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Bennington Woman's Club Guest Night

The annual Guest Night of the Bennington Woman's Club took place on Tuesday night. The entertainment took place in the Grange Hall and the supper in the vestry. This was a gala occasion as it always is each year. Husbands, sweethearts and friends are invited to make merry and feast well. Provision is always made to entertain a hundred persons.

An entertainment is always provided and consisted Tuesday night of the following: Solo, "The End of a Perfect Day," Velma Newton; character readings, Mrs. Burke, of Peterboro; "Safari on Wheels" presented by the Esso Marketers, which was a moving picture of a motorized caravan through darkest Africa, which gave a thoroughly enjoyable program; the Lindsay Orchestra furnished music for community singing. Dancing is also one of the many happy manners in which the hours are spent. Music by the snappy orchestra provided by the Lindsay family is always good. Cards were enjoyed by those who cared to participate. All this entertainment was provided by the efforts of the program committee, Mrs. Doris Parker and Mrs. Ann Burns.

The supper was pronounced very good and there was an abundance of everything. The committee consisted of Mrs. Maurice Newton, Mrs. O. M. Parker, Mrs. F. Sheldon, Mrs. Aaron Edmunds, Miss Margaret Kay and Mrs. William Kay. The waitresses, who were in charge of Miss Hattie Parker, were the daughters of the members.

ANTRIM LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hardy are spending the winter at Cortez, Florida.

And it is Leap Year, boys, for the whole 12 months, not excluding that extra day.

Snow, rain and slush greeted us on Monday morning after the first week-end of skiing we have had this year.

Boy Scouts To Observe 30th Anniversary

Once again the time draws near for our anniversary in Scouting. This year marks the thirtieth year of our existence. So we the present members of troop two, as we look back thru those thirty years of steady growth and advancement may we take this opportunity to extend greetings to all of you former members of Troop 2.

May we also invite all you who can arrange it to join us on Saturday February 10 at one p. m. near the Fireman's Hall for a joint hike of the Old Scouts and present scouts.

We the present Scouts realize the traditions you former Scouts have left for us to carry on. May we say we are doing our best to "Be Prepared" to carry out this work.

We the boys of Troop 2 are planning a very busy scout week this year.

February 9 a Court of Honor in the town hall at Milford at 7:30 p. m. Everyone invited. Let's make the Antrim crowd the largest of any. Antrim Scouts will be among those receiving awards.

February 10 Scout Sunday attending church in a body.

February 13 Father and son banquet in line with this there will be window displays by the boys and one by the Scoutmaster.

Projects made by the Scouts will be on display also some statistics on the troop. Don't fail to look in the store windows from February 8 thru the 14 for these displays.

Everyone who read this article is considered by use a part of scouting in Antrim. Our reason for scouting is to train better citizens in the community therefore it is a community project.

So until next week when I hope to be along with more doings for you may I say yours till "The Trail Ends" reminding you the trail of scouting will never end.

William Holleran, Scoutmaster

Try a For Sale Ad.

Weekly Letter by George Proctor Fish and Game Conservation Officer

One day last week I ran into Skee Village on top of Temple and Peterboro just off route 101 and was things doing in that cabin! The parking space was full of cars and the slide and the hut were full of people. The sking was ideal and what a crowd from all over the country were enjoying the fun. In the hut in a large cage were a dozen or so canary birds and they were whooping it up in great style. The most hustle and bustle the louder they sang. Mrs. Rosi is an expert at raising canaries and that hut is always a riot of song. They fed a flock of pheasants till the snow and the crowds came.

Did you ever attend a supper and meeting of the Granite Fish and Game club of Milford. If not you have missed something. One night last week I sat in to a good old fashioned oyster supper with the fixin's. You ask what the fixin's were. Well you should have been there to find out. Rea Cowperwaite handles the spoon and he got the right touch to that handle. They were good, Boy, and hot. Elden Murry of the Fish and Game Dept. showed colored pictures which made a big hit with the club members. There was a good attendance. Better sign up with that wide awake club.

Here is a lady who has a 15 months' old Eskimo spitz female puppy to sell. If interested I will give you the address.

With all the snappy cold weather the past week a big quill pig crossed the 101 route to get on the other side.

One day last week I visited two places in Peterboro where they are feeding the wild birds on a large scale. They feed tons where we feed hundreds of pounds. Every where the air was full of birds. The big secret is the absence of cats. They keep a 22 gun handy for these pests. I never saw so many different kinds of birds in such a short space of time as I saw that day. The places are about three miles from each other.

Not for many years have the ice men been able to harvest the clear ice so early in the year. The cut last week was for 12 to 16 inches in thickness. No snow to bother much in the first harvest.

Sunset and Zephyr lakes in Greenfield are closed to ice fishing. It's impossible to keep signs on these two ponds. Sign cranks tear them down as fast as I can tack them up. No doubt you can find plenty of these signs adorning the rooms of college boys and girls all over New England.

Several years ago my brother, then Chief of Police of the home town, called on me in the wee hours of the night to go with him to investigate a break in a summer home. In the course of the journey around the many rooms we found signs galore taken from towns and there were at least three elephant signs advertising an animal farm some distance away. The State Highway Dept. would have been interested in those rooms. But that's history.

Was amused one day recently. I checked on some ice fishermen and it was cold. The wind was sweeping down the ice with a cloud of snow to give it good measure. One large man said he loved the cold and was never happier then when out in the worst of it. Two hours later I checked again and both the men were on the warm side of a roaring fire on the south side of the pond. He did not mention the fact that he loved the cold again that day.

Drive up on to a high place these

days and it looks as if the country was all afire. I wonder what George Foster would think if he was up in his tower on Federal Hill, Milford, to see the country side all one mass of smoke. Now is the time to burn and the WPA, the Forestry crew and the CCC are doing a wonderful job all over this part of the state.

If you are dealing in any kind of migratory bird you must have a Federal as well as a State permit to buy or sell or have in your possession. That is any wild bird that migrates in the fall.

Heard a bird lover the other day tell about a strike that came down and killed one of his sparrows even before he could yell to stop the kill. These birds are very vicious and are very quick on the wing.

I guess that last week was a bad one for roof rabbits (cats). I saw at least a dozen cats in the high-ways that had been hit by a car and killed. In three cases I removed them from the tarvia and the cement.

Harold Case, who is operating a cord wood enterprise on the Benny Hill road in Rindge and New Ipswich, is having his troubles with a big bull moose. One day last week the moose appeared to him and his 3300 pound pair of horses were frantic. Both horses were on the same side of the pole. Since then he cannot get the horses into the woods. This big fellow came down to the Case camp and at 1:30 a. m. woke both the Cases up and there was no more sleep that night. Sunday took four men from Wilton and met ten men from Mason, Greenville and Rindge and we went on a moose hunt. One of the party carried a Winchester 33 just in case. At about 12:30 we jumped the big fellow and with a bellow he was (gone with the wind). In the fresh snow we measured his track and it was 6 inches by nine. Later we measured the hoof of one of the big horses and that measured 7x8. The horses weigh 1650 each and Case says the moose was bigger than one of the horses. We followed this big fellow for an hour hoping to drive him into some new country so Mr. Case can finish hauling out the cord wood. A truckman from Nashua saw the big fellow last Friday. We covered a lot of ground. We found where he had spent several nights. Hunters and skiing parties have been warned to watch their step in this region. When last heard of he was about a mile over the N. H. line just east of the Wachusett Fire Tower in Massachusetts.

George Peno, Jr., of Nashua sends me a nice lot of tinfoil for the crippled children. Every little bit helps. Thanks.

We are very anxious to find the owner of a male beagle hound with a number from Stafford, Conn. We got in touch with the owner in that state and he says he gave it to some one in N. H. But who? Let's hear from the present owner.

A lady in East Jaffrey has a muskrat living under a covering to a basement window. She wants to know what they eat in the winter.

Mrs. L. B. Southard of Bristol claims that she has the largest elm tree in America. She sure is covering some space but I guess by the looks of the picture she sent me she has some right to crow about her tree. When the hurricane blew down that largest one in Wethersfield, Conn., that made the Bristol one the largest. Can anyone beat it?

Another bob cat was brought to me for the bounty the other night.

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Portia Chapter OES Installs Officers

Portia Chapter, No. 14, held its regular meeting in Masonic Hall, Monday, January 15th, with Mildred D. Wallace, worthy matron, presiding. All the officers were present with the exception of Adah, whose part was taken by Marjorie Holden and the Secretary whose part was taken by Bessie Hearty, Past Matron.

Preceding the meeting a turkey supper was served in the dining room under the direction of Sister Ruth Woodbury and Brother Philip Woodbury.

After the regular meeting the ceremony of installation was conducted by Grace Willey, Worthy Grand Matron; Violet Jones, Grand Marshal; Marshall Derby, Past Patron, as installing Grand Patron; Ruth Derby, Past Matron, as installing chaplain and Ruth Woodbury, Past Grand Adah, in stalling Grand Organist. The ceremony was most impressive.

The following officers were installed: Worthy Matron, Frances H. York; Worthy Patron, Olio P. York; Associate Matron, Grace Stevens; Sentinel, Harold Harvey; Warden, Lucy Buttrick; Marshal, Lottie Harvey; Treasurer, Florence Reed; Secretary, Georgiana Gile; Conductress, Elizabeth Baldwin; Associate Conductress, Alice Millward; Adah, Marjorie Holden; Ruth Evelyn Kemp; Esther, Hazel Murdough; Martha, Athleah Hutchinson; Eleda, Mildred Halladay; organist, Ruth Woodbury.

Flowers were presented to the Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Marshal by the Worthy Matron, Mildred D. Wallace. The 1940 Worthy Matron was presented a lamp by her officers. She was also presented with a beautiful bouquet of red roses. Worthy Patron Olio P. York presented the retiring matron, Mildred D. Wallace, with a Past Matron's Jewel.

Philip Woodbury will be installed as associate patron and Catherine Gregg as Chaplain, at the next meeting.

CHARLES WESSON THURSTON

Charles Wesson Thurston passed away suddenly, Monday, January 15th. He was born in Stoddard, N. H., October 26, 1870, the son of Frank Lucellas and Elinore (Morrill) Thurston. He has lived in Hillsboro for the past fifteen years where he worked at the trade of painter.

Survivors are his widow Mrs. Ruth Emma (Hart) Thurston; three daughters, Mrs. Bessie E. Spaulding, Mrs. Hattie H. Smith of Bennington, N. H., Mrs. Ethel M. Tewksbury, of Deering, N. H., and a son, Lucellas C. Thurston, of Somerville, Mass., and seventeen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Services will be held from his home on Henniker street, on Thursday, January 18th, at 2 p. m. with interment at Maplewood Cemetery in Antrim, N. H.

W. C. T. U. MEETING

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in the home of Mrs. B. J. Wilkinson on Tuesday afternoon. The program was given to a study of the Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund and what it is used for. Mrs. Edith Kittredge and Mrs. Estelle Speed gave a dialogue exposition of the work of Dr. Izora Scott and the W. C. T. U headquarters of the legislative department in Washington.

Miss Fave Benedict added to the information by some historical items about this department. Reports were given of the boxes sent to Grasmere County Farm Christmas tree and to the Naval hospital at Portsmouth. Boxes of magazines will be sent to both places soon. Adjourned to meet February 6th with Mrs. Estelle Speed.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Putnam announce the marriage of their daughter Gladys to Floyd Harvey, January twenty eighth, in the Deering Church, at 12 noon. Everyone invited.

Patronize Our Advertisers

Farm Census Will Start On April 1st

Work on the 1940 New Hampshire census began this past week as enumerators in both districts started to gather business and manufacturing data in the state's 10 counties.

In the southern district, comprising Hillsborough, Rockingham and Cheshire counties, Supervisor Thomas F. Lenehan, Sr., announced that headquarters have been established on the second floor of the Smyth block at 1032 Elm street, Manchester.

At the same time he revealed that 10 enumerators have been appointed in the district and will be engaged in the business and manufacturing census until April 1. Raymond Houde of Nashua is assistant supervisor. Starting in April the agricultural and population census will begin.

Under the supervision of Maj. Samuel M. Edes of Newport the census got under way in the northern district which is composed of the seven other counties. Headquarters has been set up in Concord.

A farm for census purposes is all land on which some agricultural operations are performed by one person, either by his own labor alone or with the assistance of members of his household or hired employees. The land operated by a partnership is likewise considered a farm. A "farm" may consist of a tract of land or a number of separate tracts.

The Cushing Academy 19 annual Winter Carnival will be held in Ashburnham February 9 and 10. Jane Hurlin is on the committee in charge of the Tea Dance.

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- ★ 'The Bat' Again
- ★ Jane Has Preference
- ★ To the Bitter End

—By Virginia Vale

THE President's son plans to give us a mystery picture—made from one of the best mystery plays ever written—as the first release of his Globe Productions. It's "The Bat," by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood, and has everything that a thriller should have. It was filmed by Mary Pickford's company in 1926, and done again, as "The Bat Whispers," in 1931. Norman Foster will direct the new version.

Hard on the heels of her scrap with Warner Brothers over her refusal to appear in "Married, Pretty and Poor," Jane Bryan showed the studio that she preferred to be married, pretty and rich—she announced her engagement to Justin W. Dart, who is general manager of a drug firm.

Mickey Rooney may rank first at the box offices of motion picture theaters in this country, but in Great Britain and Ireland he comes second, with Deanna Durbin pushing him out of first place. She was not among the first ten in this country.

If you are devoted to the story, "The Light That Failed," you'll like the picture version, which sticks to the original, even to the unhappy ending. If it's Ronald Colman, rather than the story, who's responsible



RONALD COLMAN

ble for your interest in the picture, you'll enjoy it hugely, for he gives an excellent performance.

So do Walter Huston, Dudley Digges, and Ida Lupino. Miss Lupino has had a hard time of it in Hollywood; she was put into ingenu parts and kept there; now that, at last, she had been given a chance to show what she could do with a real role, she had made the most of it.

Hers is rather like the one in "Of Human Bondage" that established Bette Davis as a dramatic actress. Miss Lupino's performance is good enough to do as much for her. No longer can she be thought of as just one of those pretty blondes who are so numerous in the picture-making metropolis.

If you're interested in the present activities of former radio favorites, here's news of some of them. Jimmy Melton is now known as James Melton, and is a concert singer. Morton Downey wound up his summer engagement at the World's fair and followed it with an equally successful one in a Hollywood night club. Singin' Sam is making money by making recordings.

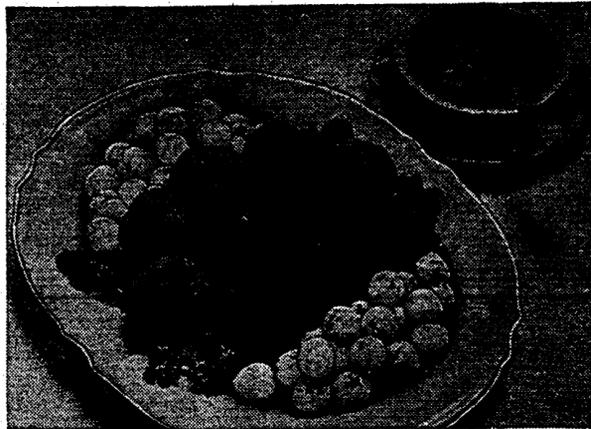
Jessica Dragonette makes occasional appearances on the air—and when you see "Gulliver's Travels" you'll hear her voice. Vera Van, Leah Ray and Annette Henshaw have retired.

Gene Autry, the singing screen star who is Public Cowboy No. 1, heads a new western series from "The Double M Ranch" over the Columbia network each Sunday. Incidentally, did you know that Gene was discovered by the beloved Will Rogers? Rogers stopped at a small town in Oklahoma to forward his syndicated column; Gene, the telegraph operator, was singing a western ballad. Rogers advised him to capitalize on his talents—and a little more than a year later Gene Autry was a popular radio and recording artist.

Del Courtney, who features Candid Camera music over NBC, has borrowed an idea from the movies in his presentation of "previews" of his forthcoming programs. Before concluding his broadcasts, he plays a few bars of some of the new tunes to be featured on the next program. It's a novel idea, and will probably be widely copied by bandleaders who don't hesitate to imitate their more successful brethren.

ODDS AND ENDS—The New York Film Critics picked "Wuthering Heights" as 1939's best picture... It's a little more than twenty-six years since Cecil B. De Mille, Samuel Goldwyn and Jesse Lasky began filming "The Squaw Man," the first motion picture made in Hollywood. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Household News
By Eleanor Howe



SERVE THESE LIVER CROQUETTES WITH POTATO BALLS AND TOMATO SAUCE
See Recipes Below

Just Good Food

In her own town and in her time, Aunt Edith was considered a good cook. When prizes were awarded for the best cakes at church fairs, Aunt Edith won her share of them. But she had her bad days, too, when this pie crust was soggy or that cake fell flat. Aunt Edith used to say, "Well, I had good luck with my baking today," and sometimes she said, "I don't know why, but my sponge cake isn't near as nice as usual, this time." Luck played quite a part in the success or failure of one's cooking and baking, in those days! There isn't any mystery about cooking and baking today; this "four-point plan" eliminates the element of chance, and insures uniform results, day after day: 1, tested recipes; 2, accurate measurements; 3, proper methods of mixing; 4, correct temperature for cooking and baking.



Reliable recipes and good ingredients are available by the score. When you've found the ones you like, stick to them! Marked measuring cups and spoons have done away with the old time "pinch" of this, and "smidgin" of that, and directions for mixing are a part of every tested recipe. Thermometers of every kind insure the proper temperature for cooking and baking; thermometers for deep fat frying eliminate grease-soaked doughnuts or croquettes; there'll be no sticky, runny frostings or candy that won't "set," when the cooking is done with candy thermometers; meat thermometers mean roasts that are cooked to just the right degree of "doneness"; and oven thermometers are practically indispensable for the countless baking jobs involved in feeding a family. You'll find the recipes below meet the requirements of the four-point plan. You'll want to add them to your file of tested recipes for "Just Good Food."

Silver Cake.

- (Makes 2 9-inch layers)
- 2 1/2 cups cake flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 4 egg whites (stiffly beaten)

Sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Cream the butter, and add 1 cup of the sugar gradually, beating until smooth and fluffy. Add the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture, alternately with the milk. Add flavoring. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry, and gradually beat in the remaining 1/2 cup of sugar. Fold into the cake batter. Bake in 2 greased 9-inch layer cake pans in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) for 25 to 30 minutes.



Bolled Icing.

- 2 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

Cook sugar, corn syrup, salt and water together to the firm ball stage (250 degrees). Pour the hot syrup slowly into the well-beaten egg whites, beating constantly. Add almond extract and continue beating until the frosting will hold its shape when tossed over the back of a spoon. Should icing become too stiff to manipulate easily, a small amount of hot water may be added.

Lemon Apple Cake Filling.

Pare and grate one large, tart apple. (There should be 1 cup of grated pulp). Add 2 tablespoons of lemon rind grated, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, beaten, and 1 tablespoon of quick-cooking tapioca. Cook over

hot water until thick and clear—about 15 minutes. Cool, and spread generously between the layers of a cake. The filling is especially good in white cake.

Liver Croquettes.
(Makes 10-12 croquettes)

- 3/4 pound beef liver
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- Boiling water
- 2 tablespoons onion (grated)
- 1 cup fine bread crumbs (moistened with 2 tablespoons water)
- 1/2 cup thick white sauce
- 2 eggs (well beaten)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Cover liver with boiling water to which baking powder has been added. Cook a few minutes until liver begins to get tender. Remove from water, cut off tough skin or connective tissue, then grind. Mix with bread crumbs, white sauce, and eggs well beaten. Season to taste and cool. Shape into small ball croquettes. Fry in deep fat (375 degrees) until golden brown. Drain on unglazed paper. Serve at once with hot tomato sauce. If desired, croquettes may be dipped in crumbs, egg, then crumbs again before deep frying.

Lemon Meringue Pie.

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup cold water
- 3/4 cup boiling water
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon rind (grated)

Combine sugar, cornstarch and salt. Add cold water; stir until smooth. Add boiling water and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is clear and thick. Cook 3 minutes longer. Beat egg yolks; stir cooked mixture into them. Add remaining ingredients, return to flame and cook 1 minute. Pour immediately into baked pie shell. Top with meringue.



Meringue.

- 6 egg whites
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Beat egg whites partially; then add sugar slowly, beating until mixture is stiff. Bake in slow oven (300 degrees) for 18 minutes.

Apple Sauce Doughnuts.

- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 2 eggs (beaten)
- 1 cup apple sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 3 1/4 cups bread flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder

Cream shortening and add sugar; blend thoroughly. Add the eggs. Combine apple sauce, salt, soda, and spices, and add to first mixture. Sift together the flour and baking powder, and add. Roll out to 1/4-inch thickness on well-floured board. Cut in circles and fry in deep fat (365 degrees) until brown. Drain and roll in confectioners' sugar.

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GENERAL JOHNSON Says:

After Winter's Breathing Spell Look for Terrific Air Fighting... We Need National Defense Inquiry.

By HUGH S. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON.—The experience of winter war in Finland does not indicate a likelihood of any immediate change from the present strange standstill war anywhere. Few great offensives have ever been begun in winter and few great battles fought.

The world is almost sure to have a breathing spell, but the coming of spring threatens terrible things. I don't believe that Goering was bluffing in his New Year message. Nobody ought to prophesy, but how can the spring of 1940 be anything other than now-or-never for the little handful of scoundrels at the head of the Nazi party and government?

In a war purely of economic strangulation, they cannot possibly win. Furthermore, their gradual relative weakening and their constant inaction makes less and less likely any kind of negotiated peace that, politically, they could afford to sign.

The only thing that I can think of that will avert a terrible ordeal in the air no later than April is something that could happen within Germany to change its government. That there may be a popular uprising against the Hitler-Goering gang I am told is most unlikely. But the life of no tyrant or even group of tyrants is ever secure.

Assassination is not in the books as part of modern war methods. But when one single warped individual holds over the head of the whole world so much misery, danger and death, who would question divine providence if something like that should happen to Adolf?

WASHINGTON.—I frequently do not agree with Oswald Garrison Villard. I emphatically do not agree with many of the things said in his latest book, "Our Military Chaos." I can't support many of his conclusions, but I have long supported his principal one—which is that we need an impartial non-partisan, extra-governmental commission to look into the question of national defense.

In summing up his own book, he says—in the main, truly: "It has shown (1) that we have no defense policy whatever; (2) that all our expenditures bear no relation whatever (?) to an established military program; (3) that we are asking the impossible of the army and navy since we do not tell what to defend or how or where to defend it; (4) that there can be no adequate defense policy set up until there is a decision as to what our foreign policy is to be, until our objectives are defined; (5) that the primary defense problem for the United States is as to whether we are only to defend our shores or prepare again to fight abroad; (6) that, because of the failure to define what we shall defend, our policies, notably in the Pacific, vary from year to year, almost from hour to hour; (7) that until that is settled we are adding to our vast expenditures without the slightest guarantee that those outlays make for a saner or better defense...; (8) that there are grave faults in the organization of the war and navy departments and (9) that they fail to co-operate with each other; (10) that although no less than seven billions have been spent for defense since the fiscal year 1934-35 the war department admits amazing shortage in supplies of fundamental importance; (11) that there is no hope of balancing a normal budget without putting a definite limit to the increase of army and navy expenditures now fast approximating two billions of dollars, etc."

There is no room here to point out some of the inaccuracies, over-emphasis and conclusions, but in a general way, I strongly feel that the book does bring ample documentation and authority to establishing what he here says it proves. A commission inquiry is imperative. If it finds that this column and Mr. Villard's book are wrong, it will be a splendid vindication—which I, for one, would welcome. If it finds that we are only partly right, the country ought to know it.

General Marshall, chief of staff, has just said that in spite of these billions, our defense is not 25 per cent effective. He charges it to the historians and he is right in his reasons, but there are other culprits. I would shudder to see a careful compilation of comparative unit costs—per soldier or per ton of shipping—as between our own and the armies and navies of all other nations. It would shock the country.

It is no fault of army and navy officers. It is true that congress has not recently been niggardly, but there are plenty of reasons in congress and politics for this cock-eyed extravagance.

It didn't make so much difference in former years that we paid more than was necessary for defense. We had the money and the need was less. That is no longer true. The worst disposition of this administration is to do things without computing their cost. We are getting to the end of that rope.

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2. What makes wood decay?
3. Does the moon influence pendulum clocks?
4. How do waves on the Great Lakes compare with waves on the oceans?
5. Which is the longer coastline, the Atlantic or Pacific?
6. How do our rivers compare with those of Europe?

The Answers

1. Brazil, which is larger than the United States, has 20 states, 3 of which are larger than Texas.
2. Bacteria and certain microscopic plants called fungi grow in the wood and destroy the structure.
3. The mechanism of pendulum clocks is affected slightly by the gravitational pull of the moon.
4. Waves on the Great Lakes sometimes reach 25 feet; ocean waves, more than 50 feet.
5. The Atlantic.
6. The Mississippi alone discharges more water than all the rivers of Europe.

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Playing the Fool

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DOAN'S PILLS

Sportlight

By Granland Rice

The Danger Zone . . . Pay for College Football Players Debated . . . Reasonable Bounds And the Commercial Side.

LOS ANGELES.—In the active presence of some 400 famous football coaches and athletic directors from all over the map, I have been trying to get some group to answer one or two questions—"Has football moved into the danger zone of proselytizing and pay for athletes?" "Has the commercial side grown too important?"

Most of them tell you their universities give a certain number of athletic scholarships and try to provide jobs—but nothing more. Yet it is a well-known fact that any number of universities or their athletic associations have from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to help roundup, corral and capture star high school talent from coast to coast.

The pursuit of the elusive ball carrier, the crack forward passer or the big linemen emerging from school play is the keenest I've ever seen.

There is another school of thought that believes the football player doesn't get nearly enough. They tell you he furnishes the battered body for the billion-dollar industry.

I've found no coach who believes in paying any football player any form of salary. Yet in one way or another, I know many are paid. It is entirely too complicated for my limited brain.

Maybe there isn't any real danger zone. But football is too great a game, it affects directly too many American kids, including the high schools, to move along unguarded. The count goes into the millions.

One answer may be the different conferences.

As it is now the Ivy league has gone into a covey of its own. It rarely leaves the fold. Try to slip some outsider into an Ivy league contest. The Big Ten has done about the same, outside of playing Notre Dame, and members of the Big Six.

As one of the Ivy league coaches told me, "We have Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Columbia, Brown, Army and Navy. Syracuse and Colgate are O. K. Who else do we need? We can't play anybody."

The Pacific conference and the Southwest are hanging together. They play most of their games among themselves.

In spite of all this, I have found a strong feeling of distrust when it comes to the matter of proselytizing and taking care of star players.

In the last few weeks I've covered several thousands of square miles through hot football territory. Today almost all territory is football hot.

I've heard over 40 stories of high school stars offered board, lodging, scholarships, and a fairly substantial wage. I know part of this is bunk. I also know part of it is true. Almost every high school kid likes to boast of the offers he has had. Most of them are baloney. But not all of them. A kid likes to brag.

I asked one veteran athletic director just how much money he figured colleges were putting out or giving away for football talent, one way or another.

"There are only about 100 colleges or universities," he said, "which can afford to meet the competition. Their funds range from \$8,000 a year to \$20,000 a year. My guess would be around \$1,000,000. This isn't so much when you figure 40,000,000 people look at football each fall—that football is easily a billion-dollar game for all concerned—colleges, hotels, railroads, planes, tickets and so on."

The main fault goes back to the colleges and the universities. The directing people are the ones who have turned football into a billion-dollar industry. They are the ones who have stood back of all the bowls and stadia. They are the responsible people. It is something bordering on a crime to start blaming the coaches.

"I'll give you one answer that will help some," a prominent athletic director said. "Pass a rule that no team can play over two men who live over 300 miles away from the university they play for. Don't think we get fooled when we see teams with eight or ten players on the squad who come from 800 to 1,500 miles away. And there are plenty of these."

I still think the main answer has to be on the scholastic or scholarship side. This is where the final segregating will take place.

Who run our colleges and universities? Presidents and boards of trustees—or the football coaches and athletic directors? Most of the schedules today are money schedules. Why? Because too many universities have built up expensive plants that must be paid for.

Who pays for all this? The football players! The football players and the coaches.

Teams are given schedules they have no chance to handle on even terms.

Speaking of Sports

Coming Year Headache to Ring Industry

By ROBERT McSHANE

BOXING, like world peace and the St. Louis Browns, is in a bad way as it pulls itself together and starts in a new year.

It survived many a first class beating during 1939, but is merely holding its own at present. Recovery is a slow, painful process, skillfully hindered by many of the men who should be nursing it carefully during the period of recuperation.

The truly alarming state of affairs is evidenced by the fact that Tony Galento, the battling barkeep, again was ranked No. 1 challenger for Joe Louis' crown. A glance at the list is discouraging. Bob Pastor is ranked as No. 2, followed by Lou Nova, Tommy Farr, and your old friend, Maxie Baer.

Not that these boys didn't deserve their ranking. They did. The discouraging part is that no better fighters have appeared on the scene to replace them.

The old year limped out with a juicy ring scandal still unsettled—a fitting farewell to a year which saw few favorable developments. The Harry Thomas fixed fight case still remains on the books to haunt boxing commissioners and prizefight



TONY GALENTO

officials. It should have been settled immediately. Blame should have been fixed and punishment meted out while the story was "hot." Then boxing fans would know that officials were doing their part to keep the game at a high plane.

Memory Lingers

Instead, a dark brown memory lingers in the minds of those interested in the sport. The investigation has been kicked around so long that it's little more than a joke. Details of the scandal are largely forgotten, but the subconscious memory of another rotten deal lives on.

Boxing promoters have helped themselves into their present predicament. They have arranged and built up matches which were merely second rate exhibitions.

It is true that these fights have been widely patronized. But a starving man doesn't demand caviar. The boxing enthusiast is interested in his sport. He wants to see good men pitted against each other, not a ham-and-egger or a has-been matched against a big name. Promoters should, and sooner or later must, realize that their customers know a great deal about the game. Even the less ring-wise can recognize a poorly matched fight.

Edward C. Foster, National Boxing association secretary, is none too enthusiastic at the beginning of the new year. However, he is heartily endorsed in his statement that at least one beneficial step has been taken. The two-title and three-title champions have been eliminated for good.

It will be remembered that Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, during 1939, held three titles at one time. He was featherweight, lightweight, and welterweight champion of the world. He relinquished his featherweight title, lost his lightweight title to Lou Ambers, and retains his welterweight championship.

One Title Rule

That was as it should be. No fighter should be allowed to hold more than one crown. If Armstrong was the logical welterweight champion then it was unfair to the top-ranking contenders in the two other weight divisions for him to be their king.

Boxing must put its house in order to regain the confidence and continue the patronage of fans. It is inconceivable that the public will continue to support the kind of a program to which it has been subjected for the past year. Second rate fighters participating in questionable matches have done much to drag boxing into the gutter.

There is a brighter side. Fighters like Joe Louis, Billy Conn and a very few more always do their best, regardless of their opposition. But they are in the minority.

The housecleaning must come soon and it will require the combined efforts of fighters, managers, promoters and ring officials to do a thorough job.

And anything less than a thorough job will be insufficient.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

'Pork' Cutting Will Keep Congress In Session Past June . . . F. D. R. Sounding Sentiment on Cordell Hull

By DREW PEARSON and ROBERT ALLEN

WASHINGTON.—Those optimistic statements about a short session of congress are a lot of wishful thinking. The boys will still be on hand when June 1 rolls around.

One reason is that there is no need for them to hurry to get through. The presidential convention won't take place this year until late July and early August. The other reason is that the shadow of the momentous fall campaign will dominate everything said and done on Capitol Hill and the session is a cinch to be one of the most acrimonious and politics-ridden in years.

There will be fierce fighting over the Wagner labor and wage-hour acts, over Secretary Wallace's demand for some form of processing tax to finance the \$300,000,000 farm parity payments, over Cordell Hull's reciprocal trade treaties and above all over the slashed budget.

It's on this last issue that you will see party lines crumble and the boys, despite all their brave economy talk and other lofty sentiments, rally together to save their pork.

For there's political murder in that hot budget.

The boys don't know it yet but Roosevelt has ripped \$45,000,000 out of the food control appropriation, whittling it down from \$115,000,000 to \$70,000,000. The cries of anguish that will go up when this is discovered will rend the heavens from New England to California and from Michigan to Texas. At least two-thirds of the members of both chambers have local stakes in this appropriation, to say nothing of hundreds of contractors and thousands of workers, and with an election in the offing you can bet your boots the boys are going to leave no stone unturned to get their pork.

The food control item is just one of a number that got the axe. The highway appropriation, another prime local pork favorite, was riddled. When Roosevelt merely recommended that last year, congress nearly had a fit. The boys will jump out of their skins when they see what he actually did to the appropriation this time.

No Third Term?

For the first time in two years word has gone out very quietly from the White House that the President has a man definitely in mind as his possible successor.

That man is Cordell Hull.

This does not mean that the President is committing himself. However, this is definitely the very first time he has even mentioned the name of a specific candidate.

What the President is doing is throwing out Hull's name to various close advisers and noting their reaction.

The tack which the President is taking is that Hull is the only man who could get the support of both the liberal Democrats and the conservatives, such as Senators Glass, Byrd, and George.

Also significant is the fact that the Inner Circle, while not yet counting Roosevelt out for third term, are by no means so sure of it as they once were. Now they are convinced that Roosevelt really does not want to be a candidate.

Insurance Bombshell

Insurance company officials who have been raging over insurance disclosures by the anti-monopoly committee don't know the half of it. The worst is yet to come.

The committee will make a voluminous report on the finances and investments of 26 of the largest insurance companies—and it's going to be a bombshell.

One of the sensations will be the revelation that last year a certain nationally known company, with many millions of dollars on deposit in a certain bank, drew not one cent of interest on this money. The report will show, as a possible explanation for this amazing situation, that high officials of the company also are directors of the bank.

Even when published only a limited number of copies will be available, because the report is so voluminous that it cost \$100 a copy to print it in the government printing office.

Capital Chaff

Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle's wife, Beatrice Bend Bishop Berle, is a physician. The President is about to have his portrait painted by Cuban Artist Esteban Valderrama. A peace society has distributed 30,000 copies of the David Lawrence editorial, "Peace Now," which proposes a 10-point program for settlement of the war.

One move in the minds of the Jack Garnerites is that in the last showdown he might withdraw to let Sam Rayburn step into the picture.



ANOTHER FORECAST FOR 1940 JANUARY:

Nazi Germany will issue a statement accusing England of starting the war, denying she ever had anything but peaceful desires and warning of a new weapon. Washington will talk of a breathing spell for business. There will be air raids over the Firth of Forth. Eight more radio programs will feature question and answer contests. Russia will deny she is at war with anybody as she bombs five more open Finnish cities.

FEBRUARY:

Italy will issue a statement affirming the Rome-Berlin axis, attacking the Allies, belittling America and denouncing Russia. Two more radio programs will put on question and answer contests. Ruth Judd will escape again. Nazi Germany will issue a statement accusing England of causing the war. Washington will hint at a possible breathing spell for business. Mayor LaGuardia will join another Indian tribe.

MARCH:

There will be air raids over the Firth of Forth. Russia will deny she is involved in any war with anybody. Ambassador Joe Kennedy will return to America from London on a special mission or vice



versa. Ruth Judd will escape again. Hitler will announce that his patience is being exhausted. Secretary Ickes will make some dirty digs at all candidates who dare to run on a Republican ticket. There will be an air raid over Helgoland. The Germans will say 45 out of 48 British planes were shot down. The British will say 45 out of 48 German planes were shot down.

APRIL:

Ruth Judd will escape. A German fleet will be cornered by a British fleet and Hitler will order the German fleet scuttled on the ground the British have a superiority of one small gunboat. The Nazis will deny she is at war with anybody. John Barrymore will play Jeeters in "Tobacco Road." Mayor LaGuardia will join an Indian tribe.

MAY:

There will be talk of giving business a breathing spell. Ruth Judd will escape. Hitler will say his patience is being exhausted. Lou Holtz will play Jeeters in "Tobacco Road." There will be air raids over the Firth of Forth. The Nazis will threaten to use a newly discovered war weapon. There will be much discussion of Dizzy Dean's arm.

JUNE:

Ruth Judd will escape. There will be talk of a breathing spell for business. Congress will vote to probe the N. L. R. B. Hitler will give warning that his patience is becoming exhausted.

JULY:

Hitler will issue a statement warning the Allies that they are exhausting his patience. There will be talk of giving the American business man a break. The Democratic convention will meet in the riot of the century.

The G. O. P. will hold its convention or dizzy spell and compromise on a plan to run Tom Dewey and Bob Taft for President during alternate years. Eleven radio programs will put on question and answer contests. Ruth Judd will escape.

AUGUST:

There will be a national demand for a device to exclude campaign speeches from the radio. Adolf Hitler will give warning that he is losing his patience. Russia will deny she is at war.

SEPTEMBER: (See June, July and August):

OCTOBER:

The Yanks will stage a world series with some club whose name nobody is very sure of. Things will look bad for the Democrats. Things will also look bad for the Republicans. There will be an orgy of Gallup polls. Ruth Judd will escape. Hitler's patience will run thin.

NOVEMBER:

The outcome of the election will look so close that Roosevelt will decide to run on both tickets to save the country. Ruth Judd will escape.

DECEMBER:

Hitler will announce that his patience is exhausted. Ruth Judd will escape. There will be talk of a breathing spell for business.

BOY, AN EMERGENCY

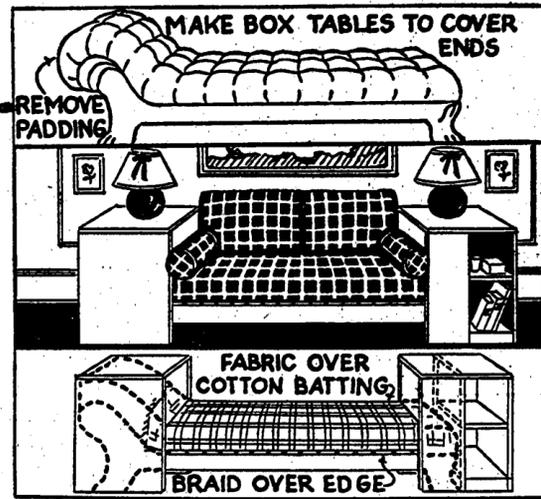
Attorney General Murphy says that Mr. Roosevelt will not run for a third term unless there is an emergency. If that's all that's needed, he's as good as nominated.

Try this tongue twister: It was the fourth or fifth raid on the Firth of Forth since the fifth.

To warlords raging everywhere This is to hope you get your share And that, a little short of luck, You'll presently forget to duck.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



An old couch goes modern.

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The School Board meets regularly in Town Clerk's Room, in Town Hall block, on the Last Friday Evening in each month, at 7.30 o'clock, to transact School District business and to hear all parties.

MYRTIE K. BROOKS,
WILLIAM R. LINTON
ARCHIE M. SWETT,
Antrim School Board.

SELECTMEN'S NOTICE

The Selectmen will meet at their Rooms, in Town Hall block, on Monday evening of each week, to transact town business.

Meetings 7 to 8
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HUGH M. GRAHAM,
DALTON R. BROOKS
Selectmen of Antrim.

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Antrim Locals

Miss Lucille Heath of Hillsboro spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. George Hildreth.

Rev. Harrison L. Packard has been supplying the pulpit of the Congregational church in Bennington for several Sundays.

Miss Dorothy Grube resumed her teaching Monday in the primary grades after convalescing from an appendix operation.

Mrs. Will C. Hills is ill at her home and under the care of Mrs. Beth Fletcher. Mrs. Hills was taken ill while visiting in Keene and returned home last Friday.

Mrs. Chester Hartwell of Ashuelot and her daughter Janice were in town Tuesday to see her parents. Mr. Hartwell is attending the police training school in Boston for six weeks and Mrs. Hartwell and Janice are stopping in Henniker with Mr. and Mrs. Edson Tuttle while Mr. Hartwell is absent.

The Week of Prayer was observed by two union services. On Wednesday night the service was held in the Baptist vestry with Rev. Norris Woodbury of South Lyndeboro as preacher. Rev. Mr. Woodbury is pastor of the South Lyndeboro and West Wilton Baptist churches and was previously a missionary in Burma. The meeting on Thursday evening was held in the Presbyterian vestry and was addressed by Rev. William Weston of Hancock. Both services were well attended and very helpful.

Round Oak Heater for Sale. Installed for Oil - Have Grates for coal. Inquire at Reporter Office

Mrs. Campbell Paige continues quite ill, though more comfortable than when taken to the Grasmere hospital a week ago.

There will be a public supper in the Presbyterian Vestry on Friday January 26. The money raised from the supper will be used to buy playground equipment for the school grounds. Everyone should help to make this affair a success. Watch the Reporter for more details.

Antrim Branch

Mrs. George MacIntire has been confined to the home with a severe cold.

Philip O'Keefe and friend spent the week-end at their summer home.

Carroll White and Dewey Elliott were successful in bringing down a bob cat while hunting together.

Mrs. Grace Jordan who has been at the Matthews place for some time, is employed at Maplehurst Inn.

The Ladies' Circle of North Branch will meet with Mrs. Robert Hammond Thursday afternoon January 18th.

The foot bridge and garage at the electric station is completed. We rejoice that the men do not have to go via the penstock in these icy times.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18,

REPORTERETTES

Youths who stay up late like to be served—breakfast in bed.

Keep the home fires burning, but confine 'em to furnace and stove

America has one army we wish could be disbanded—the army of jobless.

Thrift Week is soon to be observed. Will government please take notice.

Again we are asking our confidential agent abroad to look up ex-King Zog.

Personally, we have climbed on the bandwagon of the old-fashioned winter prophets.

Another fine thing about winter is that it makes the bicycle traffic problem less acute.

Stalin ought to write a "Mein Kampf," basing it, of course, on his Finnish struggle.

Someone wants to ban the word lunch. But we wager he will continue to want to eat it.

Someone asks: "How can I keep my feet warm in cold weather?" Answer—Stay by the fire.

French salaries are to be the subject of a special war tax, a 15 per cent levy. War certainly is hell.

It is all right enough to talk about national income if due attention also is paid to national outgo.

Are you remembering to feed the birds now that snows have come. It is an easy task—and a great service.

"He serves his party best who serves the country best." Rutherford B. Hayes wasn't thinking of the tax collector.

'Tis our hope that the cold won't stiffen the joints of the groundhog and thus prevent him from emerging on February 2.

A few years hence, if we don't watch out, all of us will be bureaucrats except those of us who must support bureaucrats.

A famed naturalist thinks that insects, too, are prone to worry, and why not? Fancy keeping an active young centipede in shoes.

Someone makes the news by designating 1939's "10 outstanding women." But he neglected to include a single, solitary housewife.

Says an outstanding commentator on world affairs: "Russian and Nazi newspapers must be read between the lines." Isn't there a surplus "n" in that last word?

GRANITE STATE GARDENER

By T. A. Marsden, Jr., University of New Hampshire
Durham, New Hampshire

When cramped for a place to put your house plants, the difficulty may be overcome by putting glass shelves in a window. Simple brackets and glass, the same as made for bathroom shelves, can be used. Three or four shelves may be put in one window if small plants are to be placed on them. Screw the brackets firmly, one on each side of the window frame, and put the glass on them. Brackets with the end bent up to keep the glass from sliding off are the most satisfactory. Heavy plate glass six to eight inches wide, will hold from 30 to 40 pounds without breaking.

Many of our homes are too warm for plants to attain their best growth; and this warmth causes a dry atmosphere. Optimum temperature conditions for most of our house plants is about 70 degrees in the day, and 60 at night. This temperature-range, incidentally, is also good for the family. Extremely hot rooms make one feel

continually fatigued. With low moisture content in the air, the plants cannot show maximum growth. See that the water compartment on the furnace is kept well filled and keep vessels of water in the room near the radiators. If necessary have the radiators equipped with humidifiers.

Plants breathe air just as we do, small pores (stomata) on the leaves and stems being their breathing organs. If these pores become clogged with dirt and dust, insufficient air is allowed to pass, and the plant will suffer. The leaves and stems of such plants as the rubber plant, cradula, and palm should be washed off with water at frequent intervals, and the addition of a dilute insecticide such as derris or nicotine sulphate to the wash will aid in combating many pests. Whale oil soap is used as a wash to combat scale, and may be purchased from your florist. Other plants should be sprayed with water lightly, to remove the dust film.

Hancock

Attending the meeting of the Harold Hunting club in Bennington Sunday night were Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Yeagle, Charles, Marjorie and Norma Fairfield of this town. The worship service was led by Mrs. Yeagle.

A son was born Sunday at the Peterboro hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mulhall of this town. Mrs. Mulhall was formerly Miss Nellie Harrington and was a nurse at the same hospital several years. She is a graduate of the nurses' training school of St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua.

Mrs. Mary E. Curtis died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred C. Wormelle, here January 3. The funeral was held in Copake, N. Y., January 5. Mrs. Curtis had lived with her daughter six years, having come from Great Barrington, Mass. She was the widow of William E. Curtis of that place. She was born in Egremont, Mass., May 22, 1861, her maiden name being Bucklee. Besides her daughter, she has a son, William Curtis of this town, and a grandson, Curtis Scott of Manchester, surviving.

At the meeting of the Hancock Women's club Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Charles Whittle who, with her husband, maintains one of the few birdbanding stations, gave a talk about birdbanding. She stated that birds banded here in January 1934 were reported in Michigan in 1939, having been in Quebec meantime. She told of the work of Mrs. Webster of Holderness in banding humming birds and stated that a chick-a-dee weighs only a third of an ounce. Mrs. Joseph Quinn presided in place of Mrs. George Davis, who is in Florida. Mrs. Charles Adams sang with Mrs. Florence Burt as accompanist. Hostesses were Mrs. Sidney Stearns, Mrs. Charles Adams, Mrs. Alice Brown, Mrs.

Ronald Perry and Mrs. Carrie Wilds. Reports included that of the magazine work which netted \$5 and was done by Mrs. Burt, Mrs. G. Arthur Ledward, Mrs. Lilla Upton, the statement that 45 children are taking the hot school lunches provided by the club; and that of Mrs. Agnes Weston as chairman of Veterans' Work stating that two Christmas boxes had been sent, one to the hospital at Rutland, Mass., and at Bedford, Mass.; and that the club money had been sent to a veteran at the hospital at White River Junction, Vt.

ANTRIM HIGH GIRLS DEFEAT TROY HIGH

In the second game of the season Antrim proved victorious, winning from Troy 22-12. The game was a much faster and harder fought game than the score shows. At the end of the first quarter Troy was leading by one point, and at the half found our girls and their opponents neck and neck with a score of 8-8.

During the third quarter, Antrim obtained the lead and kept it for the remainder of the game.

Every forward that played scored; Captain Hugron leading with 9 points.

Summary: Cuddihy c. f. 6; N. Edwards l. f. 5; M. Edwards l. f. 2; Hugron r. f. 9.

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January 15, 1940

WARNING

WATER. The water in Campbell Pond is extremely low. In fact, it has never been as low. Water users must exercise caution as never before.

There are places where water is allowed to run 24 hours a day. For the good of the entire community this unnecessary waste must stop.

The following is part of the regulations adopted by vote of the Precinct:

"There shall be no unnecessary waste of water. It must not be kept running to prevent freezing or kept running at any time longer than necessary for its proper use. Any person violating this rule shall be liable to have his supply shut off, and the amount paid therefor forfeited."

Use water reasonably, not excessively. Have leaky equipment repaired at once.

FIRE - Fires at any time are bad enough. One at this time would be a calamity. Be careful! Keep chimneys and smoke pipes clean. Dispose of rubbish.

SAVE WATER
WATCH OUT FOR FIRE
INATTENTION AND NEGLECT SPELL DISASTER

In this emergency each and everyone of you must share these responsibilities. May we have your cooperation? We feel we can.

Faithfully yours,

Albert E. Thornton } Commissioners
Maurice A. Poor } Antrim Precinct
Hiram W. Johnson }

Bennington

Mrs. Willis Davis is ill in the Peterboro hospital.

William Wallace is very ill at his home on the Greenfield road.

Mrs. William Gordon is gravely ill at her home on Hancock street.

Mrs. George Spaulding was in the hospital for treatment on her ear.

The school children are planning a whist party for Friday evening of this week.

Stewart Thompson has been appointed correspondent for the Concord Monitor.

Mrs. Walter Cleary and young daughter, Joyce Lillian, have returned from the hospital.

The Bennington high school boys basketball team won from the Antrim team Tuesday night.

John Harrington entered the Grasmere hospital for an appendix operation on Wednesday morning.

At a special meeting of the Congregational Church last week Wednesday, Rev. Lloyd Yeagle was present.

The severe storm last week kept some of the Hillsboro boys and girls home from school one day last week.

Several people from Peterboro and several from Antrim were at the Woman's Club meeting Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Powers' young daughter, Alice, fractured her wrist when she fell from her crib recently.

Last week the Bennington grange held its regular meeting on Tuesday night and had as a guest Special Deputy B. Love.

Next Sunday January 21st a meeting is called of the Congregational Church members directly following the morning service.

News has been received in this town of the death of a former resident of this town who for a number of years has resided in Hillsboro; Charles Thurston was shoveling snow on Monday morning and died while working.

Skins Used in Industry

The cow, sheep, goat, horse, hog and deer contribute most of the skins used in industry. The first three provide 95 per cent of the hides consumed. They are relatively abundant and their skins most suitable for durable goods or fancy accessories.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

**Congress May Out-Spree FDR
In Boosting Defense Budget,
Despite Election-Year Fears**

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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**CONGRESS:
On Guard (?)**

Biggest item on the congressional agenda was Franklin Roosevelt's \$8,242,000,000 budget, which the senate voted to investigate via a joint super-committee. But there was more talk than action. While congressmen fumed to bury their teeth in the \$1,800,000,000 defense program, major budget item, they also hesitated, watching developments abroad. In an election year there must be economy talk, but 1940's congress may end up by spending more on defense than even the President asked.

There were probes aplenty. Even though the house might kill that unprecedented super-committee, four more groups were hard at it. The house naval affairs committee began by slapping newly appointed Navy Secretary Charles Edison. The slap: Pigeon-holing a proposal that the President be given peacetime power to commandeer factories, materials and ships. Next came Admiral Harold Stark, chief of naval operations, who opined (1) that the U. S. now has no two-ocean

the fortification plan. (See ASIA.) Appropriations, under Colorado's Alva Adams, wanted to junk the emergency defense fund and probably would.

What would eventually happen, most observers were willing to guess. Investigations will probably string along several months until Europe's war gathers steam. Then, overnight, congress will shoot the works and forget that it's an election year.

Also in congress:

¶ The house passed Rep. Joseph Gavan's (D., N. Y.) perennial anti-lynching bill imposing fines on county or state officials who fail, by negligence, to prevent mob killings. The bill went to the senate, which customarily defeats it, two years ago by a South-sponsored filibuster.

¶ The house ways and means committee heard Secretary of State Cordell Hull defend his reciprocal trade act, which expires June 12 unless renewed. Score: Ten Republicans against it, most of 15 Democrats in favor. But on the floor it will face greater opposition, probably being renewed only on the condition that the senate shall ratify all pacts. Meanwhile doughty Sen. Bill Borah of Idaho inferred that the breakdown of trade talks with Argentina and Uruguay was a plot to win continuation of the act.

¶ Adolph Sabath of Illinois, chairman of the house rules committee, said he opposed any more money for Martin Dies' un-Americanism committee. Reason: "After all, Mr. Dies has had enough publicity for any and all purposes and perhaps he will be still in demand for public speeches and writing magazine articles."

**ASIA:
Naughty U. S.**

By mid-January the U. S. was giving Japan so much trouble that the cabinet of Gen. Nobuyuki Abe was ready to fall. It was not enough that Tokyo's emissaries had been unable to win a new trade treaty replacing the pact being abrogated this month by Washington. Japanese also learned:

(1) That the senate foreign affairs committee was talking again of imposing an embargo on war material shipments to Japan. Leader of the move is Nevada's Sen. Key Pittman, committee chairman. Such



WANG'S EMPIRE (IN BLACK)
What would an embargo do?

a step would sound the death knell of Japan's war in China.

(2) That Washington was again talking about a big navy (See CONGRESS). The Guam fortification plan, pigeon-holed last year, when Japan objected, was making news again. Tokyo papers were warning that the U. S. would soon be No. 1 offensive-defensive power in the Pacific. But the public, suffering from an internal stomach ache, was unexcited.

It seemed likely, meanwhile, that the Abe cabinet's sole accomplishment and last act would be to launch the puppet government of Wang Ching-wei over Japanese-dominated sections of China (see map). But if the U. S. embargo falls, lack of military supplies will make it hard to preserve what Japan has already won.

PEOPLE:

Outstanding Stassen
At Chicago, the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce chose Minnesota's G. O. P. Gov. Harold Stassen as 1939's most outstanding young man.

¶ Off to Australia from Shanghai went Clarence E. Gauss, U. S. consul general, just named the first American minister to Canberra.

¶ At Washington, chief G-Man, J. Edgar Hoover, told a house committee why he needed a special \$1,475,000 fund to fight saboteurs and spies. Revelation: Plans for an army bomber were stolen from an aircraft plant, but recovered by FBI.

¶ At Baltimore, dethroned gangster Al Capone left the hospital where he has been treated for a brain ailment, taking up residence in a quiet, fashionable section of that city.
¶ Introduced by Tennessee's Democratic Rep. Kenneth McKellar was a measure to cancel the rest (about \$8,000,000) of Finland's war debt.

NEWS

Test your nose for news. Answer all these questions and your score is 100. Deduct 20 points for each question you miss. If you miss more than three, better not tell anybody!

1. Bartley, W. Va., is a coal-mining community. Why was it in the news?



2. The man at the right, now British lord of the admiralty, may become supreme defense chief. What's his name?

3. According to the treasury, the average American had how much money in his pocket on January 1: (a) \$57.71; (b) \$10.13; (c) \$126.54; (d) \$1,401.

4. True or false: Thousands of workers at the Binghamton, N. Y., plant of the Endicott-Johnson Shoe company made news by voting for affiliation with the C. I. O.

5. Both Republican and Democratic national committees will meet in February to pick their 1940 convention date. Which committee will meet first?

Now Quiz Answers

- Ninety miners were trapped two miles underground.
- Winston Churchill.
- (A) is correct. This is the highest per capita circulation since March, 1933.
- False. They made news by thumb-downing both C. I. O. and A. F. of L.
- Democrats on February 6; Republicans, February 18. This is important because the Republicans can now delay planning their candidate and platform until the opposition has committed itself.

THE WARS:

In the West
Germany and the allies seemed to be fighting everything else but each other as mid-winter arrived. There was sporadic sea warfare, a "great battle" over Sylt, German air base, and a Nazi raid over 500 miles of English coast. But despite those threats of heightened conflict, public attention was focused elsewhere:

Germany. Nazi soldiers were reported massed along the Baltic shores as the Reich eyed Scandinavia's neutrality, taking a more positive pro-Russian stand in the Soviet-Finnish war and threatening to invade Sweden and Denmark. But Germans were more worried about internal developments. Supplies from Russia and Rumania were held up by disputes, poor rail facilities and frozen river routes. The greatest cold wave in 11 years struck hard in Berlin, where there were shortages of both coal and food. At this unstrategic time, it was rumored workers would soon be paid IOU's instead of cash.

Allies. France was rumored about to shake up her cabinet, something Britain had already done. While the London press still railed at Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain for dismissing War Minister Leslie Hore-Belisha, Chamberlain turned about and rallied the empire to "more vigorous prosecution of the war." Both Hore-Belisha and Chamberlain were soon scheduled to unburden themselves in a secret session of commons. By general consensus, Chamberlain's position was none too secure.

In the North

Catching their breath during a temporary lull in fighting, the Finns estimated they had destroyed three, and possibly four Russian divisions in one month. Still undetermined was a battle raging on the Salla front, where correspondents heard that Soviet relief troops were being encircled. Counting \$10,000,000 worth of booty seized when the forty-fourth Russian division was annihilated, the Finns forecast a several weeks' lull.

THE BALKANS:

Carol's Choice

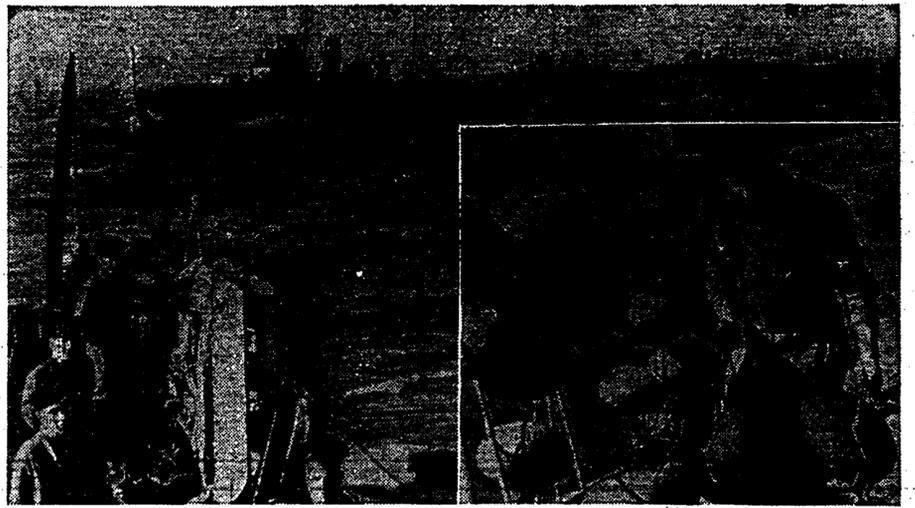
Back to Budapest from Venice went Hungary's Foreign Minister Stefan Csaky. In his pocket was a Plan: Italy would safeguard the Balkans from either Russian or German aggression provided that stubborn Rumanian, King Carol, could be whipped into line. All Rumania must do is guarantee territorial revision with Hungary and Bulgaria, in which case Italy and her neighbors will help Rumania if Russia tries to recapture Bessarabia. But should Rumania refuse, her neighbors will not only let Russia come in, but will invade King Carol's precinct themselves.

Actually this Italo-Hungarian agreement constituted an important step in breaking Italy away from Germany. Details of the pact were not published, for fear of "giving offense" to the Reich and Russia.



RUMANIA'S WOES

They Keep Trade Channels Open for Britain



Busiest craft in the European war are the British mine sweepers, whose duties it is to rid the seas of those deadly weapons. Here vessels take up positions in an area suspected of having mines hidden below the surface. The mine cables are cut, causing them to rise to the surface. Sharpshooters then explode them. Inset: A sailor prepares to throw marking buoys overboard to indicate to vessels that the area has been swept clean of mines and is safe for shipping.

To High Court... Attorney General... Solicitor General



Early political predictions were confirmed recently when President Roosevelt announced that Attorney General Frank Murphy, left, would succeed the late Pierce Butler as a member of the Supreme court bench. Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson, center, replaces Murphy as attorney general, and Judge Francis Biddle of Philadelphia leaves the circuit court of appeals to succeed Jackson as solicitor general. The high court seat has been vacant since Butler's death on November 16, 1939.

Hoover Instructed in Auctioneering Art



Actress Gertrude Lawrence shows former President Herbert Hoover the technique she used when she auctioned off a group of 23 paintings in New York to aid the Finnish relief fund. The art was executed by Ben Silbert, an American, who painted them in Finland, working in temperatures which ranged to 20 below. Silbert donated the collection to the fund.

Water Famine

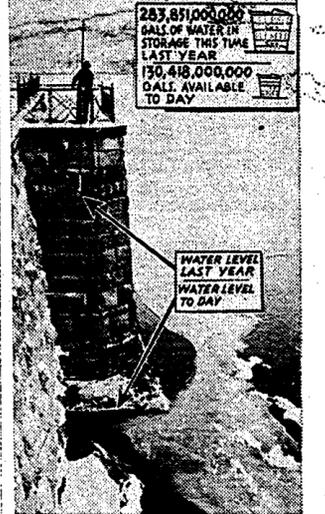


Photo-diagram shows the seriousness of New York city's water shortage, due to last year's drought. The reserve water is only 46 per cent of the 1939 total at Croton reservoir. Gatehouse Foreman John Tompkins indicates with a pole the point to which water usually reaches.

TREND
How the wind is blowing...

BANKING—At San Francisco L. M. Giannini threatened to withdraw his Bank of America from the federal banking system unless Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau halts "persecution" of its officers through the Securities Exchange commission, which has been examining records of Transamerica corporation, owner of 40 per cent of the bank's stock. Next day Henry Morgenthau struck back.



GIANNINI

POLITICS—At Washington it was indicated that Chicago can have both Republican and Democratic national conventions for the asking providing the city posts a \$150,000 financial guarantee for each.

AGRICULTURE—Although 1940 cotton marketing quotas were approved by 91 per cent of the farmers voting (962,273), it was estimated by the department of agriculture that the election had been staged by only 38 per cent of all cotton growers (2,300,000).

AVIATION—Within the next year, every major airline in the U. S. will be flying four-engined, 40-passenger aircraft in stratosphere levels at speeds more than 50 miles per hour faster than at present. The ships: Douglas DC-4s and Boeing 307s.

Ratifying Berlin-Moscow Trade Pact



Ambassador Schwarzew, left, seated, of Soviet Russia and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, right, belatedly affix their signatures to the trade pact agreed on last fall. Premier Molotov of Russia is reported planning a visit to Berlin to seek German military aid against Finland.

First Soldier



President Kallio of Finland cocks an investigating eye at an army range sinder during his recent visit to the Karelian front on the Mannerheim line, which Red invaders have failed to penetrate.

Hour-Glass Silhouette Is a 'Must' Fashion



THIS is really a "must" fashion for this season when your figure should by all means have the delicately rounded, small-waisted look that distinguished the gracious ladies of the eighties. Gathers on the shoulders and at the waistline, gathers on each side of the front skirt panel which flattens your diaphragm beautifully—that's all the detailing there is to 8567, so that anybody can make it without any trouble at all. And the result is a charmingly elegant, tiny-waisted fashion that you'll love for afternoon and general wear.

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Prologue to Love

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CHAPTER I

For one of those minutes that are not reckoned as time, but rather as a curious vessel to hold experience, she had stood still on the station platform, rapt and breathless and unworldly of the inquisitive glances that rested on her taut figure. The desire had been acute to fling out her arms to the circle of the mountains that rose from the valley like a prodigiously wrought gold and purple bowl filled with the wine of sundown in May. She had stood, aware of the cool star on the southern crest, and of the silver shallop of the new moon—a sail with its veiled and mystical cargo. Then the words had shaped themselves in silence upon her lips, words she knew now had paused far back in her childhood, waiting for her return: "You beautiful! Oh, you beautiful!"

Only a few moments before, she had checked her luggage without giving her name, and the slight narrowing of the old clerk's eyes had brought a twitch of amusement to her mouth. She remembered him well enough, and although it was nine years since he had seen her—she had been but fourteen then—it was evident that some recollection stirred behind the old man's eyes. Perhaps, after all, she might have told him she was Autumn Dean, so that he might be the first to know that the Laird's daughter had come home. He was one of the "relics of Barkerville," as her father used to call them affectionately, those old men who had become as legendary as that long-dimmed field of gold. It would have been fitting to tell him first, this old man who was the essence of everything to which she was returning, this fabulous, romantic northland of her girlhood. But it amused her to keep her secret a little longer, to be to herself alone the daughter of old Jarvis Dean, the Laird of the "Castle of the Norms." That phrase brought an almost unbearable ennui for what had been when she herself had so named her father's house.

The murmur of the valley town, like the warm sound of a human heart within the cool heart of the hills, lay below her now as she made her way quickly up the steep dark street to the house she remembered in the mountain's cleft. A few new dwellings had appeared, the shade trees had grown, there was a denser thicket of shrubbery flanking the street, but the curious upward climb of the way was unmistakable. There, where the gravel road took a frankish turn as though seeking greater seclusion under the brow of the hill, old Hector Cardigan's cottage peered through, half suspiciously as she had remembered it, as though it had made its way from the inner secrecy of the mountain and were of half a mind to return there. Her heart gave a little leap of delight as she saw the "monkey-puzzle" tree on the tiny front lawn, and the two somber, meticulously clipped yews on either side of the shell-lined walk. The ancient wrought-iron Italian lamp hung as of old in the narrow crypt of the porch, but instead of the wanly flickering oil wick, a dim electric bulb glowed steadily behind the parchment. Old Hector had had his house wired, then!

Her impulse was to go bounding up the steep little steps two at a time, as she had been wont to do, but she reflected quickly that Hector, grown older and more than ever given to solitude, from her father's reports of him, might be startled at such an intrusion. Instead, she ran lightly up the flight to the carved, narrow, oak door, and clutched her handbag to still the excitement of her heart as she lifted the heavy brass knocker. She remembered that the knocker had been level with her eyes when she was a reedy kid of fourteen.

That was Hector's step now, quick and military still in its precision. She could remember that long polished panel of hardwood floor of the hall within, polished to mirror luster by Hector himself, as no servant could do it, had the old man ever been able to afford a servant. The door opened quickly, boldly, in its old manner of brusque inquiry. And there stood Hector, erect and fiery, fastidiously groomed as of old, severely dinner-jacketed, his gray hair grayer now but combed as ever with sculptured nicety. He stood very little above her own height, so that it seemed to her that she was smiling on a level with his eyes.

As she waited for his recognition, a curious thing was happening. She had snatched off her hat and stood with her head flung back, her hair shaken vividly about her cheeks. Hector's eyes were fastened upon her face with a look that grew from strange, incredulous amazement to something verging upon pain. His hand reached uncertainly out toward her, as though he expected her to vanish before his eyes, then his fingers grasped the door knob until the knuckles gleamed white. His face had become drained of all color, and although she saw that his hand leaned heavily on the door knob for support, Autumn laughed gayly, stepped over the threshold, and flung her arms about his neck. "Hector, Hector! Don't you know me, you old goose?" she demanded,

shaking his shoulders as she smiled up at him.

"Forgive me, child," he said. "You—you startled me. I hadn't expected—but here, come inside. My manners are abominable!"

They proceeded into the low, shadowed living room, Autumn pausing just within the door to let her eyes sweep over the place. She wanted to make sure that the character of this extraordinary room had not changed. No, except for an added piece or two, it was the same as when she had last seen it—a haunting melody of the centuries, the oak walls dim and secret with their tapestries, the Louis XIV Gobelins, the fragile and priceless Renaissance Grotesque with its quaint assembly vanishing irretrievably into the weave, vanishing back into the dead hands of the weaver, and the bold Francois Spierinx of Delft with its heraldic challenging time.

"But—when did you get back, Autumn?" Hector asked, his voice firm now, with its old courtly inflection.

"I've just come. I walked right up here from the station."

"But your father didn't tell me you were coming home."

Autumn tossed her hat and purred on the low Spanish settle, ruffed her



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fingers through her hair, and came over and stood beside him, her feet spread boyishly apart, her hands clasped behind her back. She looked at Hector with grave amusement.

"He isn't expecting me," she said lightly. "I want to surprise him."

Hector turned slowly away. "H-m-m, yes," he said, thoughtfully. "It will be a surprise to him."

"Besides, you old fraud, I wanted to surprise you. Think of it, Hector, it's nine years since you saw me last."

"Nine years! It seems impossible. Well—we're getting older. I'm approaching my dotage, child. But you—you are eternal youth itself. You have the heritage of your mother."

Autumn's laugh pealed out deliciously. "But not her beauty, Hector!"

"That was what startled me when I saw you at the door. You are her image."

He moved to the couch that faced the fireplace, seated himself, and clasped his hands between his knees. Autumn turned and looked down upon him, and a wave of swift pity for him swept over her, obliterating for a moment the bewilderment and dismay that were growing upon her at the strangeness of his reception. Time, the merciless invader, was storming the fine citadel of that gallant old soldier, and already had come an intimation of the ruin that was to be. Autumn went quickly and seated herself beside him, taking his brown hand in her own.

"Is this all the welcome you give me?" she asked. "You look as if I had brought you the plague. What's wrong, Hector?"

He looked at her thoughtfully, then got to his feet.

"There's nothing wrong, my dear. It's just the surprise, I suppose. It has knocked me quite ally. How are you going out?"

Autumn patted one of his brown hands affectionately. "I'm going to ride one of your hunters," she told him. "It wouldn't look right for the daughter of Jarvis Dean to go home in an automobile, would it?"

Hector smiled. "One of my hunters? I have only one left, my dear, but you are welcome. Are you going to ride in those clothes?"

"No. I'll telephone for my luggage. I have a riding habit handy in a bag. You see, I had it all planned. Where is the telephone, Hector? Isn't that frightfully stupid! It's the only thing about the house I have forgotten."

Hector pointed to a low Japanese gilt and black lacquer screen that stood below a Seventeenth century brass lantern clock with single hand. "Back there," he said.

When she had arranged for the immediate transfer of her luggage to Hector Cardigan's house, she returned to the fireplace. Hector had laid another log on the fire, and the pitch was snapping spiritedly. He had also brought out a remarkably cut old English decanter with a ruby glass snake wound about the neck. Two fragile wine glasses stood on the tray beside it, and the liquid within them glowed with a fixed and inviolate coruscation. On a Meissen porcelain plate were tiny frosted cakes and shortbreads.

"O, Hector! You sweet!" Autumn cried, kneeling before the wine to look at the light flaming through it. "I take back all I said about my welcome." She seated herself upon a battered hassock and took the glass he offered her. She sipped the wine and reached for one of the tempting little cakes.

"Chablis, isn't it?" she remarked. Hector smiled at her over his glass, and it seemed to her that he was more his old self again, the surprising and eternally enigmatic old self that she had known, Puck and Pan and Centaur, all in one, and sometimes Arjel and sometimes Caliban—all the naive and grotesque and impish legendary beings she knew.

"Your education is complete, I see," he laughed. Autumn laughed too, and ate another cake in one mouthful.

"Oh, when I went over," she said, "they were teaching children to drink so that they would stop begging for another war." Her mood changed then and she frowned down at the last drop that lay in the crystal hollow of the glass. "Seriously, though, that's why I wanted to come home, Hector. I had to get away from the constant reliving of a nightmare that my generation missed."

"I know—I know," Hector remarked.

"The only real thing in the pampered life of Aunt Flo was the loss of her son—my cousin Frederick, you know. I don't know whether there is such a word or not—there ought to be—but Aunt Flo simply voluptuated in her loss. I couldn't live with it any longer."

"It isn't the same back home as—"

"Oh, I don't mean they are all like Aunt Flo," she hastened to add. "But there is something smothery about England now, with all those hungry-eyed women stepping on each other's toes. Do you know what I mean?"

"Yes," Hector admitted. "I think I do. You wanted room to breathe in. Well, you are right, too. Only—your father isn't the same man either. You will find him very difficult at times. He rarely comes to see me any more—and you know how devoted I have been to him."

"Father has always been difficult, Hector. But I've always loved him, nevertheless—and he has always loved me."

"Certainly. He loves the ground you walk on. I think, perhaps, that was one of the reasons he didn't want you to come back."

"Listen, Hector," Autumn said, shaking a finger at him, "I know father wanted me to stay in Eng-

land. He wanted me to marry and settle down over there. Why?"

Hector coughed lightly and took another sip from his glass. "If Jarvis has any reason for not wanting you back here," he said finally, "he'll probably tell you what it is better than I could, my dear. Though, for that matter, I am inclined to agree with him in this, I think."

"What do you mean by that, Hector?"

"I mean—you should not have come home," Hector said abruptly.

Autumn got impatiently to her feet and stood before him, her hands on her hips. "Now, see here, Hector," she exclaimed, "are you going to be as unreasonable as father has been about my coming back where I belong? He has been perfectly ridiculous about it all this time. I've been fed up with Europe for two years."

Old Hector rubbed his palms nervously together. "I know, Autumn, I know. But—your father is not a happy man, my dear. He—he is given to moods of melancholy—of brooding. Moreover, he has never considered the ranch a proper environment for you. I'm afraid it will distress him very much that you have come back."

Autumn flung her head impetuously upward. "That is simple nonsense!" she declared. "Is Monte Carlo my proper environment? Is Mayfair?" She reached for a cigarette on the low lacquered table beside the couch, lit it and waved it triumphantly. "I've put up with erudition and polishing and attempts to marry me off to anemic nobleman until I'm sick of it, and now I'm home. I'm home because I belong here—here in British Columbia—here in the Upper Country—here between the Rockies and the Cascades. Doesn't that sound dramatic? And here I'm going to stick!"

"You'll probably stick, as you say," Hector commented. "You've got enough of Jarvis Dean in you for that. And if you hadn't—there's still the blood of Millicent Odell. If you don't get what you want from sheer stubbornness, you'll get it because no one will have the heart to refuse you."

"A very dangerous combination, eh, Hector?" Autumn observed.

She refused a second glass of wine, although Hector filled his own once more. She moved to the mantel and examined one or two of the curios upon it, amulets, ancient dice, an Italian dagger with a jeweled hilt, a string of Inca beads hanging down over the Dutch tiles. Some of the things she could recall, others had been acquired by Hector in his travels since she had last seen him. Presently her eyes fell upon a strange brass object with a strap attached to its top. She picked it up. Instantly a sound of unutterable purity pierced the room with a thin, thrilling resonance that seemed to drift on and on, beyond the confines of the bedecked walls. Startled and entranced with the beauty of the sound, Autumn turned to Hector and saw that he had risen and was coming toward her.

"I picked that up in Spain on a walking trip I took one year through the mountains," he told her. "It is a Basque bell—a Basque sheep-bell."

"I've never heard anything so lovely!" Autumn exclaimed, turning the bell up to examine it more carefully.

Hector looked down at it and whimsical wistfulness came into his face. "I should like you to have it, Autumn," he said. "When you come in again, take it out with you. There is no one else I would give it to, my dear—not even your father."

She looked up at him in quick, pleased surprise, holding the bell so that it chimed again, light and clear as the echo of a fay song in some unearthly place. "Do you really mean that, Hector?" she said softly. "I know how you hate to part with your treasures—and this one—"

"It's very old," Hector murmured, and his eyes narrowed with a strange absent dimness, as though he were looking into the remote past where his spirit abode in a brilliant reality. "Some shepherd—in the Pyrenees, perhaps—heard that bell fifty years ago—when your grandmother was a girl here in these hills, just over from Ireland. When your grandmother was breaking hearts up and down the Okanagan, my dear, some shepherd boy was listening to that plaintive note on some mountain-side—on the other side of the world."

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Where There's a Will Things Usually Get Done!

The teacher was examining the pupils in arithmetic.

"Now," he said, "I'll give you one more sum. If a cat falls down a bottomless well, and for every two feet it climbs up it falls down three, how long will it take to get out?"

One boy took a slate, and after filling both sides with a mass of figures, asked for another.

"Good gracious!" snapped the teacher, "haven't you the sense to see the cat will never get out?"

"Don't be in a hurry, sir," replied the boy. "There's plenty of time and heaps more slates. If you wait long enough, I'll bring the little beggar out in Australia."

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BEGINS TODAY—SERIALLY IN THESE COLUMNS

WEEKLY LETTER BY PROCTOR FISH AND GAME WARDEN

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This is the second one that Walter Somero of New Ipswich has brought in within a few weeks. That makes my total to date as three. Not much like the record of a few years ago when the average was 33 per year. This cat was also shot in Temple.

Did you ever make a mistake? Well I guess we all are more or less human in that respect. Well I made a bad one two weeks ago. I said that Frank Muzzy of Greenfield was in the hospital for a serious operation. Well it was not Frank but his wife. All in the family however. It would be nice if all the boys of the Antrim and Bennington clubs would send her a card. She has done much for these clubs in the interest of raccoon raising. She is in the Peterboro hospital.

Was very much disappointed not to have been able to sit in with the Bennington boys at their annual feed and meeting. This club always has a good feed and time.

Well, who in this beautiful state is raising the old fashioned shepherd dogs for cattle driving. I have a friend in Nashua who wants to buy such a puppy. Don't all speak at once.

Do you know of a nice litter of English setter puppies. Have a friend that wants to buy a good one. Not so much for hunting as for a pal.

This past week I got a post card from Uncle "Doc" Walter Hopkins of West Palm Beach, Fla., summer home Greenfield. He says that every day cars are coming into that state by the thousands. We are waiting for some fish stories. And "Doc" can tell 'em.

This week we have had many complaints come in for humane cases. We just sent them either to Keene or to Nashua as the case was the nearest.

Don't forget the big time at Greenville, the evening of Jan. 15th at 6.30, Bourgeois hall. Annual game supper of the Sportsmen's club of that town. Don't miss this big event, it's good.

Here is a fellow who wants to buy some Tommys for ice fishing. The best place I know of is the Big Quincy Market, Haymarket square, Boston. If you know of a better place please write us up.

Have you got your abstract of the fur laws for 1940? Well, you can get your copy from the U. S. Dept. of the Interior. Ask for Wildlife Leaflet B-S-147, Washington, D. C.

Here is a fellow in Franklin who has a real fox hound puppy two months old that he wants to sell. Want to buy one? Best of stock.

Supt. Albert Rau tells us that his Sportsmen's Show at the Mechan-

ics Building in Boston Feb. 3 to 11 is going to be the biggest and best yet. From the program he is submitting to the world I guess he is right. The big attraction will be Joe LaFlamme of Canada who will drive a pair of young moose he has trained to harness. The trained seals will also be worth seeing. New Hampshire is to have a space of over 100 feet long on the main floor and will be the best we ever had. Nuff sed.

The Chow puppies at the Bryer Kennels, Bennington, are the cutest you ever saw. Talk about your Teddy bears, these babies have got them stopped a mile and then some.

Believe it or not but we are fast losing one of the most important words in the English language. The word is "Yes." Where do you hear that word spoken now. On the street, in the stores, in the school rooms it's "Yeah." Just notice the next time you go down street and see how many people use the old word. If you don't use the "Yeah" you are old fashioned. Are you?

Have you sent in your application for your permit to keep wild birds and animals in captivity, for your breeders' permit, for your trapping permit, your license to guide, and your land permits?

We saw an item in a paper the other day where some fellow said the reason that so many big bucks were killed this year was on account of the decrease in rabbits and the increase in bobcats. This fellow is all haywire. Never have we had so many hares and rabbits as this year and never have bobcats been so scarce as this year. Only three cats have I punched the ears on in the past 12 months. Ask any of the rabbit hunters and they will tell you that they never had so much fun as this season. Some one must have had a pipe dream. The reason for the big kill of deer is because we never had so many deer for years as this past season. And there are plenty more that the hunters did not get.

Many of the bird feeders in my town are complaining that the squirrels both red and grey are stealing all the feed and driving the birds away. As the greys are protected the only thing I can recommend is to put out enough for them all.

Watch your step while crossing the ice after a light snow storm. Many ice fishermen have dug holes for ice fishing and it's very hard on the nerves and your leg when you step into a hole and suddenly fall on your face. So watch your step in crossing the ice.

E. C. Weeks, the well known bird man from Sanbornton, reports that he banded 247 birds last summer. Species 21, Returns 5, Repeats 97. Times repeated 272. Species checked on checklist 71. The only new check he got was a mourning dove. He

put up a new martin house and had a family move in and a family raised. Next year he will have a full house. A nice record. Can you beat or equal Mr. Weeks' report for 1939.

If you find a dog or your own dog in a trap hustle him or her to a registered "vet", it don't pay to try and nurse them yourself. A Vet has everything to do with and knows what to do. Don't gamble with a good dog. I have seen too many good dogs spoiled by inexperienced.

What's This? A New Plan To Distribute Relief Without Creating a New Government Bureau!

According to recent announcements from government sources, the Food Stamp Plan, which has been extensively tried in certain localities, is to be extended. Under the plan, persons on relief are given, in return for stamps issued them, various commodities of which there is a surplus, and which are held off the market by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Going by reports, the plan seems to have met with considerable success. And one interesting thing about it is that it hasn't been necessary to build up a large new government bureau to distribute the surplus foods. Instead, distribution has largely been made through existing private facilities. When the plan was first suggested, thousands of retail stores, including both chains and independents, pledged their cooperation. The pledges were accepted by the government authorities involved, and the result is a testimonial to the efficiency of distribution in this country.

As a matter of fact, it would have been a remarkable thing had our American merchants failed in this or any other reasonable undertaking. No other country in the world is so efficiently served so far as merchandising is concerned. Under the free competitive system, all kinds of merchants are constantly seeking to outdo each other. The cost of distribution is constantly declining, as the battle for still greater operating economy goes on. That means a better break for the consumer, and for the producer as well.

If the Food Stamp Plan finally meets with all the success that is hoped for it, American merchants must be given a considerable share of the credit. They have used their vast facilities to the utmost in attempting to make the plan click. That has been a boon to the needy—and, as well, to the taxpayers, who would have had to bear the tremendous financial burden had the government gone widely into the business of distribution.

There is Nothing Wrong With Democracy; Public Needs Better Understanding

What is wrong with democracy? As recently pointed out by a well known authority, there is nothing wrong with democracy but there is need for a better public understanding of what it means to America.

As Paul Garrett, Director of Public Relations for General Motors, views it, "Democracy is the most dynamic force in the world. Its source of power is the will and the intelligence and the vision not of one man but of millions of men. It accords all the freedoms—freedom to think, to speak, to worship, to dream, to accomplish. It bestows on man unprecedented individual rights and liberties and opportunities. It thinks of man not as a subject of the state but as a free and reliant being, entitled to health, happiness and the rewards of his own initiative.

"Our American democracy is strong because it promotes individualism. Its success is the sum total of millions of individual achievements. Instead of concentrating opportunities on a few, our economy works continuously in the direction of spreading them. Democracy rests not on supermen but on the good sense of many.

"Ours is a business civilization. Its virility derives from the union of two great forces working together—our form of representative government and our form of private enterprise. They are inseparable parts of the same thing."

No American can disagree with Mr. Garrett's description of democracy nor challenge Mr. Garrett on the following:

"If John Peters, in Muncie, Ind., has some suspicions about things, the reason is not hard to find. He may have been mistreated. He may have been misinformed. The remedy is the same—right treatment and right information."

Mr. Garrett was talking to American leaders of industry but his remarks should reach the ears of all Americans, especially when he says: "of all people, let us never submit to the fear and paralyzing suspicion that nothing any more is worth while. We have listened too long and too intently in this country to noisy advocates of the easy way."

The speaker said the only way to strengthen all the things of our democracy stands for is to substitute for the murk that goes by the name of propaganda, new propaganda presenting the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, to make our democracy better understood. He laid most importance on the need for "propaganda for a greater faith in belief itself—to give man hope," and summed up his convictions in this hopeful vein:

"Perhaps we have not put enough confidence in the quiet, patient, sensible determined judgments of the American people, who, knowing the facts, will never be subjugated to any system. They do not always follow the intricacies of an economic proposal but inherently they are conservative. You can put your trust in people's good sense once they understand the facts."

As Mr. Garrett says: "John Peters of Muncie, Ind., is hungry for more 'Propaganda for Democracy.' All America should welcome truthful propaganda for democracy.

American Homes

Out of every 100 American homeowners 50 buy their first house "to have a better place to bring up the children." The next greatest motive is just a sentimental longing "for a home of our own." Investment runs a poor third as a reason for home ownership. The average American couple buy their first home when they have been married five years; when the husband is 32 years old and the wife is 29. The average price paid by the families studied was \$4,899, almost exactly two years' salary, the average annual income reported being \$2,452. New homes were built by 31 per cent of the families questioned. Sixty-nine per cent purchased older houses and there were children in 61 per cent of the families at the time their first home was purchased.

Safety Light Switch

A new type of electric light switch, which allows the light to stay on from 20 to 60 seconds after the switch is turned off, should prove particularly valuable as both a safety device and a convenience. Its manufacturers maintain added conveniences for the switch when installed in hallways, bedrooms, children's rooms, porches, garages, basements and all other points where the switch may not be near the exit or where a margin of light is needed after the switch is turned off.

When turned off, the light goes out from a few seconds to a minute after the switch is snapped, depending upon an adjustment allowance.

Child's Legal Name

The legal last name of a child whose mother has remarried is the name of his father. While the woman might call him by the name of her second husband, there would be no legal sanction for the designation. The child might legally acquire his stepfather's name by being formally adopted by the stepfather or by petitioning to have his name changed when he reached the age of 21.

Riding Boot Designed For Practical Reasons

In the days when the West was being won, boots were developed as a handy item for a man who spent a lot of time in the saddle. The two-inch heel was designed to prevent the foot from slipping through the stirrup. If your foot slipped through the stirrup and your horse took a tumble you could be sure of a nasty fracture. The sharp toe was calculated to fit the foot neatly into the stirrup.

The six or seven-inch height of the uppers developed in much the same practical manner. They protected the horseman's ankle from chafing by the saddle gear, kept the ankles warm in chilly weather and also saved wear and tear on trousers.

The same practicality applied to the fancy stitching on the uppers. These elaborate designs were to prevent the soft uppers from collapsing around the wearer's instep. A pre-stiffened leather upper, it was discovered, was not comfortable enough. The high heel throws the weight of the body forward on the ball of the foot; the proper place for it. Most persons are inclined to stand or walk on their heels.

The heavy-heel shoe stance throws the body out of line and if you stand around that way long enough you end up with a pain in your legs or in your back.

The pointed toe does not, as you might think, cramp your foot because your toes don't extend all the way. They stop about two inches short of the tip and have just as much room as they would have in regulation army brogans.

Canada's Forest Lands Yield Valuable Timber

Canada's forests occupy about 783,000,000 acres, or more than one-third the total land area of the dominion, says the department of mines and resources, Ottawa. More than 60 per cent of the forest area—492,000,000 acres—is capable of producing timber of commercial value. The remainder of the forests, situated on sub-alpine, sub-Arctic and other less favorable sites, are of value for their influence on climatic conditions, the control of stream flow and water supplies, the protection of wildlife and as sources of wood supplies for the local population. Of the productive forests it is estimated that 230,000,000 acres at present carry timber of merchantable size and on 262,000,000 acres there is young growth of various ages to meet future demands.

The total amount of timber of merchantable size in Canada's forests is estimated at 273,656 million cubic feet, of which 170,144 million cubic feet is considered accessible by means of the present transportation facilities. This accessible and merchantable timber includes 245,313 million feet board measure of wood suitable for the manufacture of sawn lumber and 1,107 million cords which may be utilized as pulpwood, fuelwood and mining timber. The softwoods, which are in the greatest demand for construction and for the manufacture of pulp and paper, comprise about 80 per cent of the total stand and about the same proportion of the annual cut.

Doughboys Retain Olive

Doughboys will continue to march in olive drab. The blue uniforms some of them have been wearing on trial could be seen too easily by an enemy.

Secretary of War Woodring has announced that while retaining the olive drab color the army will adopt the design of the tested uniforms to provide greater comfort for the men. Long trousers will replace breeches, and shoulders of shirts and coats will be cut to fit more loosely.

Woodring said that tests by troops at five scattered posts showed the olive drab shade was better adapted to camouflage than the slate blue "for all-weather, all-year-round wear, and for all types of terrain."

There is no doubt, however, of the "superiority of the slate blue uniform's design," he said.

Speaks Without Larynx

E. M. Otis of Willoughby, Ohio, has started his thirty-first year as superintendent of the Willoughby schools.

Unusual in itself is his lengthy service, but Otis has overcome a physical handicap that threatened the end of his teaching career.

Last year Otis had his larynx removed. The operation deprived him of use of his vocal chords and made breathing possible only through a small hole in his throat.

Undiscouraged, Otis learned to talk through an accomplishment rare in medical circles. He talks now by drawing air into his body and expelling it through his throat by use of his diaphragm—at the same time forming the words with his lips and teeth.

Three-Year Recess

Rev. Dr. E. Frank Salmon, rector of Holy Trinity Church of Philadelphia, has suggested a three-year moratorium on sermons. "That figure may be exaggerated," he said, "but in my opinion there is far too much preaching. It is bad for you. Anybody at least 25 years old should be able to find the way to God by himself." According to Dr. Salmon, the plethora of sermons threatens to make congregations "spiritually blasé."

FARM TOPICS

BIRDS BENEFICIAL TO FARM CROPS

Value of Food Habits Often Misjudged.

Some of the birds that save millions in crops each year are still misjudged by the farmer. The beautiful Baltimore oriole has been accused of damaging grapes and garden peas. But studies show that the oriole's food habits are largely beneficial. Caterpillars are its favorite fare, but it also eats quantities of plant and bark lice, ants, wasps, grasshoppers, spiders and weevils.

Farmers who tear swallows' nests from barn eaves are turning out their best friends. Swallows consume vast numbers of harmful flying insects and young birds in the nest often eat more insects than their parents.

Woodpeckers are often suspected of damaging trees by their drillings. Each hole drilled means that the bird has located the larva of a destructive wood-boring insect. Woodpeckers are among the most valuable forest conservationists and with their heavy bills they get insects that other birds can not get.

Fruit raisers often look on robins as enemies because of the robin's appetite for cherries, yet robins consume insects harmful to fruit crops throughout the year, and only during June and July do they eat cultivated fruit to any extent. One good way to keep robins out of the orchards is to plant mulberry trees near-by. Mulberries ripen at the same time as cherries and the birds prefer them to other fruits.

Bull's Pedigree, Looks, Poor Guides for Buyer

Dairyman who pick a bull only by his pedigree and appearance pick a good bull only one time out of three, but those who use proved sire records as a basis for selecting herd sires choose a good bull three times out of four, says Dr. J. F. Kendrick of the United States bureau of dairy industry. These conclusions are based upon numerous records of breeding activities in dairy herd-improvement associations.

An example of a dairyman who depended only on pedigree and looks is cited by Dr. Kendrick. In 1925 the cows in his herd were averaging 320 pounds of butterfat a year. A new bull was purchased. Four years later the average herd production had been boosted to 354 pounds of fat for each cow. Another sire was added to the herd, chosen by the same method as the first. At the end of another four years the average herd production had dropped to 316 pounds. A third bull has not boosted the production average. Without proved sire records as a guide this dairyman picked only one good bull out of three.

Hog Mixture

A well-balanced grain ration and good legume pasture will bring the pigs through in fine condition after weaning. A grain mixture of 80 pounds corn, 80 pounds oats, 12 pounds tankage, 10 pounds soybean oil meal, 8 pounds cottonseed meal, 6 pounds alfalfa meal, and 4 pounds of minerals is recommended. The amount of oats in the mixture is gradually reduced as the pigs get older and replaced with corn until all oats have been removed. The alfalfa meal can be left out if the pigs have good legume pasture.

Getting the pigs started right and keeping them growing is the formula for success in hog raising.

Farm Purchases

Last year the federal land banks and the land bank commissioner made more than 6,000 loans to finance the purchase of farms. Loans averaged \$3,000 to \$4,000 each. They are limited to \$7,500 and can be as high as three-fourths of the value of the property. Borrowers are required to have experience, equipment and sufficient savings to finance at least one-fourth of the purchase.

Isolate New Animals

New farm animals should not be allowed to mingle with the home stock, but should be isolated for several weeks, authorities of the American Foundation for Animal Health declare. This will allow time for dormant diseases to manifest themselves and will prevent the spread of such diseases to other stock on the farm.

Manure Important

Barnyard manure should be well cared for. Use plenty of straw to soak up the liquid part and protect the pile from the weather and heavy drainage. Of the 10 pounds of nitrogen contained in a ton of average farm manure, about one-half is in the liquid, and is in such chemical combination that it is as easily lost by exposure to the air, with freezing or drying, as free ammonia would be. Neglecting care of manure is a common farm error.

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