 1644, the English and Viennese in 1650, and it was brought to North America in 1668. But promptly the power of the beverage to stimulate clear thinking and plain talking converted the popular coffee houses into discussion clubs. And political debate that exploded into dissension, direct action and resistance made coffee houses the targets of tyrants like Charles II of England, who termed them seminaries of sedition.

But, according to Disraeli, London and Paris coffee houses of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries held the mirror to "the manners, the morals and the politics of a people."

Here in colonial United States, too, the coffee house became the meeting house of the town fathers, and after a time changed from purely social centers to focal points of merchant trade and political discussion. Daniel Webster called Boston's Green Dragon Coffee House "the headquarters of the American Revolution."

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its strength before normal activities are resumed.

The best precaution against pneumonia is a strong body. This means getting sufficient rest, eating nourishing meals, taking care of one's self after illness, avoiding sudden chilling,

not going out in cold or wet weather without protective clothing.

Some diseases, such as scarlet fever, set up immunity against re-infection. This is not true of pneumonia. On the contrary, pneumonia frequently recurs.

Although pneumonia may be quickly brought under control today when sulfa or penicillin can be used, the patient should follow the doctor's advice and allow time for complete convalescence before taking up his usual activities again.

SCREWORM AND BLOWFLY CONDITIONS IN TEXAS

COLLEGE STATION, April 18.—The overwintering area of the screwworm fly for the past winter was restricted to approximately 70 per cent of normal, or 50 per cent of last year's areas, according to the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, Uvalde, Texas. The area was south of a line from Comstock to Camp Wood, thence

Political Announcements

The following candidates announce for offices designated, subject to action of the Democratic Primary, July 27, 1946—

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The population of the adult fly in this restricted area was approximately 80 per cent of normal for the first half of March and was extremely spotted. Avery restricted area in the West Nueces Valley had 160 per cent of average adults for this period—a reflection of the extremely high population of the fly in this area for November, 1945.

Prospect for late spring and early summer is that the fly will appear from two weeks to a month later in the eastern area than normal; from one to two months later in the western area than normal; and in less numbers than usual.

Blowfly populations are developing rather rapidly and in local areas have built up extremely high populations. They are attacking dehorned cattle and long-wool sheep—mostly on the lower Rio Grande plain and Western Escarpment areas.

James E. Fraser's famous statue depicting the end of the trail is located in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

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TURNING POINT

By Mary Imlay Taylor

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THE STORY THUS FAR: Sherwin tells Mac that Stenhart is his cousin. It was Stenhart's testimony that convicted Sherwin of killing their uncle. After eight years, he escaped from prison and finally tracked Stenhart to the ranch—to kill him. They went to the stables and got two horses. Old Mac led the way to a trail that led up to the cliff. Hobbling their horses they proceeded on foot to a hidden cabin Old Mac had known about for years. But Jordan was in the cabin! Jordan escaped again. Mac advised Sherwin to skip at daybreak. "I don't believe you did it," Mac said as he rode away, leaving Sherwin to stare after him. Sherwin bedded down in the brush to wait out the night.

CHAPTER VII

There was small likelihood of Jordan following so far, and Sherwin turned back to the mountain path at last, with a feeling that Mac, at least, was safe.

It was half an hour later when he found himself near the cabin again. He had approached from the ledge and stood in the shadow of a live oak, listening intently. Personally, he had no thought that Jordan would return here, for Jordan did not really know how many had been in the attacking party, and he must know that the sheriff was after him with a posse. Sherwin reasoned that he would scarcely venture back that night and, on the other hand, Mac thought that he, Sherwin, meant to leave at daybreak. He smiled grimly, he wanted Mac to think just that! Meanwhile, he hid his food pack and his blanket; he should not starve while he waited. And he intended to wait here until he met Stenhart again face to face.

Sherwin could have believed that his cousin had killed the old man to make sure of his inheritance before the will was changed, but Mac had proved his alibi. There was no one to testify for the newcomer, the nephew who was little known in the neighborhood.

Sherwin had escaped from jail by a mere accident. Two other convicts had tunneled a way out, and at the last moment they invited him to join them. The thought of liberty had set him wild; he had taken their chances, jumped into the river with them, got ashore in the dark and, with their help, changed into another suit of clothes. He had one faithful friend who had taken care of the little money he had of his own. He had got that secretly and, against the pleadings of his friend, started west—after Stenhart!

Search for him had been so far fruitless; he had been advertised, tracked—all in vain. The fates were with him; he would not be taken until he had reckoned with his enemy, the man who had sworn away his liberty. He had found him! Found him making love to a girl who could not know how vile he was, the liar! And that girl—?

Sherwin rose and began to walk to and fro; he had forgotten the outlaws, what were they to him? He was himself an outlaw!

Jane had passed a sleepless night, a new experience for her cheerful youth, and she rose early, dressed in her riding-suit and slipped out into the hall long before breakfast time. She was going out and she did not want questions asked. She had phoned to the stables to have Tex saddled and waiting.

The wide old hall was flooded with morning light and, almost unconsciously, her eyes turned toward Jim's desk. She seemed to see Sherwin standing there as on that first night.

She was still there, motionless, when she heard a step behind her. She looked up, startled, and saw Stenhart.

"I didn't know you got about so early," she exclaimed. "How much better you are!"

He took no notice of her little half-hearted attempt at lightness. He came close, looking down at her with his stormy eyes.

"Where are you going, Jane?" he demanded gravely.

She flushed hotly. "Out for a canter before breakfast," she answered shortly.

He did not believe it, she saw that in his eyes, and her flush deepened. He leaned his hand on the desk beside hers. She could feel the emotion that shook him and she dreaded it. She tried to escape.

"I must be going—" she began nervously.

"Jane!"

She raised her eyes reluctantly to his. "You're not fully yourself yet, Max, you look pale—sit down here, let me call Fanny!"

He laughed bitterly. "You can't evade me, Jane. I'm here for my answer. Will you marry me now—at once?"

"Are you quite generous? I asked you to give me time!" she parried.

"I've given you time! I'm hu-

man, Jane. I can't endure this any more. Will you marry me now?"

He had laid his hand over hers on top of the old desk. She felt it trembling as she drew hers sharply away.

"I'm sorry," she said in a low voice, "but I can't!"

"Do you mean not now? Or never?" he was breathing hard.

Jane felt a sudden fear of him, a fear she had never felt of Sherwin, though Sherwin was a convicted murderer! She tried to give him a friendly smile, but her lips shook. "I mean never, Max."

There was a moment of intense silence. The sweet morning air coming in through the window lifted the soft hair on her forehead; she was pale but her blue eyes shone. Something in his look and his manner angered her.

"I know why, Jane!" he exclaimed bitterly.

"I'm sorry, Max, I must go—I'll see you again at breakfast."



She was still there, motionless, when she heard a step behind her.

He caught her wrist violently. "You shan't go! You're in love with that fellow!"

"You've no right to say that to me!" Jane flashed at him angrily; then she remembered that he had been ill, and relented. "It's all over, Max; can't we be friends?"

He shook his head, folding his arms and standing there, motionless. His expression was sullen, but there was a strange light in his dark eyes.

"Oh, if you don't want to be friends!" Jane turned away proudly. "I'm going out now, Max!" She lifted her chin scornfully. He was behaving like a sulky boy, she thought; she liked to see a man lose like a good sport, like—well, like a brave man!

Stenhart said nothing at all, but she was aware of his tall figure motionless there behind her. She felt his eyes on her back, but she hurried away, ran down the slope to the stable and swung herself into the saddle.

"I'll be back presently, Jose," said she lightly, giving Tex his head.

The vacquero stood watching her ride off, a smile on his dark face. "She some rider!" he thought.

Tex had cleared the bridge almost at a bound. The horse was full of pep today, ready to run, but Jane rode like a boy. The man stood watching, shading his eyes with a hand burnt black by the sun. He was surprised at the way she went. So surprised that he jumped when a voice spoke sharply at his elbow.

"Saddle one of the horses, I want one right off!"

The vacquero stared. "You able to ride, Meester Stenhart?"

"Get a move on you! Saddle up."

Jose grinned, saddling a steady horse for his sick man. "He catch up with senorita, eh?" The grin widened into silent laughter. But he was amazed at the ease with which Stenhart mounted; he did not know that sheer rage can carry even a sick man far.

But, after crossing the bridge, Stenhart slowed down his horse. He had glimpsed Jane far ahead and she might turn and look back; it was no part of his purpose to have her look back! Besides, in spite of his bravado, he was almost swaying in the saddle. Illness had weakened

him and the sunshine seemed amazingly vivid; his eyes ached. But his will power kept him erect on the horse, and he rose steadily. Now and then he lost sight of the rider in front but he knew there was no cross-road and he could afford to give her a long lead. She was not riding so fast now; in a way he sensed that she was looking for some spot, or expected to meet someone. He had had that in mind from the first!

The flame of jealousy within him leaped up and tortured him. He saw nothing of the beauty of the day, the near hills green and brown, the distant blue peaks against the blue sky, the shadows in the canyons, the wooded spurs, the slopes of Las Palomas falling behind him. Presently his horse forded a wide stream. It ran swiftly, and it seemed to him his ear caught the sound of a cataract somewhere in the ravine, then he saw Jane so close ahead that he reined in violently. His horse plunged and he was near discovery. But, happily for him, the girl took no thought of being followed; she had found an unused trail and turned into it. For an instant Stenhart thought he had lost her and his heart beat stormily, then he sighted her through the trees. He dismounted, hid his horse in the brush and followed on foot. Ten yards up the trail she had slipped from the saddle and vanished up a steep ascent. Passing Tex, where he was cropping grass, Stenhart crept after her, treading softly, and, as he climbed, the tumult of the cataract came nearer and nearer; it must be below him now, hidden by the trees. Far up he caught a glimpse of a slender figure still ahead and he followed doggedly.

Sherwin had slept heavily, physically exhausted, and it was sunrise when he awoke. The solitude of the wooded height seemed drenched in peace. He saw only great tree-trunks about him, and the sun had not yet penetrated their dense shade. Somewhere a bird sang sweetly. For a moment it seemed impossible that he had fallen asleep with hatred in his heart, but his first waking consciousness brought it all back; he was to stay here, hidden, until he killed Stenhart! Nothing less would satisfy his thirst for vengeance.

He opened his food pack and ate sparingly; there was a lovely spring close at hand, and he lacked for nothing now. His meal finished he rose and began to explore the place; it was evident that Jordan had not returned. There was no sound but those innumerable small noises of life in the woods, and the music of the cataract far below him. He moved on in profound leisure, and since he did not now intend flight he had ample time on his hands.

Presently he came upon a rocky ledge and, as he climbed, his foot slipped, and he rolled down into some brambles and felt a strong current of air. Only slightly bruised from his fall, he rose to his knees and found that he had torn the brambles away from the open mouth of a cavern. The keen breeze that came from it lifted the hair on his forehead; there must be another opening somewhere. Curiosity made him explore carefully.

No one had known of this spot; it was webbed with cobwebs, choked with roots, and he pushed them aside and entered, stooping. To his surprise, he found himself in a cavern of considerable size. Away from it ran a passageway through which the wind blew keenly. He struck a match, found an old bit of wood on the floor, the broken root of some tree, and succeeded in firing it. Carrying his improvised torch carefully, he explored and found a twisting passage that led downward a long way. He could not follow it to the end without more light; his torch was failing him, and he recollected the candle in Mac's cabin.

He turned back at once. He had chanced on an ideal hiding place and he must know it thoroughly, know, too, if Jordan had found the other opening. Emerging, he rearranged the screen of brambles and made his way, more cautiously, toward the cabin. There was always the possibility that Jordan or his pals might return there. But it was vacant, and he had ample time to look for what he needed most, candles and matches. He found only the one half-burnt candle and two matches, evidently tossed there by the watcher after he had lighted his pipe. There was an old blanket, a remnant of Mac's camping - out there, and a coil of rope.

Sherwin stood still, staring at that coil of rope; suddenly it had an immense significance—it brought into his mind a full-fledged scheme of vengeance! The cave and the rope!

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1. Is nectar the only food of the hummingbird?
2. What animal has been depicted more than any other in art for many centuries?
3. What creatures develop three kinds of unnatural coloration?
4. What blind English poet dictated his poems to his faithful daughter?
5. What is the difference between indict and indite?
6. Which entire arm of Venus de Milo is missing?

The Answers

1. No. It obtains a large portion of its nourishment from insects.
2. The elephant, because it is the symbol of temperance, sovereignty and eternity.
3. Of all living creatures, only domestic pigeons develop the three kinds of unnatural coloration—albinism or whiteness, melanism or blackness, erythrism or redness.
4. John Milton.
5. Indict is to charge with an offense; indite, to write or compose.
6. The left arm.

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CLASS PROPHECY

This is station M. H. S. coming to you from the English Room at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo on April 13, 1956. This program is sponsored by the Juniors of '46 to tell you what happened to the '46 Seniors of Mertzton High.

Mr. David Louis Knowlton is now football coach at Yale University. His picture was in all the papers last year when he married a famous Powers Model who is 6 feet, 2 inches tall.

Ruth Burleson Mary Thomas Peabody is now trying to find her a fourth husband. Her first husband went insane and the second divorced her. The third committed suicide after living with her 3 days. We surely feel sorry for her fourth husband. There isn't much telling what will happen to him.

Miss Mary Emma Gober has a Matrimonial Agency in New York City. She has been married so many times that every time she gets a divorce she changes her name back to Gober. Mary Emma finds it difficult to get along with any man—they are all so impossible. She has just published a book about how to live alone.

Mrs. Blankenship has just moved to a ranch near Fort Worth where she intends to spend more time with her writing. She has written several histories of the Americas and taught American history three semesters at Southern Methodist University.

Miss Patsy Jones is well-known for

her interest in tomatoes. After winning every sort of prize that is offered for tomatoes, she has begun a career of judging in tomato contests all over the country.

Miss Frances Carr, formerly of Mertzton, is today living at Beaumont, Texas. She is a public school music teacher and has been teaching there the past three years. During the summer, Frances plays over her own 15 minute radio request program.

The former Miss Kathryn Evans gave up her career as speech teacher at the University of Texas four years ago to marry a contractor in Austin, Texas. Kathryn has a little boy, Horace, Jr., who is well-known for his meanness. The last bad thing he did was set fire to their home. For this, Kathryn actually spanked the little aongel, but it hurt her more than it did him—he had put shingles in his pants.

Miss Peggy Marie Covey, now known as Deena Markey, is a famous movie star and has been elected head pin-up girl of the navy. She has been married twice and was just declared not-guilty in a murder case involving the shooting of her second husband. She shot him because he persisted in popping his gum, and if there's anything she can't stand, it's that.

Miss Leona Wagner is now working for Rinsco Brothers Circus. She is a tight-rope walker and does acrobatics on horseback. She has been offered movie contracts by the dozens, but she turns them all down because she likes circus life and couldn't bear to leave all the clowns.

Janette McFarlane is now the champion tennis player in America and is going to play the English champion in Mexico City next month. Janette majored in physical education at college and has been a counselor at girls' summer camps all over the country.

Miss Minnie Joe Evans is now living in Chicago, Ill. She is a writer on a newspaper there and has made a trip around the world as a foreign correspondent. Her picture was in "Life" magazine a few months ago, because she was the first woman in the United States to copy the native African women's custom of wearing huge rings in their noses.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE SENIOR CLASS OF '46

We, the senior class of Mertzton High School, Mertzton, Texas, being of doubtful mind but strong body, make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament. (Hereby canceling all former wills heretofore made.)

As the only senior boy, David wills his unflinching popularity to Bobby.

Leona wills all of her music pupils to Doris.

Helen wills her happy married life to Modell.

Janette wills her handsome boy friends to Elizabeth.

Frances wills her ability to play the "Rockmaninoff Prelude" and to type to "Blue."

Jo wills her job as editor of the "Hornets Hum" to Geneva.

Mary Ema wills her quietness and her power to resist the boys to Elvina.

Patsy wills her acting ability to Margaret.

Kathryn wills her beautifully carved desk and her right to stick chewing gum on it to "Punk."

Peggy wills the president's chair in the A.B.O.U.T. Club to Jean.

Ruth wills her ability to keep books to Gene Hegwood.

In the witness where of, we have heretofore set our hand and seal this the 13th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand and nine hundred and forty-six.

Signed by: SENIOR CLASS

In the presence of:

Natalie Sutton Roy B. Shilling
 Jack McIntosh.

SENIOR TRIP

The seniors plan to leave on their trip Friday, April 19. They will eat breakfast Friday morning at Miss Sutton's home in Melvin. They plan to visit the capitol and the University Campus in Austin. They will spend Easter in Austin or in San Antonio and the remainder of the time on the

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JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The Junior-Senior banquet, which holds the spotlight in our social calendar each spring, was given in the English Room of the Cactus Hotel, Saturday night.

A camp fire, saddle, brands, and horse shoes made the western theme predominant. Red crepe paper bows and strips of crepe paper down each table gave things a party air, while flying confetti added to the fun. The whole scene was softly lighted by red candles, and the center piece was of red carnations and candy tuft. Tiny Mexican baskets filled with nuts were given as favors, and place cards and programs were engraved with cowboys.

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coast at Galveston and Houston. The plans for the trip are not completed as yet (Monday), but a detailed report will appear when they return next week end.

FOOTBALL

Football again has been revived in Mertzton High. Under the tutelage of Coach W. H. Malphurs, the Hornets are showing rapid improvement and a great deal of enthusiasm.

The second week of practice finds fourteen boys engaged in a rigorous training program now planned to last for four weeks. On Friday afternoon, May 3, at 3:30, a practice game will be held at the park between the two halves of the squad. Visitors are invited.

Coach Malphurs is at present working on a schedule for the fall season with surrounding schools.

We are very glad to have Coach Malphurs with us.

BUZZIN' AROUND

Maxine, Annette, Sue, Roy, and Jack were seen playing tennis at the school Sunday afternoon.

Margaret and Stokie, Punk and Brooksie, Kathryn and Dick, and "Blue" and Joe Robert went to San

Angelo to the show Sunday afternoon.

Dating after the Junior-Senior banquet Saturday night were Bobby and Lonie, Gene and Punk, Emerson and Peggy, J. C. Knowlton and Janie, Kathryn and "Frenchie," and Blue and Bob Cane.

Frances Carr, Elizabeth, Geneva, Patsy, and Doris went to the show after the banquet.

THE STINGER

We wonder if Maxine and Jean had fun finding out which floor room 1202 was on!

Elizabeth, was there any special reason why you didn't want to sit by Buck at the banquet?

Kathryn, what's wrong with trying on red socks in front of two certain boys? Especially, when your feet smell so good!

Lonie, how was your baby doll, Saturday?

John, you and Roy didn't seem to care very much for Annette and Joan's duet Thursday night!

Question of the Week: Why was Janie like atomic energy last Friday? Answer: Because she had atomic ache.

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(See Recipes Below)

Dish Up Color, Springlike Flavor In Easter Foods

This year Easter should be all you want it to be. The spirit of peace and well being is with us. Loved ones have returned, and spring has begun. For the home-maker, Easter dinner will be fairly easy to prepare as long as awaited foods have returned in quantity.

If you like ham, then make it as pretty as a picture with your clever hands and nimble fingers. Set it on a table with a cool white or pastel cloth with your nicest arrangement of fresh garden flowers. Lilies, of course, are nice, but there are other floral arrangements that will do wonders. Daffodils are fresh and cheerful.

Modern food processing makes your ham tender so that there need not be any pre-cooking with the better brands. The ham will require only a thorough heating through which does not take more than 2 to 2½ hours even for the larger pieces of meat.

In selecting the ham, consider the number of people you want to serve. For six people you will need a ham weighing 6 to 8 pounds. Naturally, if you want to have ham for slicing and leftovers, get one of the larger sizes. There's always good eating in it.

Whipped Sweet Potatoes. (Serves 6)

Peel 6 sweet potatoes, boil until tender for about 15 to 20 minutes. Mash with potato masher or ricer, with 4 tablespoons of butter. Season with a dash of salt and nutmeg. Pile into orange cups; sprinkle with brown sugar and place under the broiler until lightly browned. Use as a garnish on ham platter and top each with a maraschino cherry.

Lynn Says

Coatings for Baked Ham: You can enhance the flavor of your baked ham with one of these delectable coatings:
Spread the ham thinly with prepared mustard, then sprinkle with brown sugar.
Mix 1 cup brown sugar with 1 teaspoon of dry mustard and 2 to 4 tablespoons of vinegar and spread over the ham.
Heat 1 cup cherry juice with 1 cup strained honey and baste ham frequently with this mixture.
Baste the ham with any canned fruit juice to improve its flavor twofold. Canned fruit nectars, cider, pineapple, prune or apple juices are delightful.
Another attractive way to prepare ham is to place thin slices of unpeeled orange over the ham and cover with this brown-sugar syrup. To make the syrup, combine 1 cup brown sugar with ¾ cup water. Bring this to a boil and cook for 5 minutes.
Baste ham with strained honey which has been mixed with chopped maraschino cherries.

Lynn Chambers' Menus

Easter Dinner
Fresh Fruit Cup with Cherry Juice
Baked Ham
Green Beans with Mushrooms
Parsleyed New Potatoes
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Bran Refrigerator Rolls
Relishes
*Frozen Ginger Ale Salad
Lemon Meringue Tarts
Beverage
*Recipe given

*Ginger Ale Salad. (Serves 4)

1 tablespoon unflavored gelatine
¼ cup cold water
½ cup pineapple juice
¼ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup ginger ale
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 slices canned pineapple, diced
¾ cup grapes
1 cup skinned grapefruit sections
8 maraschino cherries
2 tablespoons chopped preserved ginger

Soak gelatine in cold water. Heat pineapple juice. Add gelatine, stir until dissolved. Add sugar, salt, ginger ale and lemon juice. Chill until mixture begins to thicken. Add remaining ingredients. Pour into a mold which has been brushed with salad oil. Chill until firm.

What to do with Leftovers.

There are so many things you can do with leftovers from a dinner like this, that your family would never realize they are being treated to the scraps. Here are suggestions which you will enjoy using again and again:

Upside-Down Ham Loaf

Melt 1½ tablespoons of fat in a heavy skillet and cover the bottom with leftover pineapple pieces or thick slices of apples which have been pared and cored. Cover this with the following mixture: ¾ cups ground cooked ham, 1 cup bread crumbs, 1 egg, 1 cup milk and 1 tablespoon mustard. Mix well and place over the fruit in the skillet. Bake for 45 minutes in a moderate oven. Pour off any excess fat and turn upside-down on a serving platter. This serves from 4 to 6.

Rice and Ham Ring.

2 cups cooked rice
1 cup ham, diced
1 egg
¾ cup condensed mushroom soup
½ cup milk
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon dried basil
1 cup crushed potato chips or bread crumbs

Combine the ham and rice and mix thoroughly. Combine and heat the remaining ingredients with the exception of the potato chips or bread crumbs. Grease a nine-inch ring mold and place layers of the rice-ham and egg-mushroom mixture in it. Sprinkle the top with potato chips which have been crushed, or the bread crumbs. Place the ring mold in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven for 30 to 35 minutes. Invert onto a hot platter and fill the center with a buttered green vegetable and surround the mold with Julienne carrots. Serve immediately.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

Do not paint or paper walls immediately after they have been plastered. Let them stand from eight to 10 weeks—even longer in damp weather.

Avoid running lamp cords under your rugs. They wear ridges into the fabric, besides being unsafe.

To remove grass stains from canvas shoes add a few drops of ammonia to a teaspoon of peroxide of hydrogen and rub the stains with the mixture. Wash off with water.

Poppy seeds must be sown in the open ground as soon as the ground can be prepared. If sown late, failure is likely to result unless seeds are carefully watered and shaded.

To hammer a nail in the wall without cracking the plaster, dip the nail in hot water first.

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