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## News of 1942 Tells of Churchbells in England, Gray Hair, 'Steaming Stars' and a Breath Holder

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During the past year news of the Allies battling the Axis, war production, conscription, wage-price-labor control measures, all have shoved many stories to the back pages. Stories that might have been "played up" more if they happened during peacetime. The following is a quick summary of some of those many news-shorts, and human interest stories.

### JANUARY

Dr. Howard E. Wilson in an address in New York city said that most Americans are guilty of "geographic illiteracy" and that Hitler's successes were made possible because of his knowledge of the geography and economics of the nations he intended taking under his "protection."

Later on two Boston, Mass., doctors, Herbert D. Adams and Leo V. Hand reported that a man, operated on for a lung ailment, whose heart had stopped beating for 20 minutes, was brought back to life and in good condition. They had kept his brain and the rest of the body supplied with oxygen.

### FEBRUARY

Many of you have seen in the movies, or heard on the radio the personality known as the "Voice of Experience." He was Marion Sayle Taylor. "Was" is the correct verb, for he died February 1 at the age of

53, from a heart attack, in Hollywood.

In a middle of the month meeting, Dr. John W. Studebaker, U. S. commissioner of education, told a meeting of 1,500 educators in the East that schools must modify their course of studies. Schools should add technical courses, stress health education and Latin America.

Down in Puebla, Mexico, the Astrophysical congress was told that the Milky Way system is 180 million billion miles from the sun. Scientists meeting at Columbia university, New York, were told by Prof. Roger Williams, University of Texas, that an abundant supply of vitamins promotes "intellectual keenness" and also are "capable of fostering morality."

### MARCH

Hold your breath on this one: Eugene J. Frechette Jr., 20, New Haven, Conn., junior at Wesleyan university, Middletown, Conn., brought honors to his Alma Mater by establishing a record by holding his breath for 20 minutes, 5 seconds in a laboratory test. OK, let out your breath now. What did your wife say when you told her that one?

A New Jersey building contractor, Claude Habberstad, tried out some

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new wooden tires he had made. He drove 75 miles an hour on a concrete highway and said the tires should last for 12,000 to 15,000 miles if the speed was kept down.

### APRIL

Somehow or other, as the files are scanned of this year's news, it seems that vitamins received more than usual amount of news-coverage. For instance: The para-amino-benzoic acid of the vitamin B complex known as paba, (easier to say, too) was given to 30 gray-haired prison inmates. It restored the original color of the hair in more than two-thirds of the cases in eight months. The "libido" in almost all of the cases, varying in age from 29 to 57, was greatly increased.

"In a marriage between German and Jew the German would get by far the better of the bargain." That is what Dr. Ashley-Montague, Philadelphia, had to say before a meeting of anthropologists at Harvard. Another blast at the Nazi racial theory "myth."

### MAY

Here are a few of the Pulitzer Prize winners, as announced by Columbia university: Meritorious public service by a newspaper prize went to the Los Angeles Times; best national reporting award went to Louis Stark of the New York Times; local reporting prize to Stanton Delaplane of the San Francisco Chronicle; Ellen Glasgow's novel, "In This Our Life" also took first award.

On the 25th anniversary of his consecration as bishop, Pope Pius broadcast to the world, appealing for peace. He said, in part: "The family is sacred; it is the cradle not only of children but also of the nation, of its force and its glory. Do not let the family be alienated or diverted from its high purpose assigned to it by God."

### JUNE

According to the U. S. census bureau, more than 38 million persons 25 years old, or older, completed at least eight years of grade or elementary school. More than 18 million in the same classification had finished high school.

And another thing, said Dr. McLaughlin of the University of Michigan, "exploding" stars don't actually explode. They just merely "let off a little steam."

At the end of this month the nation faced a shortage of 50,000 teachers, especially in mathematics and

physics. The draft, higher wages in industry were the cause of many schools deciding to close in 1943.

### JULY

Russian composer Shostakovich's Seventh symphony which he dedicated "to our struggle against Fascism, to our future victory, to my native city, Leningrad" was heard for the first time in the U. S. when played by the NBC symphony orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini in New York City.

Dr. Grinnel Jones, and co-worker Dr. Juda, both of Harvard, announced the perfection of a new fire-resisting chemical which can be sprayed or painted on wood to make it practically fire-proof. OK for plastic planes?

### AUGUST

This sounds as though it is not meant to be, but it is all in earnest. A witness, known only as Mr. Murray, testified before a senate military sub-committee on making concrete cargo-carrying submarines to



These are said to be the graves of four of the six Nazi saboteurs who landed on Long Island and Florida beaches. Neither friends nor relatives claimed the bodies.

save steel. In case you have doubts, remember that Sen. Josh Lee said he is convinced of the plan's feasibility.

Yale university announced the award of 10 scholarships to labor union leaders. They'll start to school next February and undertake a research project on the development of trade unions. There was no statement as to whether the "continuous membership" and "check off" clauses were in the awards.

### SEPTEMBER

Along comes this month and you are told, according to London AP reports, an unpublished Sherlock Holmes story, "The Man Who Was Wanted," was found by Adrian Conan Doyle, son of the writer. He said his father didn't want it published because it just wasn't up to "scratch."

You old-timers remember the Police Gazette, don't you? It has been barred from the mails by the post office department. Lascivious, lewd material was the reason given.

### OCTOBER

The Sister Elizabeth Kenny method of treating infantile paralysis by hot applications, massage and exercise, which has caused so much

furore in the medical world, is to be taught in six New York hospitals. Sister Elizabeth Kenny, an Australian, is director of a University of Minnesota clinic.

### NOVEMBER

If the kids read this in the newspapers they would have begun "to write their congressmen." The news article referred to stated the American Medical association's council on foods and nutrition suggested consumption of sugar in candy and soft drinks which are low in nutritional value be limited.

As for Stalin, over in war-torn Russia, things might have seemed a little brighter when he was told that Sergei, acting Patriarch, has conferred the official blessing of the Russian Orthodox Church on him. Sergei is a native of Polish territory taken over by the Russians. Josef Stalin was called "the divinely anointed leader of our armed and cultural forces."

Celebrating the British victory in Egypt, church bells in England rang between 9 a. m. and noon on Sun-

## Amazing Ways to Do Amazing Things Shown in Record of 1942 Accidents

In the topsy turvy year of 1942 one bit of Americana remained unchanged. Unusual accidents kept on happening as usual.

A roundup by the National Safety Council, Chicago, Ill., of dizzy mishaps for the year reveals that war or no war, a lot of people found time to do amazing things in amazing ways. For instance:

Saleslady Bessie Swank of Bridgeton, N. J., tried valiantly to fit a small girdle on a plump customer. She tugged so hard she was taken to the hospital with a severe back injury. The customer took the girdle.

Eugene B. Grabbe of Denver has never been a circus trapeze performer, but he could be. Washing windows on the seventh floor of the U. S. National Bank building, he started to fall as the buckle on his safety belt gave way. Grabbe hurled

himself backward with such force that he floated through the air with the greatest of ease, cleared a 16-foot space and landed on his feet atop an adjacent four-story building. He broke both legs, but considered himself lucky.

Joe Konecny of Great Bend, Kan., had stored his car in a garage at Little Rock, Ark., to make an auto trip with a friend. As he and his friend were driving along near Mountain Home, Ark., their car collided head-on with another machine. Both cars were wrecked. When Konecny crawled from the wreckage and looked at the other car, he saw that it was his own. It had been stolen from the Little Rock garage. Joe got legal "revenge."

### Wrong Girl.

Wallace D. Smith of Louisville, Ky., was flying an airplane at a low altitude when he saw a girl he thought he knew. He waved at her. She waved back. Pleased but distracted, Pilot Smith flew his plane into a tree top, an electric light wire and another tree top, where he ended his trip. He shinnied down, hurried to the girl to assure her he wasn't hurt. She waved the girl he had thought she was, but a total stranger. He was distracted again.

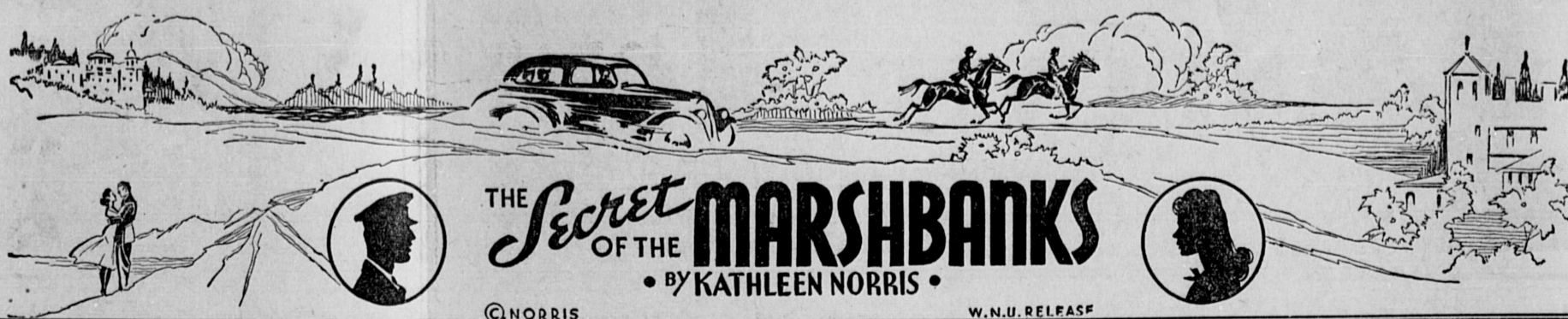
### End of Controversy

Whether the "jet" method of dousing incendiary bombs was better than the "spray" method which the Office of Civilian Defense had come out for just a week previous, was settled in favor of the "jet" method in New York on July 30, 1941, when two army sergeants doused a four-pound incendiary bomb in 15 seconds with a three-eighths inch stream of water.

## Chick Tissue Kept Alive In Tube Over 31 Years

On January 17, 1912, Dr. Alexis Carrell took a piece of tissue from the heart of a chick embryo. That piece of tissue is bryo. That piece of tissue is a still alive, after 31 years, in a still alive, after the Lederle Laboratories, Pearl River, Rockland county, New York. In terms of human life, the tissue is more than 200 years old. It is kept alive by continual "feedings" of new tissue.





**THE STORY SO FAR:** Charlotte (Cherry) Rawlings, an orphan at Saint Dorothea's convent school since she was seven, knows almost nothing of her early history but has gradually realized that like other girls at the school she has no family. She questions whether she has the right to her father's name. Judge Judson Marshbanks and Emma Haskell, housekeeper for wealthy Mrs. Porteous Porter in San Francisco are her guardians. When Cherry is twenty Emma gets her a secretarial job with Mrs. Porter but goes first to the Marshbanks mansion, meeting the judge's young wife, Fran, and his rich niece, Amy, daughter of his brother Fred, now dead. Life at Mrs. Porter's becomes monotonous, and Cherry is thrilled when Kelly Coates, an artist, sends her a box of candy. She is jealous when he brings Fran to a party at Mrs. Porter's. Emma tells Cherry that her sister Charlotte was Cherry's mother. Kelly takes Cherry along so Fran can visit his studio and Cherry senses that he is very much in love with Fran, but soon he tells Cherry despondently that Fran has promised the judge she will not see him any more. Mrs. Porter dies, leaving Cherry \$1,500, and she learns from Marshbanks that his brother, Fred, who was Amy's father, was also her father. Cherry, much depressed, phones Kelly, who takes her to his studio and comforts her. They agree to cheer each other up. She decides to go to Stanford University and the judge suggests she live at Palo Alto with a Mrs. Pringle. As Fran is driving her there, Fran says, "Cherry, I wonder if you will do something for me."

Now continue with the story.

#### CHAPTER X

"Mother, I didn't know Miss Rawlings was here! How do you do? Are you hungry? What could I offer you?" said George Pringle.

"How were you ex-es?" asked the mother.

"Repulsive," said Rebecca Pringle calmly. Cherry laughed and Rebecca smiled at Cherry and they immediately liked each other. "It was all stuff he'd never dreamed of mentioning to us before," said Rebecca. "But I think I hit some of it. You've been up to school?" she asked the visitor. "You haven't? Then I'll tell you what we'll do; we'll take a run up there now, and I'll show you 'round—"

"Oh, but you're tired! I wouldn't think—"

"I'd love it," Rebecca, whose manner was goddesslike in its serenity, said pleasantly. She and Cherry went out to a battered open two-seater at the gate and were immediately engulfed in a town full of small cars from which students dangled hilariously.

The college buildings were set in long cloisters and flower-edged lawns. When they stopped at the co-operative store, boys swarmed about the car and Rebecca introduced them, and Cherry could talk of classes she wanted to visit and of coaching in a group that was thoroughly absorbed in the same interests.

Altogether when they went back to the Pringle house and sat on the steps in real small-town fashion, Cherry was half intoxicated with happiness and anticipation, and felt that of all the changing phases of her life this one promised her the most contentment and the most to which to look forward.

She had telephoned Kelly only once in her life; she thought she might telephone him legitimately tonight, making an appointment to tell him of her good fortune. Although she put in the call immediately upon reaching home and waited for it until ten o'clock, the number was reported as not answering, and somewhat chilled, she abandoned the idea.

However, two weeks later when Easter vacations were over and she



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was conscientiously visiting classes, and studying dutifully with a coach who had been recommended, she had a telegram from him that sent her spirits to the skies.

"Coming home from Carmel Sunday morning. Can I pick you up for picnic at Topcoate at about ten? Love, Kelly," read the message. Cherry could not answer it but she was ready and waiting when he stopped the battered old car at the gate, and when she settled herself beside him she would not have changed places with any woman in the world.

"Goody!" she said. "Why 'goody?'" "Because you're alone." "Who'd you think I was bringing?" "No one special. But it's more fun to be alone."

"I've been a little too much alone," he said. "I came down for the Rasmussen wedding, and then went on to Carmel and painted cypresses and rocks."

"When—?" She felt a prick of sick premonition. "When was the Rasmussen wedding?" she asked, with a slight quiver in her voice. "Two weeks ago—two weeks ago Wednesday. Alice Rasmussen is the closest friend I have, you know. She's a peach. It was a small home affair; no fuss. Her brother must be fifty and the bride looked about that, and Stan wanted me for his best man. So I stayed there a couple of days—I was bluer than indigo anyway—and then went on down to Carmel."

"Then you saw Fran," Cherry stated rather than asked, with the bright day going dark about her.

"Fran?" His amazed eyes gave her a side glance. "How d'you mean?"

"She brought me down to the Pringles' to make arrangements and things. That was on Thursday, two weeks ago."

"I didn't know Fran was there!" He was honestly astonished. "Did she come to see Alice Rasmussen?"

"Well, maybe she didn't." Again Cherry must stand corrected about

Fran. Instantly the solution occurred to her. Fran had learned in some way that Kelly was there, that by an extraordinary accident he was the Rasmussens' guest. And she had determined to avoid him.

Perhaps she had made her other call first and someone there had happened to mention him. Whatever she had done, Cherry knew she could believe Kelly now, for his consternation at the thought of her having been so near and his having missed her was unmistakably genuine.

This might be her chance to speak to him of Fran.

"Maybe she didn't want to see you, Kelly. Maybe she thought it would be no use," she offered timidly.

"I haven't any illusions as to its being any use, if by 'it' you mean my feeling for her," he answered decisively, almost savagely, and there was a silence. After a moment or two he said that he was sorry to be so rude, and they talked by rather awkward degrees of other things until they were at ease again.

But the morning's gala mood was hard to recapture, and Cherry felt something lacking in the beginning of the day. The bridge and the Sausalito hills were wreathed and buried in fog; the picnic turned itself into a house party. Three or four friends had been asked to lunch with Kelly, all bringing picnic contributions far more suited to the woods or the beach than to the living room.

Cherry's cheeks glowed; more than once the others smiled to hear her ringing laughter.

"Oh, Kelly," she said ingenuously when they were back beside the fire again, "it's such glorious fun here! Why can't we all stay here always!"

"All right by me," Kelly said, busy with drinks.

"It seems so horrible to go out again into the fog!"

"We'll give you girls the bedroom," Kelly arranged it, "and we can go over to the studio and bunk there."

"Oh, no!" Cherry turned a fire-flushed face toward the room. "I was only fooling. I have to be at Judge Marshbanks' for dinner."

"We have to go. We'll take you over," said little Mrs. Wilcox.

"No I'm responsible," Kelly told them. "I brought her here and I'll see that she gets back safely."

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She was deliciously tired after the long day in the open air. She thought how she loved him, and how proud she would be to belong here, in the front seat of his car, resting against him.

They reached the Marshbanks house only too soon for her, and she said good night and ran up the steps.

Cherry found a comfortable robe, slippers and a nightgown laid out for her. She was anticipating the comfort of an hour's rest and reading before Amy arrived when there was a knock at her door.

A little puzzled, she said "Come in," her heart leaping with irrational terror when the invitation was accepted by old Mrs. Marshbanks, the formidable woman who was her grandmother and Amy's.

"I hoped I'd find you alone, Miss Rawlings. I wanted to speak to you," Dora Marshbanks said. She advanced to a deep chair, seated herself and by a slight inclination of her head indicated that Cherry was also to be seated.

"I don't know whether you know," the older woman began, with a steady look, "how definitely I object to your presence in this house. You should know, for I've asked my son to speak to you of it but I have no idea that he has carried out my wishes up to this time."

For a few seconds the words did not seem to make sense to Cherry; their shocking import reached her, in all its deadly simplicity and she felt her throat thicken and her hands grow cold.

"Or has he done so?" demanded Mrs. Marshbanks.

"He—he—No," was all Cherry could feebly stammer.

"I thought he hadn't. I thought even the least sensitive person would hardly come here after any suggestion from him. I am no longer the mistress of this house," said the old lady, in a sort of cold passion, "but I am not a cipher yet! I am asking you civilly not to make it a habit to come here."

Cherry sat staring at her in a fascinated horror of silence.

"You know your own history," said the inflexible voice. "You know why your presence here is an insult to decency and to me. I bitterly regret the—circumstances that

have given you what you seem to consider a right to regard yourself as a daughter of the house!"

"I am a daughter of the house!" Cherry answered, her own words surprising her as much as they could possibly have surprised her companion.

"How dare you say that!" Mrs. Marshbanks said sharply. "You have absolutely no claim. You have been well established in life; you are being cared for now. Be careful that you don't lose even what you have!"

"I am not afraid of losing it, and I am not afraid of you!" said Cherry, at white heat. "I will come to this house as long as Amy and Fran and the judge want me! I wish you would go out of my room! I am sorry that any blood of yours runs in my veins!"

"And you think you can go on with your college work, be asked about in good society, once your history is known?" the older woman demanded, rising. "You think that Amy will continue to think you the most charming friend in the world once she knows that you are her half sister, that you are the living reminder of her father's weakness and immorality. I think you won't risk that. I think you'll realize that only you can keep your own people from being disgraced in the eyes of the world. Your own father and your mother too, you know."

"Your own son!" cried Cherry.

"What about Fran's own son?" Amy asked, coming in from her room, tired and cold and blown after her long ride. "What's Uncle Jud done? Why, what's . . ." She looked in amazement and concern from one face to the other. "What is it?" she asked. "What were you saying about Uncle Jud?"

There was a silence while the three looked at one another. It seemed to Cherry to last for a long, long time.

"There we stood like statues," Cherry said, telling Kelly about it a few weeks later, "until I thought we must all be frozen! Amy knew something was horribly wrong, and she kept asking 'What is it? What is it?' and old Mrs. Marshbanks was sort of panting, and she wouldn't say anything, and I couldn't. And finally Amy said: 'I know it's about uncle, because I heard Cherry say so!'"

"You hadn't said so?" Kelly was lying face down in the fresh, deep grass now, biting a blade thoughtfully; he looked up at her. The sun was sinking. Below the hill where Cherry and Kelly were sitting were the lake and the college buildings and beyond them the roofs of Palo Alto.

"No, I hadn't said a word about the judge, but I had said 'your son' and Amy heard that!" Cherry answered. "That's the whole trouble! That old aunt—that old inquirer—had told me that if I didn't break off my friendship with Amy, she'd tell everyone who I was—no, I am, and I said that would mean her son was in it too!"

"You meant that wouldn't help her family reputation much?" Kelly asked, with a smile.

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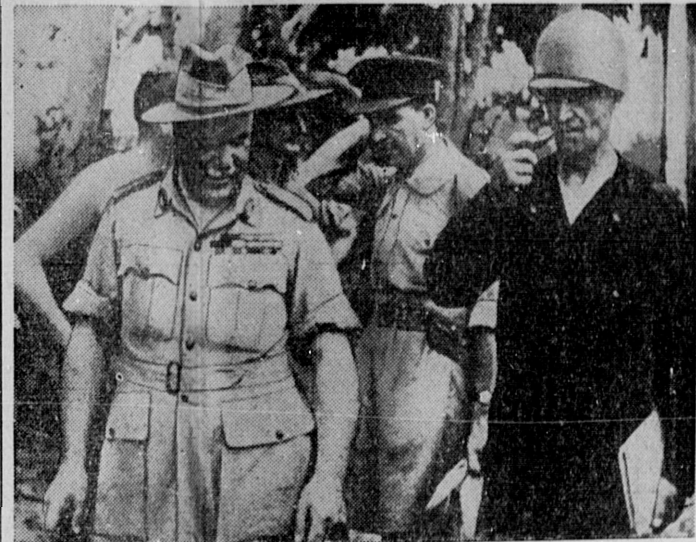
These regular guys from East Side, New York, are getting some practical instruction in nutrition (important during wartime rationing) in the junior chefs' class at Judson Health center. The instructor sits with her back to the camera.

### Not So Sanitary



A British Tommy is shown wiping dishes with a swastika flag captured from General Rommel's Afrika Korps. Not so good, we say, as the swastika contaminates everything it touches.

### Generals Meet for Attack on Japs in Buna



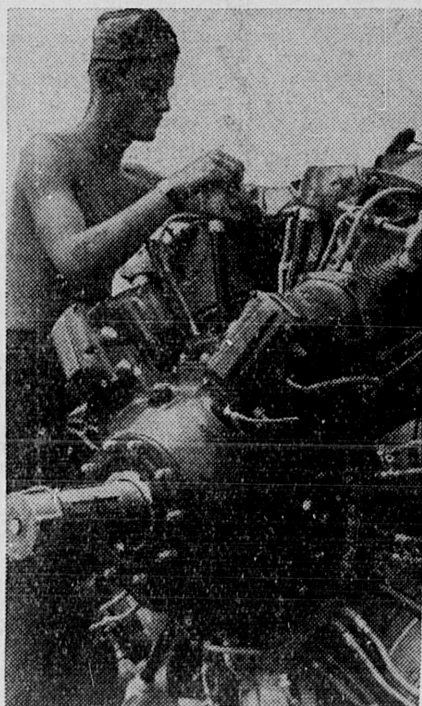
At an undisclosed base, General Blamey confers with Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider (with pipe) during preparations for an attack on Jap-held Buna, in New Guinea. General MacNider received eight wounds in this attack when a Jap rifle grenade exploded.

### Sent Home to Grow



U. S. marine corps private George B. Holle, above, was sent back to his Eau Claire, Wis., home after it came to light that in spite of his six-foot-one-inch height, George is only 13 years old. Young Holle enlisted in the marine corps 13 months ago when he was but 12, and after completing recruit training last December he was sent to a South Pacific base. Here, after more than six months at this base, his age was discovered. Holle was honorably discharged.

### Momentary Breathing Spell on Guadalcanal Island



Typical of the ground crews' unsung heroes is this U. S. marine mechanic (left), who is checking over the power plant of a plane which has seen heroic service in the daily air battles over Guadalcanal. He plays a vital role in the air superiority held by our forces in the Solomons. Right: The sign says 42nd Street, but it's a long, long way from New York city's Times square. The sign was posted at a marine camp on Guadalcanal.



### New Threat to Japs



At top the new aircraft carrier, Belleau Wood, takes to the waves at Camden, N. J. The ship was named after the famous battle in France during World War I. Below: Another great carrier, the Bunker Hill, is launched at Fore River, Mass., 15 months after laying of the keel.

### President Batista of Cuba Visits Miami



President Batista walks through a guard of honor upon arrival to review the officer candidates' school at retreat, in Miami, Fla., following his arrival from Cuba. On the left behind him is Aurelio Conchoso, Cuban ambassador to the United States; on the right is Dr. Jose A. Martinez, Cuban minister of state.

### Ice 'Ain't So Hot'



Babe Susie Mapes is unimpressed with her first set of ice skates. Her mother is the former Evelyn Chandler, Ice Follies star. Here we see Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mapes putting on Susie's skates.

### U. S. Army Nurses Arrive in Middle East



United States army nurses are gradually being sent to every United Nations front. It is their job to care for the wounded and to do everything possible to make sure that injured fighting men will fight again. A group of army nurses is shown here on the East African front waiting for a train to take them to their various units.



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SOME movie stars can appear in public without being recognized, if they choose to, but not Gary Cooper. Several times lately your correspondent, doing a spot of dog-walking, has met him striding along one of the streets of the neighborhood—his New York residence is nearby. With his hands in the pockets of his dark blue overcoat, the hero of "For Whom the Bell Tolls" marched past women out doing their marketing and nursemaids out with infants—and left behind him a trail of people with their heads turned, looking after him. He's so tanned and so thin and walks so well that he'd be noticed anywhere.

Claire Trevor thinks a red coat is just the thing to be murdered in. When buying her own wardrobe for "Street of Chance," a murder mys-



CLAIRE TREVOR

tery in which she's working with Burgess Meredith, she bought a nurse's uniform, a print dress, a green suit—and the significant red coat.

Pedro, a baby airplane, battles a mighty mountain in a raging blizzard so that the mail can go through, in one of the sequences of Walt Disney's "Saludos Amigos"; this is the picture based on the three-month tour of South America made by Disney and a group of his artists. Donald Duck, Goofy and a sporty parrot share honors with Pedro. RKO will release the picture early next month.

Mapy Cortes and Marcy McGuire make their Hollywood debuts in "Seven Days' Leave"; keep your eye on them, for they're discoveries of producer Tim Whelan. Formerly a gag man on Harold Lloyd's pictures, he's acted, written scenarios and directed—and he discovered Vivian Leigh, and brought to screen prominence Geraldine Fitzgerald, Laurence Olivier, Maureen O'Hara and Wendy Barrie.

Bill Robinson, the 64-year-old tap dancer, returns to the screen after a four-year absence to play the leading role in 20th Century-Fox's "Thanks, Pal," a cavalcade of Negro music and entertainment. Remember the delightful scenes he and Shirley Temple used to do together?

**ODDS AND ENDS**—Veronica Lake, who died without honor in "I Wanted Proudy We Hail" just to even things up... Cecil B. DeMille's learning to ride a motorcycle, a sight which Hollywood certainly never expected to see—Bob Hope gets married for the first time on the screen in "They Got Me Covered"—she's a dancer, "Gloria the Glow Mimi Chandler, daughter of Senator Chandler of Kentucky, has the feminine fiddle"—perfect training for an aspir-

## FIRST-AID to the AILING HOUSE

By ROGER B. WHITMAN

Roger B. Whitman—WNU Features.

### BRASS BEDS, NO LONGER POPULAR, CAN BE MODERNIZED

BRASS and metal beds are no longer as popular as they used to be, and are likely to "date" a room that would otherwise be modern in effect. One way to modernize them is to cover the head and foot with slip covers, preferably matching the curtains and upholstery. Another idea is to make use of sheets of thin plywood cut to size and shape, and covered with quilted fabric. Some of the large department stores have something of this sort in stock. It is usually possible to cut a high head, although to many people, a high head is an advantage for reading in bed. The metal on a brass bed is usually so thin that it can easily be cut with a hacksaw, or even a triangular file. Strength and stiffness is given by the rods within. These also can be sawed off. A strip of wood going from side to side can be fitted without much difficulty, and will supply any stiffness that may have been lost through removing the metal. In many designs the brass pieces are held only by screwed ornaments at the top. With these removed, the rods within can be cut off to any desired height. Paint or enamel is an appropriate finish, and no sign will be left of the original effect. The first step in this should be to rub the metal with sandpaper for the cleaning of the surface and also to provide a "tooth" to which the first coat can make a good bond. All possible traces of grease can be taken off by wiping with turpentine.

#### Government Publications

Question: You have spoken of Price List No. 72 of Government Publications. Does this cover all pamphlets put out by the government?

Answer: No; it lists only those covered by its title, "Publications of Interest to Suburbanites and Home Owners." There are many more price lists of publications, covering history, geography, wild life, commerce, agriculture, and all of the other subjects in which the various government departments are interested. These can be had on request from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., without charge.

#### Basement Game-Room

Question: Where can I get plans and suggestions for a basement game-room? How can I prevent the flooding of the basement, caused by the backing up of sewers?

Answer: The home magazines have had many articles on basement game-rooms, which you can find in the back numbers, to be seen at a public library. Ask the librarian to help you. For your drain pipe, you can get a check valve that will prevent the backing up of the sewer. Any plumber can tell you about it.

#### Chimney Lining

Question: The flue lining of my chimney fell apart. The man who cleaned away the pieces said that with an oil burner a flue lining was not needed. Should the chimney be relined?

Answer: It is not needed if your oil burner is properly adjusted, and if the chimney itself is tight and in good condition. If the mortar has begun to drop out and there are leaks, you will get an odor of oil through the house. If you have any doubts, you will do well to have the chimney relined.

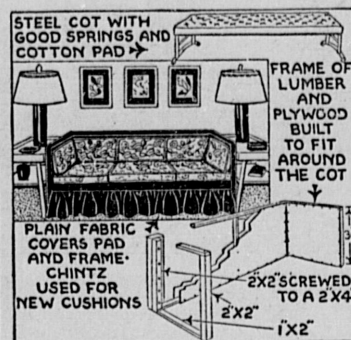
#### Box Elder Bugs

Question: In the fall, box elder bugs come into the house and last through the winter. Do they come down the chimney?

Answer: They may, but are much more likely to get in through open joints around insect screens and elsewhere. They are likely to appear in swarms in a house. When that happens, take them up with a broom and dustpan, or with a vacuum cleaner, and burn.

## ON THE HOME FRONT

With RUTH WYETH SPEARS



THIS good looking davenport gives no hint that its early life was spent as an iron cot with a thin cotton pad. The sketch shows how the frame is made. It is covered with rather heavy green cotton material. The pad of the cot is also covered with this goods and

the ruffle across the front is attached to it.

The separate cushions are covered with rose and green chintz and all seams are finished with deep rose cord welting. For the covering 12 1/4 yards of 36-inch wide plain material and six yards of flowered were used and 52 yards of welting at a few cents a yard.

NOTE: Clip and keep these directions as they are not in any of the home-making booklets prepared by Mrs. Spears for our readers. In the new BOOK 8 of this series you will find dimensions for many other economical things to make for your home. To get a copy of BOOK 8, send your order direct to:

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Bedford Hills New York  
Drawer 10  
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Name.....  
Address.....

## PREPAREDNESS by + the AMERICAN RED CROSS

THE Junior Red Cross is the American Red Cross in the schools of the nation. It is also the world's largest youth organization, with more than 14,000,000 members in the United States.

The principal duty of the Junior Red Cross in war time is the making of comfort and recreational articles for our service men everywhere. During the past year, Junior Red Cross members made more than 3,000,000 such articles, such as games, recreation room furniture and writing kits.

The Junior Red Cross has also taken a very active part in the making of many essential articles for Civilian Defense organizations throughout the nation. These items included splints, stretchers, and first aid cabinets.

"Earn, buy, make, give," are the four steps all Junior Red Cross members take in raising and using the money they get in their national enrollment drive. They must earn the money to buy the materials to make the articles to give to the hospital, army camp or Civilian Defense organization.

Junior Red Cross members have also been very active in salvage campaigns of all kinds throughout the nation, contributing more than half of the salvage gathered by children of school age throughout the country.

In addition to furnishing opportunity to learn by making these articles for service men and others, the Junior Red Cross affords children of school age basic training in civilian preparedness so that they may take their places later on in the volunteer activities of the Red Cross or the Office of Civilian Defense.

## YOU CAN'T BUY ASPIRIN

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"So you were at Louise and the Lieutenant's wedding? How did the bride look?"

"Remarkably well groomed."

**DON'T go on  
SUFFERING!**  
from the fiery itch of dry eczema. Quick  
lingering relief usually follows the use of  
**Soothing RESINOL**

#### No Certainty

Any one who is prosperous may by the turn of fortune's wheel become most wretched before evening.—Ammianus Marcellinus.

TO RELIEVE  
MISERY  
OF  
**COLDS**  
quickly use  
**666**  
LIQUID  
TABLETS  
SALVE  
NOSE DROPS  
COUGH DROPS

#### Barking Dog

The dog without teeth barks the most.

## Acid Indigestion

Relieved in 5 minutes or double money back  
When excess stomach acid causes painful, suffocating gas, sour stomach and heartburn, doctors usually prescribe the fastest-acting medicines known for symptomatic relief—medicines like those in Bell's Tablets. No laxative. Bell's brings comfort in a jiffy or double your money back on return of bottle to us. 25c at all druggists.

## A CYCLE OF HUMAN BETTERMENT

ADVERTISING gives you new ideas, and also makes them available to you at economical cost. As these new ideas become more accepted, prices go down. As prices go down, more persons enjoy new ideas. It is a cycle of human betterment, and it starts with the printed words of a newspaper.

JOIN THE CIRCLE

READ THE ADS

## Eases like a doctor RHEUM PAINS

To ing to exposure or change take Humphreys "15" by Dr. Humphreys for and soreness associated with Sciatica. Only 30¢.

## HUMPHREYS

FAMILY MEDICINES

#### Alaska's N

The name Alaska an Aleutian term A means great country. The name Alaska fir a German map publ

## STUFFED- HEAD?

EVER TRY  
SNEEZING  
IT CLEAR with  
30¢  
AT ALL DRUG STORES  
Sold in U. S. A. since 1832

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## DOAN'S

Knowing It is far easier than to know man-auld.

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Eases like a doctor's formula

**RHEUMATIC PAINS**

To ease stiff, aching muscles due to exposure or change in weather, take Humphreys' "15" Long advised by Dr. Humphreys for relieving pains and soreness associated with Muscular Rheumatism, Lumbago and Sciatica. Only 30¢.

**HUMPHREYS' 15**

FAMILY MEDICINES SINCE 1854

**Alaska's Name**

The name Alaska comes from an Aleutian term Aliaska, which means great country or continent. The name Alaska first appears on a German map published in 1776.

**STUFFED-UP HEAD?**

EVER TRY SNEEZING IT CLEAR with MARSHALL'S SNUFF

30¢  
AT ALL DRUG STORES  
Sold in U. S. A. since 1835

**Unfortunate One**

There is no one more unfortunate than the man who has never been unfortunate, for it has never been his power to try himself.—Seneca.

**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 countrywide 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****Knowing Man**

It is far easier to know men than to know man.—La Rochefoucauld.

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**Historical Highlights**

By Elmo Scott Watson

**Christmas Card Centennial**

THE Christmas card is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. The first known example of what has become an essential part of our holiday celebration was published in England in 1842 and this is the way it looked:



The original of this card is on display in the British museum in London but its history is obscure. It is said that this card was etched by a 16-year-old English boy named W. M. Egley but other details of the incident are unknown.

Somewhat clearer is the record of another Christmas card which appeared four years later and which gave to its author some claim to the title of the "Father of the Christmas Card." He was Sir Henry Cole, later famous as a social and educational reformer, who had already begun applying the fine arts to manufacture and was the pioneer in illustrating children's books with woodcuts of famous paintings.

In 1846 Sir Henry sent to his friends a Christmas greeting card. Just where he got the idea is not known. Possibly it was from the greeting card issued in 1842 or it may have been from some other source. Lover cards and illustrated writing paper had been popular in Europe for many years. In Germany illuminated cards were sent on Namenstag, the feast of one's patron saint. In 1844 some unknown person in the city of Leith, Scotland, is said to have sent out New Year's cards to his friends bearing a laughing face and the words "A Gude New Year to Ye," but since this did not have a wide circulation, it is doubtful if Sir Henry got the idea there. He may have got it from the custom of English school boys of writing "Christmas pieces" on paper which they decorated with many scrolls and much flourish of penmanship.

But wherever Sir Henry got his inspiration, after deciding to send out cards to his friends at Christmas time, he went to J. C. Horsley, a member of the Royal Academy in London, for the design, and this was the result:



The German influence may be seen in the Germanesque style of leafy ellipses which divide the card into three panels. The smaller side panels show two of the acts of charity—feeding the hungry and clothing the naked—and the central panel shows three generations of a family party at the festive board quaffing their Christmas cheer. This card was six by four inches, colored by hand, and a thousand copies were issued. For some unexplained reason, Horsley issued his design under the nom de plume of "Felix Summerly."

Since this card bears the inscription "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You," it can be regarded as one of the first, if not the first holiday greeting card

ever printed and sent out as the forerunner of a custom that was to become world-wide. Strange to say, Sir Henry Cole's friends were not especially pleased at this remembrance and it is said to have received much unfavorable criticism. So he did not repeat the experiment and it looked as though the Christmas card idea was to die a-borning.

However, in the early sixties ornamented note paper and envelopes began to appear in the stationers' shops around the holiday season and the use of these began to increase each year. Next these designs were stamped in relief in the center of a card with colored or embossed edges decorated by stencil or by hand. Thus the business of making Christmas cards got under way slowly. It was even slower in getting started in America and it was not until 1873 that the beginnings were apparent in this country.

In that year Louis Prang, a lithographer of Boston, exhibited samples of his flowered business cards at the Vienna exposition. He had an agency in London and one of his women employees there suggested to him that he put a greeting in place of the name of his firm and issue them as Christmas cards. This was done the next year, so 1874 marks the beginning of the Christmas card in this country. By 1876 the Christmas card idea became widespread due to the exhibits of printers and lithographers at the Philadelphia Centennial.

**Santa Claus Born In Famous Poem By Clement Moore**

Santa Claus was born in New York on a snowy December night 120 years ago. He sprang full grown, clad in red and white, with eight reindeer and a sleigh, from the mind of Dr. Clement Clarke Moore when he wrote his famous poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas." The legend of St. Nicholas had come to the New world with the Dutch settlers in the Seventeenth century. Gradually the name of that figure became San Niklaas and later Santa Claus.

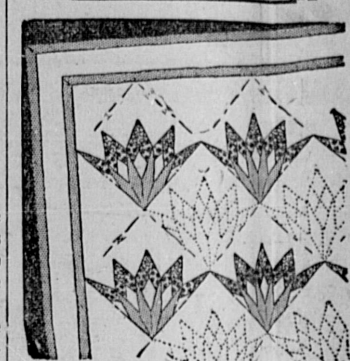
There are several explanations of how Santa Claus happened to be born. One story tells that on Christmas eve, 1822, Dr. Moore was being driven to his New York home in a sleigh, and the tinkling of the bells on the horse's harness gave him inspiration for the verses.

Another story tells that Dr. and Mrs. Moore were packing Christmas baskets for the needy and found they were one turkey short. Though it was late, Dr. Moore went out to buy another. On his way home with the turkey under his arm he is said to have composed the poem.

Dr. Moore read his poem to his children on Christmas morning. When a friend had the verses printed in a Troy, N. Y., newspaper, he denied writing them, but later admitted their authorship.

The poem gained rapidly in popularity, and the picture it painted of old Santa has endured to this day.

"His eyes, how they twinkled; his dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;  
He had a broad face and a little round belly  
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself."

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A QUILT of surpassing beauty is achieved with this new quilt block—Fringed Aster. Pieced diamonds of pastel—two harmonizing prints and a plain color—and white make up the 12-inch blocks which are set diagonally for effectiveness. All 30 blocks may be of the same plain or print pastels, or for a truly interesting spread, make each block of a different trio of colors; for example—two yellow prints and a plain yellow make up one block, three greens the next, etc.

No. Z9498, 15 cents, brings accurate cutting guides and complete directions for the Fringed Aster pattern; the resulting quilt is about 91 by 107 inches. Send your order to:

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Enclose 15 cents for each pattern desired. Pattern No. ....  
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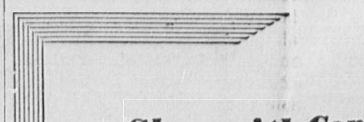
**Proof**  
"They say that paper can be used to keep a person warm."  
"Yes, I had a mortgage that kept me sweating for 20 years."

**Untouchable**  
"What kind of a fellow is Smythe?"  
"Well, if you ever see a man trying to borrow money from another, the fellow shaking his head is Smythe."

**Earned It**  
Last night I met a chap with a black eye, so I said: "That's a beauty! Who gave it to you?"  
"Nobody gave it to me," he said. "I had to fight for it."

**Turkey in the Straw**  
"On the right—form platoon!" roared the sergeant.  
The recruits carried out some kind of maneuver which left the sergeant speechless.  
He looked at them for a moment. Then his voice returned—and no words can describe the tone of it. "All right—now take your partners for the dance."

**That's Moving Up**  
"I see they're using alcohol to make tires now instead of whisky."  
"I see. The effect has changed from reeling to rolling."



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**COLDS' MISERIES PENETRO**

For colds' coughs, nasal congestion, muscle aches get Penetro—modern medication in a mutton suet base. 25¢, double supply 35¢.

**Golf vs. Bowling**

The odds against making a hole-in-one in golf are about 30,000 to one, while the odds against making a perfect score of 300 in bowling on new alleys with new pins is about 290,000 to one. In other words, it is far easier to shoot a hole-in-one than it is to make 12 consecutive strikes.

**SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER**

A single bicycle tire and tube gives rubber enough for the insulation of six Army radio sets.

Just because the synthetic rubber program has been upped to 1,100,000 tons production capacity by the end of 1943, the chances of car owners getting synthetic tires before 1944 have not been increased. War needs will take the bulk of the synthetic.

In normal times, say 1940, the average car owner expended only \$15 a year for tire and tube replacements. He spent \$117 for gasoline and \$10 for oil out of his annual \$159 expenditure for car maintenance, exclusive of heavy repairs.

Picture 16,000 automobile tires and you have an idea of the amount of rubber used in the construction of a battleship—75 tons.

*Jerry Shaw*  
In war or peace

**B.F. Goodrich****FIRST IN RUBBER**

**Concentration**  
Concentration is the secret of strength in politics, in war, in trade, in short, in all management of human affairs.—Emerson.

Millions have used—**PAZO** for PILES  
Simple PILES  
Relieves pain and soreness

There's good reason why PAZO ointment has been used by so many millions of sufferers from simple Piles. First, PAZO ointment soothes inflamed areas—relieves pain and itching. Second, PAZO ointment lubricates hardened, dried parts—helps prevent cracking and soreness. Third, PAZO ointment tends to reduce swelling and check bleeding. Fourth, it's easy to use. PAZO ointment's perforated Pile Pipe makes application simple, thorough. Your doctor can tell you about PAZO ointment.

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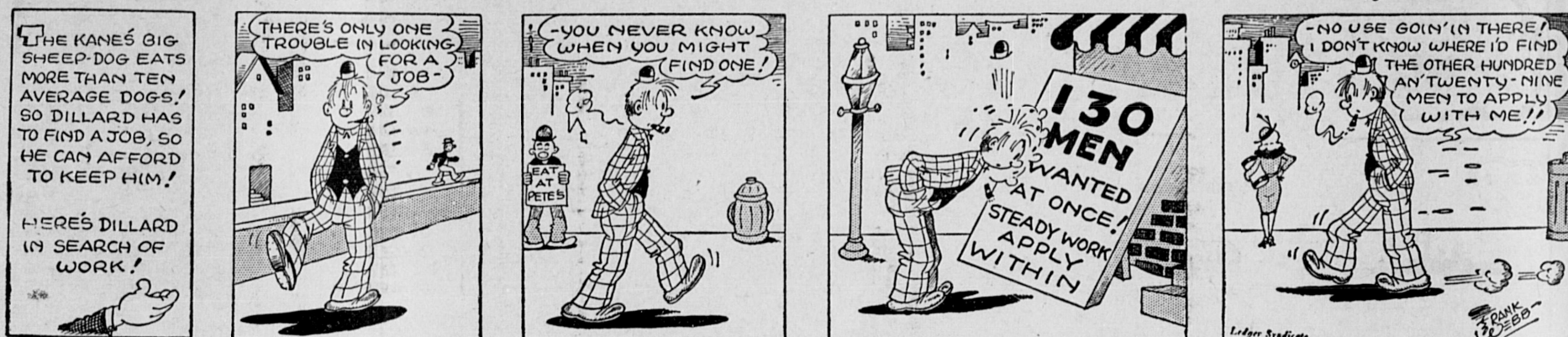
LALA PALOOZA —Strong Stuff

By RUBE GOLDBERG



RAISING KANE—Safety in Numbers

By FRANK WEBB



SOMEBODY'S STENOGR—She's Busy Enough

By SAM NICHOLS



SPARKY WATTS

By BOODY ROGERS



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GAMES  
& MAGIC

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ISLAND  
No. 2



No. 1

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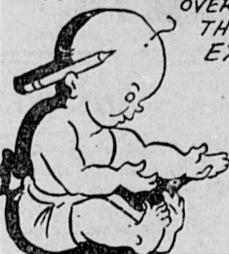
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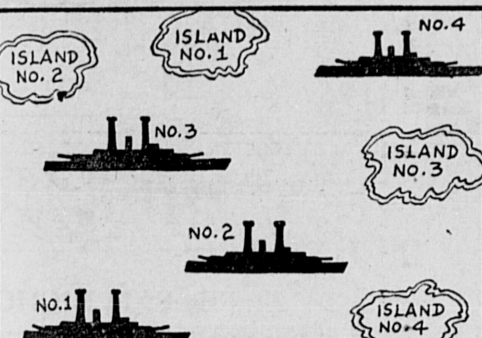
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A.W. NUGENT  
THE WORLD'S  
LEADING  
PUZZLEMAKER

## Happy New Year

MASTER NEW YEAR WANTS YOU TO MASTER THIS PUZZLER FOR HIM. TRY TO JUGGLE THE DIGITS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 8 AND 9, ONE OVER EACH DASH, SO THAT THEY WILL ADD TO EXACTLY 1943.



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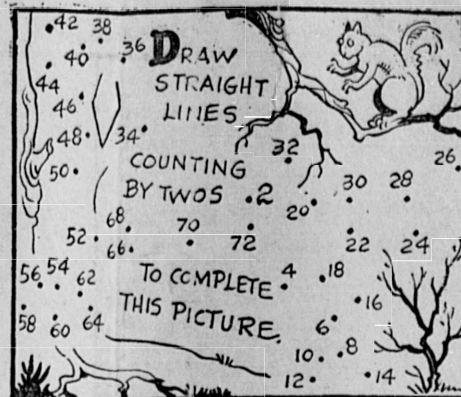
CAN YOU DRAW A SEPARATE LINE FROM EACH BATTLESHIP TO ITS CORRESPONDING NUMBERED ISLAND WITHOUT CROSSING OR TOUCHING ANYTHING ELSE IN THE PICTURE, INCLUDING THE BORDER? DRAW THE LINES LIGHTLY SO THEY WILL ERASE EASILY IF NECESSARY.

## DRAWING FUN

Here's an opportunity to use your water colors or crayons.

Can you draw in the necessary lines to complete this winter scene?

(Released by The Associated Newspapers)



STOP  
SPAT  
POTS  
TAPS

JUGGLE THESE FOUR WORDS SO THAT THEY WILL FORM THE SAME FOUR-WORD SENTENCE READING FORWARD OR BACKWARD.

THE DASHES INDICATE THE NUMBER OF LETTERS IN EACH WORD MISSING FROM THE SOLDIER'S NOTE WHICH WAS WRITTEN TO HIS BUDDY.

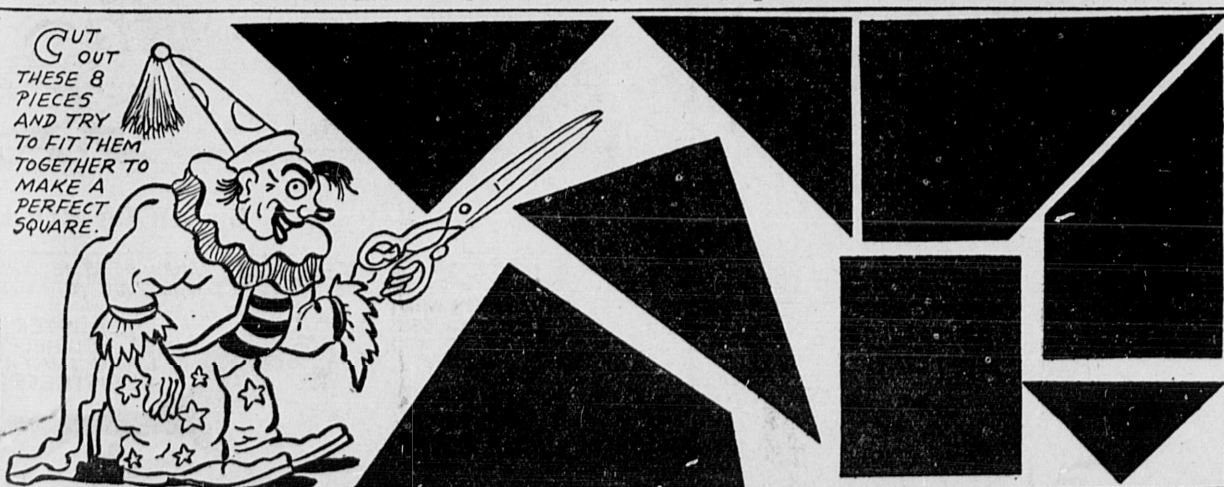
IF YOU PRINT IN THE CORRECT MISSING WORDS THEY WILL FORM AN ADDITIONAL SENTENCE BY READING THE ADDED WORDS IN ROTATION.



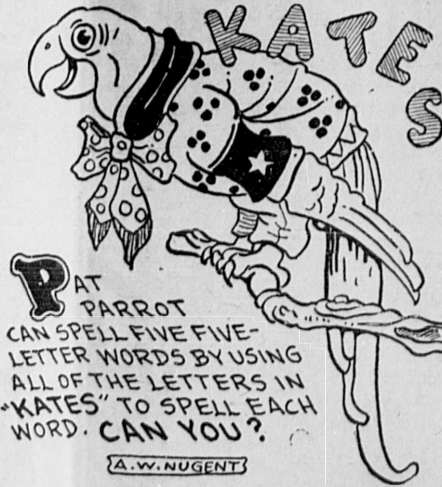
Dear Bill: We --- asking --- a certain indirect question in this puzzling note and are not --- to give any clues. --- night --- actors are going to --- us a few tricks --- magic especially for ---

Corporal Jones

A.W. NUGENT



CUT OUT THESE 8 PIECES AND TRY TO FIT THEM TOGETHER TO MAKE A PERFECT SQUARE.



PAT PARROT CAN SPELL FIVE-LETTER WORDS BY USING ALL OF THE LETTERS IN "KATES" TO SPELL EACH WORD. CAN YOU?

A.W. NUGENT

## A JUNIOR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 2 GOOD WITH EGGS
- 4 LAWS
- 6 REFUGE
- 8 MINERAL
- 10 SPRING
- 12 SWOON
- 14 RESTAURANT
- 16 AFFIRMATIVE
- 18 BEVERAGE
- 20 THAT WHICH ROTATES
- 22 SALT PETER
- 24 SISTER OF CHARITY

DOWN

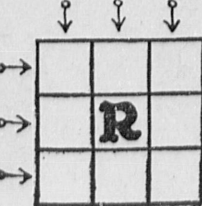
- 1 UTENSIL
- 2 GARDEN IMPLEMENT
- 3 ENCOUNTER
- 4 BALLAD
- 5 MEMBER OF CONGRESS
- 6 SCOUT
- 7 ALUDE
- 8 SPEAK
- 10 BEVERAGE
- 14 CONCEDED FACT
- 17 METAL
- 18 DECADE



A.A.E.E.E  
G.O.P.T

SEE IF YOU CAN PRINT THE ABOVE LETTERS INTO THE EMPTY.

BOXES SO THAT THE COMBINED LETTERS WILL FORM SIX THREE-LETTER WORDS READING IN THE DIRECTIONS INDICATED.



## Solutions to last week's puzzles:

THE INITIALS OF GOAT, RABBIT, ARMADILLO, CAT AND EAGLE SPELL GRACE.

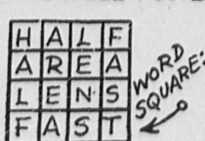
CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS: SLED, VIOLIN, COLLIE, GLOVES AND TOBOGGAN.

OBJECTS: CAGE, CAMEL, CANARY, CANDLE, CANDLESTICK, CANDY, CANNON, CARD, CAP, CART, CAT, CHAIN, CHAIR, CHEEK, CHISEL, CHIMPANZEE, CLAMP, CLAW, CLOCK, CLOTH, CLOWN, CLUB, COAT, COCK, COMB (COCK'S), CORK, COW, CRAB, CROSS, CRADLE, CUP AND CANE.

ONE WAY TO CHANGE LEAD TO GOLD: LEAD, HEAD, HELD, HOLD, GOLD.

REBUS PICTURE: TOOLS (TWO L'S)

THE LETTERS IN BOOTFALL WILL SPELL FOOTBALL.



WORD SQUARE:



CROSS-NUMBER PUZZLE:

(Released by The Associated Newspapers)



## Washington Digest

### Higher Prices Asked for Extra Effort by Farmers

Time and a Half for Factory Workers' Overtime, Manufacturers' Cost-Plus, Proves Demands Not Excessive.



By BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, 1343 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

There is a package in Washington addressed to the farmers marked "Do Not Open Until After Congress Convened." It may never be delivered, but the people who are doing it up at this writing think it will be. It will make a nice New Year's present. It is labeled "Higher Farm Prices."

Several straws indicate that the wind is blowing in this direction. The house early this month unanimously passed a measure which directed that the cost of all farm labor be included in computing parity prices.

Since the election is over, nobody can attribute purely political motives to the congressmen who supported the measure. As nearly as I can find out, the vote reflected the mail—the opinions expressed in the letters that the congressmen have been getting since the election—plus a belief on the part of many people in the administrative as well as the legislative branch that if we are to ask the farmer to increase his production effort from 20 to 50 per cent, we will have to give him the incentive of higher prices.

One official said to me:

"When you go to a contractor and say that he has got to double his production or get it out in one-half the ordinary time, you are not surprised when he expects a bonus. When you ask the farmer to raise more than he ordinarily does—he is usually raising all he thinks he can anyway—it is natural that he expects some sort of material reward. Time and a half for over-time has not been abolished, manufacturers are guaranteed against loss by the cost-plus system. Why shouldn't the farmer get his share?"

These are some of the arguments which you hear these days when the question of raising farm prices is discussed. This is quite a different attitude from the one taken when the country was demanding that something be done to prevent inflation. Proponents of higher ceilings claim that they are not inconsistent. They say: "There is no danger of uncontrolled inflation when you permit a stipulated limit to the rise in costs."

#### Subsidies Not Popular

Already it has been found necessary to subsidize the cheese markets. If you expect to get all the dairy and pork products you need, the argument runs, it will be necessary to pay the farmer a little bit more for his milk and hogs. Subsidies are not popular. If another way can be found, so much the better.

There is, however, another important consideration in connection with the whole food and fiber production program. This is a growing demand that processing and distribution be strictly regulated. Secretary Wickard, as food administrator, has the power to set up such regulations.

Officials who served in the department of agriculture through the last war will testify that although there was efficient food distribution, a lot of smart processors and middlemen feathered their nests at the expense of the farmer and the public. Farmers know this. One congressman said to me: "The folks out in my district do not object to working twice as hard and producing twice as much if they can. They

do think, however, that they ought to get a little more money for their extra effort and they also feel they ought to have the guarantee that no speculator is going to make money out of the increased production the way many did in the last war."

The appointment of Secretary Wickard, with his powers over the processing and distribution of food products, was partly a result of opinions such as expressed by the farmer whom my congressman friend quoted. It is argued that since the department of agriculture is responsible for getting enough food and textiles to fill the domestic, army and navy and lease-lend demands, this same agency ought to have control over the preparation and distribution of these products as well.

#### Not Mr. Wickard's View

There are some, of course, who take an extreme view of this subject. They would like to see the government take over the whole processing and distribution industry, at least for the duration. This is not the view of Mr. Wickard.

Naturally, there will be strong opposition to increased farm prices from the Office of Price Administration and various other bodies, which are supposed to speak for the consumer or which represent the strong anti-inflationist views.

The President has made it plain that he will be the arbiter when such conflicts arise. The formula for parity cannot be altered without legislation since it is already defined by law.

Secretary Wickard, who moves slowly and conservatively, has been gaining power as he advanced. There is more and more evidence of a return to influence of the old line departments as against the war-

time agencies like the OPA. The former have more influence with congress and apparently the people have more confidence in them.

The department of agriculture will be there when the mushroom agencies have strutted their hour and disappeared.

#### Japan Must Learn

"Japan must not only be defeated but crushed . . . maimed and left helpless for a long period."

Speaking not, he says, in the voice of wartime emotionalism nor as the retired colonel or a sedentary editorial writer, Nathaniel Peffer, Far Eastern expert, makes the above statement. "Japan," he says, "must be taught a terrible lesson, a lesson that cannot be conveyed by defeat in itself."

I know Mr. Peffer, have known him since I heartily disagreed with many of his ideas, clear back in college days. I know the great respect in which he is held by the wise men of the East—and the West—today. I know his hatred and contempt for the militarist. So I seized upon the above quotations from his latest book, "Basis for Peace in the Far East" (Harper & Bros.) in the hope that I would be able to tear his new tome to shreds in a pleasurable frenzy of humanitarian sadism and delight my pacifist friends. But later on, as I read this highly enlightening book and absorbed Mr. Peffer's program for post-war treatment of Japan, I saw I would have to temper my opinion of the author's unchristian preachment in the first chapter.

I discovered that Mr. Peffer was merely an old fashioned parent who believes in administering chastisement to a bad child.

Two sets of obstacles interfere with a healthy Japan that can live peacefully in the family of nations, Mr. Peffer explains. One group are external, one internal, self-made.

The external are lack of natural resources of her islands. Therefore, he says, after her period of repentance, the opportunity to buy raw materials and the opportunity to sell the finished products must be established. Internally, Japan cannot function like modern communities such as Detroit or the Ruhr or Lancashire, and at the same time operate a system in which people live in medieval villages. The terms under which we will help Japan rebuild the devastation which our bombs and shells will wreak upon her, will be the removal of internal obstacles to a more balanced social system.

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