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Mary Linton Wed To Henry Colton

Miss Mary Linton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Linton, and Henry M. Colton of Springfield, Mass., were married in the Presbyterian Church on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day by Rev. William McN. Kittredge. The front of the church was banked with evergreen, accented by large bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of mousseline de soie with a finger tip veil and carried white chrysanthemums, baby's breath and sweet peas around a corsage of gardenias. Her only attendant was her sister Miss Edna Linton, who wore tangerine moire taffeta and carried chrysanthemums.

Wallace A. Pease of Springfield was the best man, and Donald Brown of Milford and Donald Methven of Springfield were the ushers. Before the ceremony there were violin selections by Vernon Schott of Longmeadow, Mass., accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Felker. The reception was held at the Flint Farm. Guests were present from Springfield, Hartford, Boston, Lexington, Mass., and Milford. The bride is a graduate of the Lexington, Mass. High School and The Springfield Hospital Training School. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Springfield High School and is employed in Springfield where they will make their home.

Recipe Needed

Charlie: "I'll take my hat off to you oyster eaters. It was all I could do to eat three last night."

Gerald: "Weren't they fresh? What did they look like when you opened them?"

Charlie: "Oh, do you have to open them?"

Antrim shivered Wednesday morning when the temperature went to 20 below zero in some parts of the town.

State Grange To Meet At Keene

The program for the 67th Annual Convention of the N. H. State Grange to be held in Keene, Dec. 10, 11, and 12 will be one of the most interesting ever presented. On the opening day the Annual Lecturers' Conference, Conference of Home and Community Welfare Committees and Juvenile Grange Leaders will be held. The regular session will open with a Memorial Service to be followed by the Master's Annual Address and talks by other distinguished visitors. The Annual State Grange Banquet will be held, followed by the Public Program in the City hall with Major George Fielding Elliot, famous radio commentator on International Affairs, as the speaker.

Wednesday's program will open at 7 o'clock with the Annual Masters' and Deputies' Breakfast. Other features of the day's program will include exemplification of the 4th and 5th degrees in the afternoon and the conferring of the 6th degree in the evening. A record 6th degree class is expected in view of the fact that the 1941 Diamond Jubilee Session of the National Grange will be held in New England.

The final day's session will be given over to considering the many resolutions which must be acted upon in drawing up the Grange Program of public policy.

Many prominent leaders in the State and Nation will be present to speak during the sessions.

The third Annual State Farm Products Show which is staged under the direction of the Agricultural Committee will be presented in the Masonic Temple. The Committee announces that there is every indication that in both Farm and Commercial exhibits this will be the best show held thus far.

MAKE YOUR OWN WAR PLANE MODELS—Next Sunday the famous BRITISH SUPER-MARINE SPIT-FIRE, true-to-scale cut-out model in colors in the comic section with the December 8th BOSTON SUNDAY ADVERTIZER.

Weekly Letter by George Proctor Fish and Game Conservation Officer

One night last week we sat in at the annual meeting and banquet of the Peterboro Fly Fishing Club at Cranberry Meadow in that town. The banquet was put on by Matthew P. Cavanaugh, proprietor of the "Tavern" and let me tell you it was one of the best banquets I ever sat down to and that's saying a mouthful. It was soup to nuts and plenty of turkey thrown in for good measure. President Scott Emery handled the gavel and he did a good job of it. This club is composed of dyed in the wool fly fishermen. They have a pool at North Peterboro which they stock heavy each spring with ten-inch trout. Each man is limited to 100 trout a season and do they have fun. The membership is limited to 25 men with a long waiting list. I have been a member of this club for a number of years but to date I have not wet a line in that pond but it's my fault and not theirs.

In Mason there is evidence that a big bull moose and perhaps a cow hanging around Fratt's pond. Tracks have been seen of two such animals but no one has got a glimpse of them to our knowledge. Tracks were seen up back of the summer home of D. M. Houghton and others have been seen around the pond. This may be the one that was seen at Benny Hill in New Ipswich last winter. Hope we get a glimpse of this pair before winter sets in.

According to American Wildlife Institute the water fowl situation is on the upward trend. In 1935 it was an all time low but now in 1940 they are back to 65,000,000. Dr. Gabrielson, Chief of the Fish and Wildlife, reports that in 1945 we will have 100,000,000 waterfowl and that's some ducks and geese. Curtailing shooting has brought the water fowl back in huge numbers.

The trappers are being flooded with pricelists and catalogs from the western furbuyers. To read one of those circulars you would think that raw furs were going to be out of sight in prices.

We must mention the fact that Charles Sleeper of Hill sends us a big box of tinfol for the crippled children. Every little bit helps. Thanks.

Six people are interested to sell raccoon and we told them who it was that wanted to buy.

Yes we know who will sell you some butternuts. A party in Briston and the price is \$1 a bushel.

Starting next Sunday at 6 a. m. the deer open season starts in this neck of the woods and closes the 15th at 5 p. m. Only one deer per person a season. You can't shoot a deer in the water nor on any island of the state.

This year the woods will be full of Game Wardens as the whole force in the north country are coming here to see that you obey the laws. Those fellows up in the wild woods are hard boiled but if you are within the law you will never have any trouble with them.

Wear your license on your outer garments and don't carry a loaded gun in a car.

I have seen a lot of game the past week. Any amount of grey squirrels, several big raccoon, three beaver, several deer, both alive and dead, four foxes and hares galore. On Sunday we saw a Jack rabbit or Snowshoe hare and it was nearly all brown yet. When they show a lot of white look out for snow.

One night about midnight I saw a car parked near a summer home. It did not look right to me so I backed up, turned on the spot and a carload of petters turned on their lights and beat it back home.

Who wants a big male dog collie-Saint Bernard cross? Good for a farm, too big for village.

Are you looking for a real beagle? I know a man who has the real article and his prices are right for the goods he has to offer.

Here's a lady in one of my towns who is having trouble with night hunters. She can't drive them off. I told her to contact her police chief as her property is well posted. There is plenty of law for such law breakers.

The Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club, Inc. are to hold their annual Dec. 10th at Turner hall, that city. It's to be a turkey supper with all the fixin's. This is one of the largest clubs in Massachusetts and they are doing a great deal for Conservation.

A well known sportsman asked me the other day "How Come?" I have read in a few well known sporting magazines some items which a month before I read in your column. Well we get the news from the same source but I tell it weeks before the magazine comes out. I am on the Government list for government news every week.

Don't forget we have got to punch your license when you get a deer this year so tell us about it. Did you know that in Maine you have to report your deer killed into some town nearest you within 24 hours. This would be a good law in this state as it would eliminate the killer. We have them in every town. A few years ago I know for a fact that one man killed one for all his family. His uncle was sick in bed but he shot an 8-point buck that year. As usual we did not hear of it till months afterwards. Too late for action.

If you lose a dog get in touch with the Town dog officer, the Chief of Police or the nearest Conservation Officer. Some of those are bound to have it or know where it can be found. We always have a few hanging around our place.

H. A. Conant of Lexington, Mass. has lost two fox hounds mostly white. They have been seen in many of my towns but being shy they cannot be caught. Mr. Conant has spent many days trying to run these dogs down. If you see such dogs get in touch with us at once and we will get in touch with Mr. Conant.

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What We See And Hear

Reward of Merit

Nowhere do manners make more difference than upon the highway. When they are bad the result may be anything from annoyance to manslaughter. When they are good, life seems very smooth indeed. Ever since the automobile was invented the chief problem connected with it has not been mechanical but personal: the attitude of the person behind the wheel. Early in the century this left much to be desired. Too often the motorist seemed to regard himself as a superior creature, blowing a horn to warn his fellow-creatures that if they did not get out of the way they must take the consequences.

But decade by decade manners have improved, assisted somewhat, it is true, by fines and other forms of discipline. In Wakefield a group of citizens, organized as the Safety Council, are trying out the methods of reward for good behavior, with special attention to drivers from out of town.

Vigilantes are on the watch for any act of courtesy on the part of the visiting motorist. When such an incident is observed, the number of the car is taken, just as though a traffic regulation had been violated. But instead of a summons the motorist receives an emblem making him an honorary member of the Safety Council.

That will be remembered by the motorist. He will probably tell his friends, and other communities may copy.—Boston Globe

School News

School was closed from Wednesday the 27th at 3 o'clock to Monday December 2nd for the Thanksgiving holiday.

A very interesting assembly was presented Wednesday afternoon. Marcia Edwards and Dorothy Nylander were in charge. The student body sang three songs, several students read poems and stories about Thanksgiving, and then two short plays were presented one entitled "The Courtship of Miles Standish" the other "The First Thanksgiving."

Headmaster Ramsden and Mrs. McLane have selected the play which is to be given by the Senior class. The play chosen is "Little Women" dramatized by Roger Wheeler.

Basket Ball practice has started. Last night the first practice for the girls was held in the Town Hall from 4 to 5. Twenty-one girls turned out for practice.

Norris Harriman has volunteered to provide a giant evergreen for the schools Christmas Party. Four other boys have volunteered to assist him.

The Senior class is giving a supper next Friday night, December 6th in the Presbyterian Vestry for the benefit of the Washington trip.

Although we enjoyed Mrs. Henson as a substitute teacher we are glad to welcome the return of Mrs. MacLane.

The following made the honor list for the second marking period: Condon Carmichael, Vera Carmichael, David Hurlin, Martha Van Hennik, and Lois Black. They averaged over 85 in each subject.

Winslow Caughey made the high honor list with an average over 90 in each subject.

Ernest Fuglestad was elected to the captaincy of the boy's basketball team. At the first practice of the season twenty-one boys turned out. This number includes several seventh and eighth grade boys who will receive training this year in anticipation of future seasons. The basketball schedule which is yet incomplete includes games with Bennington, Hancock, Amherst, Henniker and Troy. It is expected that Peterboro and East Jaffrey will be added to the list.

Denmark's Buried Church One of the sights for tourists in Denmark is an old church in the sand dunes, south of Skagen. Buried by a sand storm in the Eighteenth century, today only its tower is visible.

Antrim Woman's Club To Sponsor Concert

There will be a concert by the WPA String Ensemble from Manchester at the Town hall Dec. 10, at 3 o'clock. This is planned for the program for the December meeting of the Woman's club, but being an unusual opportunity to hear really good music, it has been decided to declare it an open meeting. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The business meeting will be at 2:30, as voted by the club at the November meeting under the revision of the Constitution and By-laws. Future meetings will be at 2:30 rather than at 3 o'clock.

An invitation has been received from the Junior Woman's club of Hillsboro to attend a concert by the Manchester A Cappella choir, a mixed chorus of about 50 voices. It will be presented at The Smith Memorial church Dec. 6 at 8.15 p. m. Admission 40 cents.

SEVEN WORK CENTERS TO USE SURPLUS COTTON

Self-made cotton mattresses will be the proud possessions of many Hillsborough county rural families at a total cost of only 75 cents or less, according to the plan set up last week by a county mattress project committee, meeting in Milford.

The project is the result of the present world situation which leaves the southern farmers with a large surplus of cotton. To relieve them of some of this surplus, much as New England farmers in recent years were relieved of surplus apples and squash, the Hillsborough county committee, as one of many units, will provide cotton and ticking for eligible rural families to use in making furnishings for their own homes.

A great many of the rural families of Hillsborough county will be eligible to receive the cotton from which they can make their own mattresses, says Miss Ruth Smith, home demonstration agent for the county, who will have general charge of the mattress making operations.

As the plan is now laid out, seven work centers will be picked in the county, at which the rural women can gather to make the mattresses. Centers will be established in Greenville, Hudson, Bedford, Hillsboro, Weare, Peterboro, Milford and New Boston. East center will have a local chairman in charge, and a supervisor for the work. Each area will also have an advisory committee to choose the local work center.

The Surplus-Marketing administration will furnish the cotton and ticking after the families desiring to make mattresses have made application. The local AAA committees will have application blanks available for all who desire them. After they are filled out and totaled, the orders will be sent in for the required amount of cotton and ticking.

As the only expense to the rural families will be a small fee of 75 cents or less to cover the cost of needles, tufts, and equipment, they will be able to use their own labor to good advantage in making mattresses of permanent value.

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IN AMERICA



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MEN, AND WOMEN TOO, ARE LIMITED ONLY BY THEIR OWN AMBITION AND ABILITY.

WITH THE WORLD'S BEST LIVING STANDARD AND PAY, WE HAVE ALSO FULL FREEDOM TO WORK AT WHAT AND WHERE WE PLEASE.



ON THE TOTALITARIAN LANDS MEN ARE FORCED TO WORK AT THE JOBS AND FOR THE WAGES THE DICTATORS SET AND DON'T DARE STRIKE, QUIT OR LEAVE THEIR LOCALITIES. AS FOR WOMEN, IT'S ALMOST ALL MANUAL LABOR FOR THEM.



GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

Washington, D. C.

WAR EFFORT

It is being said with increasing repetition and insistence that a democracy can't fight a dictatorship without creating a dictatorship in itself. It is not true but, like so much other sloganeering, things constantly repeated have a way of getting themselves accepted even without much debate, especially if they have some truth or an appearance of truth.

It is true that complete involvement in major war requires increased centralized power in government and temporary surrender of some civil right, but what is thus necessary falls far short of a domestic dictatorship.

What this country did in industrial mobilization for our last war was so effective that most warring nations have copied the general plan with their own variations—especially, Germany. Woodrow Wilson got about what he asked for, but the statutory dictatorial powers he used were very slender.

As far as industry was concerned, the whole structure was built on two powers—one was the power to commandeer factories, the other was the prescribed "priority lists"—statements of government needs for the products of industry which the administration decided must be filled before any other orders. Commandeering differed very little from the peacetime power of eminent domain—if the government needs a property and the owner is unwilling to sell, the administration takes it over and the courts determine what is "just compensation" to be paid to the owner.

It was not the use of these powers, but their existence and the threat of them that enabled the government to get what it wanted. In almost all cases, a mere request with no threat or use of power was all that was needed. In time of war, in this country nearly all of business is eager to do its part.

But as in all such community efforts, there is always a little "chiseling fringe" of slackers who try to take advantage of the burdens borne by their more unwilling competitors. Both to make the combined effort effective and to protect the patriotic from the greedy, it is advisable sometimes to get tough with this gentry and it is necessary to be able to do so.

Except for the railroads and a telegraph company, which rested on a different basis, outright commandeering was used only once. That statement once before made in this column has been challenged. It is correct. The case was that of the Smith and Wesson Manufacturing company for refusal to accept an award of the national war labor board.

There was no press censorship except the willingness of the entire press voluntarily to comply with suggestions of the administration. There was a tight control of exports, as there is now. Food supply was pretty thoroughly regulated by a control of profits rather than of prices and of a licensing system governing distribution.

That was as near as this country came to dictatorship in the greatest military and industrial effort ever made up to that time. It is as near as is necessary now.

AID TO BRITAIN

William Allen White, who is chairman of the Committee to Aid Britain, thinks congress should pass some kind of a resolution announcing which side we are on in the present world conflict—not a declaration of war.

There isn't much doubt which side we are on in our hearts. Actions speak louder than words. By our actions, as the President has said, we are sending Britain all the aid we can just now—unless we decide to finance her war. Short of a declaration of war such a declaration of sympathy seems unnecessary and, at first glance, not very important.

On the other hand, many people in this country fear the direction in which we are headed as a path leading straight to war. They are for aid to Britain—with two important qualifications. First that we do not weaken our own defensive preparations, second, that we do not do such things as will make war inevitable.

In this state of affairs and uncertainty about public opinion and in this fog of misinformation or no information about just what is involved in this question, I doubt if Mr. White's idea about a congressional resolution is as unimportant as it seems. There is yet time and there is not yet any such hysteria as would prevent a full and fairly free debate.

Congress is closer to the sentiment of this country than any sampling poll or any other branch of government can possibly be. If our present course of conduct and the purposes of Mr. White's move are, in fact, leading unnecessarily toward war, the debate on such a resolution would reveal both that fact and the popular judgment on it.

For all these reasons, while this column doesn't agree with what it thinks Mr. White's committee stands for, it does agree with his recent suggestion that congress be consulted in the way he describes,

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward G. Wayne

64 Killed in Rumanian 'Blood Purge'; Hitler Forms New League of Nations Until Soviet Russia Scowls at Bulgaria; U. S. Food Industry Faces Investigation

(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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LEAGUE OF NATIONS: New Memberships

Adolf Hitler was lining up states for what Berlin termed a modern League of Nations when he met up with Bulgaria.

He had signed three nations to the Axis alliance, although it must be admitted all of these long had been in the Axis sphere of influence and their formal initiation could not be expected to occasion any great surprise.

First came Japan, which for more than four years was allied by treaty with Germany and Italy. Japan rolled anew. Then came Rumania, which two months before was taken over by Iron Guard Gen. Ion Antonescu. Antonescu signed up formally, but the signature gave Germany no more oil than it had been getting since the war began. Then Slovakia attached its signature to the dotted line. Slovakia is the splinter state left after the Nazis hacked away the Czechs and the Bohemians.

Then came King Boris of Bulgaria. He listened, went home and said he would send a delegation to carry



KING BORIS OF BULGARIA
His 'Red Brother' scowled.

out the arduous duties of treaty signing. But no delegation arrived in Berlin. It was intimated in Sofia that Bulgaria had received covert advice from Russia that the Big Red Brother wouldn't be pleased at all to have German troops in Bulgaria, 250 miles from the Dardanelles. The German ministry of propaganda and public enlightenment said Germany hadn't wanted Bulgaria anyhow.

There was some whispering that all the fuss and feathers on the diplomatic front was just a means of covering up Hitler's lack of activity on the military front. Experts guessed that perhaps Hitler had heard some segments of the German people were not at all impressed with his failure to invade England and the spanking being taken by Mussolini in Albania. Diplomatic "victories" might fill the bill for a time and cover up the situation until spring, when a more determined attack on England is generally expected.

Blitzgreek

"Have you heard of Mussolini's new secret weapon?" one diplomat in Switzerland asks another.

"No," said the man addressed. Then leaning forward and cupping his ear, "What is it?"

The first diplomat places a hand at the side of his mouth to simulate a whisper, and replies, "It's the German army."

At the end of the third week of Benito Mussolini's invasion of Greece, the Italians found themselves halfway back through Albania on their way home. The progress being made by the Fascist legions produced more humor in neutral sources than respect.

Outnumbered and outequipped, the Greeks fought a type of war that seemed to have the Italian version of the blitzkrieg dazzled. The Greeks refused to come out in the open and give battle in force. Instead they maneuvered through the Macedonian peaks catching the Fascists on their flanks and from the rear.

Losses were not high on either side, but the Fascists were forced to retreat from Koritza to Pogradec to Argiostastro, surrendering base after base and leaving behind tanks, combat cars, automobiles, motorcycles and even bicycles.

British troops, airmen and ground combat soldiers, arrived on the mainland of Greece, thereby placing British soldiers again on the European continent, the first time since Dunkerque.

Should the Italians be unable to take up a defensive line before retreating to the plains of western Albania nearer the Adriatic coast, they might not be able to maintain their position anywhere in Albania. The Greeks were sure they could chase Mussolini entirely out of Albania. Neutral observers were not that sanguine.

RUMANIA: Blood Purge

Anarchy stalked the Balkan nation of Rumania, as members of the fascist Iron Guard party executed at least 64 political enemies. Without benefit of official sanction from their leader, Premier Gen. Ion Antonescu, self-appointed execution squads raided a jail where political prisoners were held and led them before the tomb of the founder of their party, Corneliu Codreanu, and there put them to death.

A Rumanian communique admitted the killings and stated that the government "disapproves."—It is understood that the section of the Iron Guard party which has taken the law into its own hands, believes their founder, Codreanu, to be a martyr, and their action has been taken to avenge his killing during King Carol's regime.

Admittedly they are paying off their chief political score by this method, now that they have driven the king from his country.

STRIKE:

In Defense Plants

At opposite ends of the nation, strikes in two factories engaged in airplane manufacture for the army attracted national attention. At Downey, Calif., production was halted for 12 days in the Vultee Aircraft factory when the aircraft division of the C. I. O. automobile workers demanded higher pay.

Chief trouble seemed not to be over the higher wages, which were granted, but to an insistence on the part of the corporation that an agreement be reached guaranteeing there would be no strike for two years and that in the meantime all disputes be settled by arbitration.

The strike came in for debate in congress when demands were heard in the house that a law be enacted forbidding labor to strike in any plants where defense contracts were being filled. Attorney General Jackson also referred to the strike in a dispute with Representative Dies (D., Texas) over methods of procedure in handling subversive influences. The attorney general said the FBI was aware that the Vultee strike was "being prolonged" due to Communistic influence.

The strike was finally settled after Dr. John R. Steelman, chief of the department of labor's conciliation service, and R. J. Thomas, national



REP. MARTIN DIES

A dispute with the Attorney General.

president of the union, made hurried trips by plane to the scene.

Eastward, at the New Kensington, Pa., plant of the Aluminum Corporation of America, a dispute between the firm and the Aluminum Workers union, C. I. O., shut down production. The issue was refusal of one man to pay \$12 back dues and an alleged threat passed by the dues-owner against a union official who tried to collect it. The union demands the man be discharged. The company refused to comply. C. I. O. chieftain Philip Murray gave the situation his personal attention, his first real job as national leader.

WOMEN

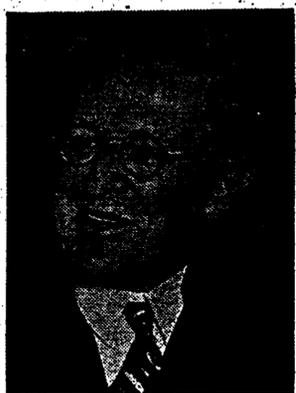
... in the news

Guest—Princess Juliana of the Netherlands will be a White House visitor December 18. The Dutch minister in Washington said the visit would be "strictly personal and private in character."

Champ—Mrs. A. E. Burkhardt of Poland, Ohio, was given the distinction of America's best crocheter. She entered a luncheon set in competition that drew 250,000 entries.

Appointment—Mrs. Matilda W. Wilson, automobile heiress and social leader, has been appointed lieutenant governor of Michigan by Gov. Luren D. Dickinson. Elected lieutenant governor, he became the state's chief executive on the death of Frank D. Fitzgerald. Whether Dickinson had power to make the appointment probably will be settled by the courts.

AID TO BRITAIN: Money Needed



AMBASSADOR LOTHIAN
He had a frank statement.

Lord Lothian, British ambassador to Washington, returned from London with a frank statement that his government has spent almost all the American money it can lay its hands on. He intimated that if the United States is to continue to give aid in the form of supplies, some method soon must be found to finance further orders. He said virtually all the gold and American securities of British ownership had been sold in the U. S. markets to obtain the American dollars already used.

The Johnson act forbids American credits to any nation which defaulted on its 1918 war debts. Pro-British groups here have urged the act be repealed but Lord Lothian refused to comment on this.

President Roosevelt also made it known that no administration source had advocated the Johnson act be abolished. In reply to some criticism that the United States was not giving sufficient aid to Britain, the President declared that such assistance had about reached the maximum possible under present industrial capacity. He told reporters if any way to make airplanes faster could be found, he would like to know it. "You can't give orders one day and have planes the next," he said.

In London there was talk in semi-official circles that eventually it might be well to offer the United States possessions of British crown colonies in the Caribbean in exchange for munitions.

INVESTIGATION:

Food Prices

Following up the inquiry into home building several months ago, the department of justice has decided to inquire into what it believes is monopolistic tendencies in the nation's food markets.

The home-building investigation ended in 99 indictments against 1,538 contractors, manufacturer's association and labor union executives. The objectives of the food-price inquiry will be two-fold, said the department: To lower the price of living and to protect the farmer who buys retail and sells wholesale.

Processors and distributors, the department says, receive about 50 to 60 per cent of the consumers' dollar. In the fish, cheese, poultry and retail grocery markets, it is charged, prices are fixed by fictitious auctions. The canning and bread industry are declared to engage in price-fixing.

CONGRESS MOVES:

No Adjournment

When house and senate refused to quit and go home, architects of the Capitol served notice to get out before the roof came down on their heads. The architects were not thinking in the terms of heated wrath. Rather they were concerned with cold snow.

The roof of the Capitol long has been regarded as too weak for safety. Plans had been made to strengthen it during the recess of the seventy-sixth congress. But congress refused to recess. It did move, however, to give workmen a chance to get struts in place before snows arrived in Washington.

MISCELLANY:

☞ The Pan-American Airways Clipper plane set out for Honolulu on the Pacific crossing the other day, the 442nd such trip. There was no special ceremony, but that trip was an anniversary flight—the fifth year that passenger air service has been in existence on the largest ocean route.

☞ England and Germany continued to swap air raids. The British paid nightly visits to ports along the coast from Trondheim to Lorient and smashed at electrical power plants, munitions factories, airplane fields and rail lines in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France. The Germans invented a new word, "Coventrated," for towns given concentrated assaults like was given Coventry, Southampton, Bristol and Birmingham, they said, were "Coventrated."

☞ Gov. Payne H. Ratner, when he was a Kansas state senator, introduced a bill which permitted absentee voting. It became law. At the election this year the law stood Ratner in good stead. Seeking reelection over William H. Burke, Democrat, he apparently lost the state. But when the absentee ballots were counted 16 days later, they gave him sufficient strength to win by 427 votes.

☞ Oscar Strauss, Vienna composer, left his beautiful, blue Danube. He arrived in America, which he intends to make his home.

SNOWBOUND CHRISTMAS

BY CLYDE WILSON

BILL YARDLEY poked a tentative eye outside his blanket. It was daylight, at last. Across the tiny cabin Jim was snoozing quietly, his measured breath almost drowned by the roaring wind outside.

Bill's eyes surveyed the cabin with its old stove and rickety furniture. Cozy enough, perhaps, but this was no way to spend an entire winter, even for the sake of geographical accuracy. Several hundred miles to the south, in Winnipeg, the government office was waiting for early spring when Bill and Jim could finish their surveying assignment and bring back a report.



The pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle.

Ahead, meanwhile, were two months of this maddening snowbound silence.

Bill's glance drifted to the calendar. Suddenly he caught his breath—"Jim!" he shrieked. "Wake up! Wake up! Do you know what day this is?"

Jim groaned, stirred a bit, and answered sleepily.

"Tuesday, ain't it? And so what?"

"Jim! It's Christmas Eve!"

A few minutes later they found themselves staring blankly out the window, almost wishing they'd never discovered it was Christmas. It was kind of childish to let on that you cared, Bill thought. So he put on his parka and headed for the door.

"Let's forget it, Jim," he advised. "I'm going to look at our traps and get some fresh air. Be back soon!"

It was no picnic, trudging through knee-deep drifts for two hours. To make it worse, the traps were all empty. Even the animals were staying inside in this weather.

"Wonder if they'll miss Christmas, too?" he mused as he neared the cabin.

Suddenly he heard a faint hum in the sky. It grew nearer. Unmistakably a motor—an airplane!

Bill raced for the cabin door.

"A plane, Jim!" he cried. "Get some black smoke going up the chimney!" Then he raced out to the clearing.

The pilot saw him gesticulating wildly, or else he saw the fresh black smoke over the cabin. The big ship circled, flew off to the north, turned and came back, flying low. Over the clearing it almost stalled as the pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle that plummeted into the snow almost at Bill's feet. Then he waved and sped away.

They got it inside, somehow, though they wanted to open the bundle right where it landed. Once the rope was torn loose an oilskin pouch flew out. A note was inside. From the boss:

"In case you boys have forgotten," it read, "tomorrow's Christmas. Herewith the makings, including some presents your families asked us to send along."

Bill and Jim looked at each other then they cheered. "Merry Christmas?" asked Bill. "Why, it's the best ever! Wait'll you taste this turkey!"
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

53 Sundays in Year

According to the Gregorian calendar, every year has 53 days of the one it begins on. Generally speaking, the year contains 53 Sundays every five or six years. This occurred in 1928, 1933, 1939, and again in 1944, 1950, 1956, 1961, 1967, etc. The United States naval observatory points out that in any continuous series of 28 years, five have 53 Sundays, unless the series includes a year whose number ends in two ciphers without its being a leap year, as in 1700, 1800, 1900. When leap year begins on Saturday, two of the six-year periods fall consecutively.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Old-Time New Year Serious

Oldtime New England was serious on New Year's, as witness the title of a book published there in the year of 1702 by one Richard Standfast: "A New Year's Gift for Fainting Souls, or, a little handful of cordial comforts scattered through several answers to 16 questions and objections: As also doubting Christians invited to Christ."

Chinese New Year's Greeting
The Chinese New Year's greeting is "Sui-hi," or "May joy be yours."



ROBOT PLANE SCORES HITS
WASHINGTON—No military secret is more closely guarded than a sensational new robot airplane now being tried out secretly by the navy in both Hawaii and Langley field, Va.

Navy experts have been working for more than 10 years to develop a reliable "pilotless" plane operated by radio control. Observers who have witnessed some of the latest tests, pronounce the device as near miraculous. A robot bomber takes off, discharges its bombs over a distant target, returns to base and lands without being touched by a human hand.

The distance of the target is calculated in advance, and when the robot reaches it a device automatically releases the bombs. Naturally the aiming is largely a matter of chance, but in the tests a number of direct hits were scored. The cruising radius of the robots is limited only by fuel supply and the radio frequency range.

While most effective at short distances, the robot can be used for long-range bombing in conjunction with piloted planes or by a so-called system of "relay control," that is, by radio stations along the line of flight.

So closely is the invention guarded that navy officers have been warned that any talk about it will be considered a violation of the Espionage act, and make them subject to court martial and dismissal.

DEFENSE 'INFLUENCE'

There was a hidden brickbat in that sharp warning issued by Assistant War Secretary Robert Patterson that no one has an "inside track" in the awarding of army defense contracts.

What the mild-mannered former U. S. Circuit court judge didn't say was that he is planning to insert a little clause in every army contract, requiring contractors to swear they paid no commissions or any other fees to obtain the order. Penalty for doing so is cancellation of the contract.

Under the law Patterson is legally responsible for the entire industrial mobilization program and passes on every large army contract. The boasts of certain lobbyists and high-pressure promoters that they can get army orders through "inside influence" are, therefore, a direct reflection on him. He doesn't like it one bit and has no intention of putting up with it.

Some of the "influence" operators have even told officials of cities they could deliver defense projects which had already been located elsewhere by the war department for strategic reasons.

DUTCH PRINCESS

Inside story of the expected White House visit of Crown Princess Juliana of The Netherlands is that she and Mrs. Roosevelt have kept up a correspondence ever since the princess arrived in Canada six months ago with her two baby daughters.

The visit to Washington might have come sooner, but the princess put it off because she didn't relish a round of extravagant entertainment. She wants to avoid being dined and wined while her own people, now under German domination, are living on rationed food.

The princess, with her two children, has been living in a rented house in Ottawa. Her husband, Prince Bernhard, is in London as aide-de-camp to Queen Wilhelmina, and her brother is reported to be in a German concentration camp.

In Ottawa, the princess has not entertained, has amused herself by walking and playing tennis. She will be a White House guest for two days, beginning December 18.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

The man responsible for the light sentence given the eight divinity college students who refused to register for the draft was not the New York court, but Attorney General Robert Jackson.

The young men, who were students of Union Theological seminary, were about to receive a three-year sentence. But as a result of Jackson's intervention, they got a year and a day.

Jackson polled the judges in advance of the decision and found they were all in favor of a long, stiff sentence. Partly for humanitarian reasons, and partly because he didn't want the boys to become martyrs who would arouse wide popular objection to the law, Jackson instructed U. S. Attorney Cahill to ask for a short sentence.

The students now may get out in even less than a year. The short sentence makes them eligible for White House reprieve, whereas with a longer sentence, the President would not have felt free to intervene.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Mrs. Roosevelt isn't the only White House devotee of square dancing. Another enthusiast is handsome young Jimmy Rowe, White House secretary, who belongs to a club staging square dances once a week. Jimmy's favorite is the "cowboy stomp."

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Harold Cate and his mother have gone to Lawrence, Mass., for the winter and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Card are staying at Liberty farm during their absence.

The letters of Wallace Nylander printed in last week's Reporter have brought forth many words of appreciation because they were so interesting



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Antrim Locals

Alan Swett was home for the holiday.

Willis Muzzev of North Branch broke his arm recently.

Miss Frances Tibbals returned to Boston Sunday afternoon.

Ralph George was home from New Hampton school for the holiday.

Warren Grimes of the Holderness school returned to Holderness on Sunday.

Richard White and James Perkins were home from Boston for the holiday.

Miss Jane Hurlin is home from Cushing Academy for the Thanksgiving recess.

Miss Dorothy Pratt of Cambridge was a week-end visitor at her home here.

Robert Swett has completed his work at Baypath Institute in Springfield and is at home.

Miss Barbara Fluri returned to her duties in the Plymouth Teachers' college on Sunday.

Mrs. Genevieve DeCapot and son, of Nashua spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Munhall.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bracey of New Durham spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunlap.

Miss Dorothy Whippie, who is enrolled with the NYA, has been transferred from Milford to Manchester.

Everett Starkweather was married last Wednesday to Miss Dorothy Draper. They are living in Wilton.

Mrs. H. W. Eldredge and Miss Mabelle Eldredge spent the holiday and week-end in Winchendon, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mallory of Henniker spent Thanksgiving day with their daughter, Miss Mildred Mallory.

Robert Nylander and Miss Norine Edwards were home from the University of New Hampshire for the week-end.

Oliver Wallace, Fred Dunlap, Roger Hilton and Laurence Hilton were among those who got deer on the first day of the season.

News of the death of Frederick Ongley in New Haven, Conn., was received this week. Mr. Ongley was a former cutlery worker in the Goodell Shop here.

Mrs. Lester Putnam returned last week from a several weeks' visit with Miss Ella Putnam in East Orange, N. J. She came with Miss Bernice Robb. Waldo Robb was not able to come at present.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union met with Mrs. R. H. Tibbals on Tuesday afternoon and sewed for Red Cross British relief. Plans for the filling of Christmas boxes for the Naval hospital in Portsmouth and the County Farm at Grasmere were discussed. The ladies solicit contributions from anyone who wishes to help. Handkerchiefs, ties, socks, games, stationery, Christmas cards, etc., please the men at Portsmouth and handkerchiefs for men and women, aprons, socks, ties and so on help brighten the day at Grasmere.

A concert will be presented by the New Hampshire W. P. A. String Ensemble at the Town Hall, December 10, at 3 o'clock. This is being sponsored by the Woman's Club as the program for their December meeting. It being such a unusual opportunity to hear fine music locally, it has been decided to declare the meeting an open one and everyone is cordially invited to attend. The business meeting will precede the concert at two-thirty o'clock.

Mahogany Furniture Designs Did Sheraton really make mahogany furniture of the style that bears his name? There exists today no example or authentic historical record to prove that he did. Sheraton's book, "The Cabinetmakers' and Upholsters' Drawing-Book," published in 1791, was subscribed for by 650 English cabinetmakers. It was among these men, we know not which, who created the Sheraton pieces in our collections and museums.

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Church Notes

Furnished by the Pastors of the Different Churches

Presbyterian Church
Rev. Wm. McN. Kittredge, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 5
At 7:30 the Workers Conference.
Sunday, Dec. 8
Morning Worship at 10:30 with sermon by the pastor from the theme: "The Most Unique Book" in recognition of Bible Sunday.
The Church School meets at 11:45
The Young People's Fellowship at 5:30 in the Baptist Parsonage. Leader Edward H. Robinson.
Union Service 7 in this Church.

**Antrim Center
Congregational Church**
John W. Logan, Minister
Service of Worship Sunday morning at 9:45

St. Patrick's Church
Bennington, N. H.
Hours of Masses on Sunday 8:15 and 10 o'clock.
Greenfield at 11 o'clock.

Baptist Church
Rev. Ralph H. Tibbals, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 5
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m. Topic: "Building Our House", Matt. 7:24-29, Ps. 127:1
Sunday, Dec. 8
Church School 9:45
Morning Worship 11. The pastor will preach on "The Bible in Our Day" Crusaders 4
Young People's Fellowship 5:30 in the Baptist Parsonage. Leader: Edward H. Robinson.
At 7 the Union service in the Presbyterian church.

George MacIntire has been employed through Thanksgiving week in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simonds were guests at Brookside farm on Thanksgiving day.

A Garden of Virtues After all, whatever mysteries may appertain to mind and matter, it is bravery, truth and honor, loyalty and hard work, each man to his post, which makes this planet habitable.—Augustine Birrell.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Hillsborough, ss.
Court of Probate
To the heirs at law of the estate of Joseph or Josef Fluri late of Antrim, in said County, deceased, testate, and to all others interested therein:
Whereas Archie M. Swett executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, has filed in the Probate Office for said County the final account of his administration of said estate:
You are hereby cited to appear at a Court of Probate to be holden at Amherst in said County, on the 27th day of December, inst. to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
Said executor is ordered to serve this citation by causing the same to be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Antrim Reporter a newspaper printed at Antrim in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said Court.
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WILLIAM R. LINTON
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Antrim School Board.

Bennington

Mrs. John Logan is gaining. Miss Esther Perry has returned to Milan, where she teaches.

Paul Kerassa's arm that he broke sometime ago is doing nicely.

Willard Perry is expected home from Rantoul, Ill., soon on furlow.

Ruth Wilson is working at the Red and White Store in Antrim for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. George Joslin of Manchester, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Emma Joslin.

Robert Powers, Vic Cossette and Louis Champney were lucky enough to get a deer each.

Plans are still going forward for the Christmas party at the town hall Monday December 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clymer and daughter of Keene were with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Clymer on Sunday.

Vernon Brown started back to Rantoul, Ill., recently; his furlough up. He will go to Randolph Field in Texas.

Miss Mae Cashion, Miss Vincena Drago, W. Currie and Miss L. Cilley, teachers, took up their regular work after the Thanksgiving vacations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Boyle and two daughters of Newton Center, Mass., Florence Edwards of Berlin, N. H., Natalie Edwards of Concord and Marjorie Edwards of Peterboro were at home with their father George Edwards on Thanksgiving.

The Ladies' Missionary society met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. C. Newton. The meeting was supposed to take place in the vestry, but as it was very cold it was transferred to Mrs. Newton's home. The ladies brought their Red Cross sewing.

Rev. Herbert L. Packard, recently of Race Point, N. Y., and now in Windsor, Mass., presided in the Congregational pulpit Sunday last. Mrs. Packard was with him. It took them most of five hours to make the hundred miles. He had to shovel most of his way from his farm for a mile to the highway.

Plans are in progress for the Christmas entertainment and party for the children at the Congregational Sunday School. Gifts will be exchanged by the pupils and candy will be given to them by the Sunday School. Mrs. Ivan Clough will have charge of the program and games. Mrs. Pappatolicus and class are to see about a Christmas tree and trimmings, Miss R. Wilson and class are to see about the refreshments and Miss M. Brown and class are to decorate the church and vestry. This good time is to take place on Saturday afternoon, December 21, at 2 p. m.

Hancock

"The Absent Minded Professor," will be presented by the Senior Class in Hancock town hall Friday Dec. 6.

Rehearsals are being held for an operetta to be given Dec. 13, by pupils of grades 4-8.

The annual Christmas sale of useful and fancy articles will be held by the Congregational Junior Society Dec. 7.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Foote, 31, including four generations, attended Thanksgiving dinner. At the home of Ephraim Weston there were 24, although little Forrest, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Weston, was in the hospital (he is home now.) At the home of E. L. Adams there were nine, including Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grant of Antrim, four generations. At the home of W. M. Hanson there were five generations though not in direct descent, the oldest being the aunt, Mrs. Eliza Grace, 92, and the youngest, Laurimer Jones of Penacook.

CAPITOL THEATRE PRESENTS NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE

Two great love stories and a thousand thrills—a thousand at the very least!—make the new Cecil B. DeMille epic film, "Northwest Mounted Police," which the Capitol Theatre at Hillsboro presents on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 8, 9 and 10. With Gary Cooper and Madeline Carroll starred, and Paulette Goddard, Preston Foster, Akim Tamiroff, Lynne Overman, George Bancroft, Lou Chaney, Jr., and Walter Hampden rounding out a list of starring players.

One of the years best pictures in technicolor. Don't miss it

GRANITE STATE GARDENER

By J. R. Hepler, Associate Horticulturist, Durham, New Hampshire

When my son Paul started looking over the various vegetables and apples that he had stored in the garage, he found rodent marks all over them. Paul said, "Why, there are mice in here!" But the teeth marks were so large that it looked more like rat damage to me. In addition to spoiled carrots, potatoes, apples, pumpkins, and other vegetables, we saw that about half a bushel of greatly prized Pinkie popcorn had disappeared. When Paul asked me what I had done with it, I told him that he had put it in the cellar, but he denied this and said that somebody must have taken it.

Looking a little further we found that every ear of the popcorn had been moved under a box which was in the corner of the garage, and that the rat had made itself a nest in this corner. He was certainly living high in our garage at Paul's expense. By means of clubs, brooms, and a 22 rifle we dispatched the rat. The food that he ate must have agreed with him because he was the fattest rat I ever saw and was in wonderful condition. This brings us to the problem

of rodent injury. Rats are especially bad, spoiling all kinds of meats and vegetables. Mice also do a lot of damage. Field mice especially eat the bark of apple trees even down into the ground certain years, causing untold damage in orchards. Deer mice get into bee hives and kill the swarm in winter. The Biological Division of the U. S. Department of Interior has developed a poison that may be obtained through the county agents. This poison will kill rodents when it is mixed with the kind of food they like and eat. Poisoned cubed apples put in the runs of field mice, will destroy them one hundred per cent. This same material can be used for house mice and rats. Clear out all the food available, then poison some oatmeal with this government poison and pour bacon grease over it, setting it out in places where the rats can get it, but not cats and dogs. It is usually advisable to put the poison on the rat's favorite food, and in this case, poisoned corn or poisoned apples might have done the trick better than poisoned oatmeal.

Deering

Schools were closed last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Paul Gardner went to Manchester on Sunday to visit her mother.

Miss Gardner is employed at the home of Mrs. Henry Trotter at Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Munsey of Henniker were in town one evening last week.

Now is the time for bird lovers to put out suet and doughnuts for their feathered friends.

Several inches of snow fell last week and the highway agent, Howard Whitney, has plowed the roads twice.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Liberty and two daughters, Ann Marie and Jane Elizabeth, spent Thanksgiving day with Mrs. Liberty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Wells, at their home, Pinehurst farm.

At a special meeting of Wolf Hill grange Monday evening the following officers were elected: Master, Louise L. Locke; overseer, Mary J. Willard; lecturer, Edith L. Parker; steward, Almeda Holmes; assistant steward, Jane Johnson; chaplain, Maria Osborne; treasurer, Leroy H. Locke; secretary, Marie H. Wells; gatekeeper, Lydia E. Wilson; Ceres, Lillian Durrell; Pomona, Minerva Jacques; Flora, Charlotte Holmes; L. A. S., Priscilla Whitney; executive committee, Chester M. Durrell; pianist, Edith L. Parker.

It is expected that work on the new dam will be completed this week.

Miss Pauline Taylor is confined to her home on the Francestown road with the gripple.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Wood of Concord were at their home, "Twin Elm Farm," on Sunday.

Mrs. Harold G. Wells and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Hillsboro were Manchester visitors one day last week.

C. Harold Taylor spent Thanksgiving with his family, returning to his work at Fort Devens at Ayer, Mass., Friday morning.

Friends in town are pleased that Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrom have moved their household goods from Boston to their summer home near Wolf hill and will make Deering their permanent home.

Richard Taylor spent Thanksgiving day and the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harold Taylor, and family at their home on the Francestown road, returning to his work in New York Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Card, Mrs. A. A. Holden and Miss Marjorie Holden spent the week-end in Portland, Maine. Mrs. Holden's grandson, Edwin Holden, who had been visiting his grandmother, returned to his home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Parker entertained Mr. and Mrs. Scott McAdams and Eugene Goodrich of Hillsboro. Miss Edith Johnson of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and son Robert of East Deering at their home on Thanksgiving day.

Deering

Mrs. Edgar J. Liberty and daughter Ann Marie of Wilton were callers at Pinehurst farm on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. Locke are having a steam heating plant installed at their home at the Center.

Miss Gertrude Taylor was confined to her home on the Francestown road several days last week by illness.

Miss Edith Johnson, who spent Thanksgiving and the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Harry G. Parker, and family, returned to her studies at Plymouth Teachers' College Sunday evening.

East Deering

Mr. and Mrs. John Loveren and family were in Wolfboro for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Ruth E. Farr of Lebanon was in town this week calling on some of her friends.

Mrs. Archie Dutton is taking care of her sister's three months old baby. Her sister is ill in a hospital.

Dan Sawyer of Weare Center got a deer on Monday afternoon in the woods north of Peter Wood's barn.

Mr. Beard of Henniker and Roy Locke were in North Deering one day recently to see about signers for the electric lights.

Mr. and Mrs. James Copadis and daughter, Helen also their little son, Thomas James of Manchester, were at her parents for a short time one day recently.

Greeks Had Explanation
The fact that, because of the rotation of the earth upon its axis, the sun appears to move across the sky, was the cause of considerable speculation among the ancients. Some thought that when the sun sank into the ocean the god Vulcan waited for it in his boat, then rowed all night through the dark northern world that the orb might be released from the east the following morning. The Greeks believed that Helios, the sun-god, drove across the sky every day in a chariot of gold, to be followed by his sister, Selene, the moon-goddess, in her chariot of silver at night.

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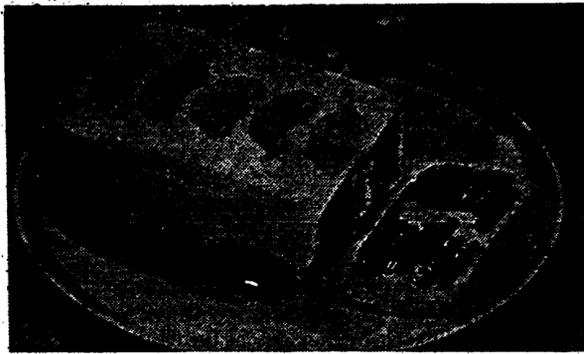
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(See Recipes Below)

Household News

By Eleanor Howe

Expected, and unexpected situations too, arise during the holiday seasons. People drop in just to wish you a "Merry Christmas." Others are invited for some specified time. The night before Christmas you may want to have a "trimming the Christmas tree" party. Or, your daughter may ask a few of her chums in for a small party.

Whether you expect to be on the entertainment committee for a family reunion, or just a hostess for a casual holiday gathering, it's a good idea to put on your thinking cap and plan some easy-to-prepare mass refreshments.

Sandwich makings that the guests can put together themselves are always a good choice for quick-party menus.

Fruit refrigerator cakes are the perfect solution for chief cooks who want to play the role of leisurely hostess without last minute culinary responsibilities. They are practical, too, from the standpoint of using left-over fruits that might be cluttering up the refrigerator. These delicacies always have a glamorous "party" look and appeal to every sweet tooth; but, best of all, they can be made in jig time in the morning, leaving the afternoons and early evenings free for "fun."



Peach Refrigerator Cake.
(Serves 8)

1 1/2 cups (1 can) sweetened condensed milk
1/4 cup butter
1 cup canned sliced peaches (well drained)
2 egg whites (stiffly beaten)
24 chocolate wafers

Blend sweetened condensed milk and lemon juice thoroughly. Stir until mixture thickens. Add sliced peaches, which have been well drained. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into mixture. Line narrow oblong pan with wax paper. Cover with fruit mixture. Add layer of wafers, alternating with the fruit mixture, finishing with a layer of wafers. Chill in refrigerator 6 hours, or longer. To serve, turn out on small platter and carefully remove wax paper. Cut in slices, and serve plain or with whipped cream.

Refrigerator Fruit Cake.
2 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs (rolled fine)
1/2 cup marshmallows (cut fine)
1 1/2 cups dates (cut fine)
1/2 cup nut meats (broken)
1/2 cup thin cream
1/4 cup Maraschino cherries (cut fine)

Combine ingredients in order listed. Mix well. Press firmly into a tube pan lined with heavy wax paper, buttered. Chill thoroughly in refrigerator over night, or longer. Slice and serve with whipped cream.

Gingerbread Waffles.
(Serves 6)

1 cup molasses
1/2 cup butter
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 cup sour milk
1 egg (beaten)
2 cups cake flour
2 teasp. ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt

Heat molasses and butter to boiling point. Remove from fire and beat in the soda. Add sour milk, beaten egg, and the flour which has been sifted with the ginger and salt. Mix well. Bake in hot waffle iron. Serve with whipped cream and a dash of nutmeg.

Refrigerator Fruit Pudding.
(Serves 2 to 10)

1 1/2 pound prunes
1-inch stick cinnamon
6 whole cloves
1/2 cup seeded raisins
1 cup brown sugar
1 pkg. lemon flavored gelatin
1/2 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 cup dried figs (cut fine)
1/4 cup citron (cut fine)
1/4 cup almonds (cut fine)

Soak prunes in sufficient water to cover, until soft. Add cinnamon and cloves and simmer until prunes are tender. Drain, and when cool, stone and chop prunes. Add 1 cup of the prune juice to raisins and brown sugar and heat to boiling point. Dis-

solve gelatin in hot mixture and blend in orange and lemon juices. Chill until almost thickened, then add chopped prunes and all remaining ingredients. Pour into one large mold or individual molds and chill overnight.

Plum Pudding.
(Serves 6)

1/2 cup milk
3 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs
1/4 pound suet (ground)
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs (separated)
1/2 cup seedless raisins
1/4 cup currants
1/4 pound figs (cut fine)
1/2 cup citron (sliced thin)
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1/2 teaspoon mace
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup apple cider

Scald milk and pour over bread crumbs. Cool. Cream ground suet in warm bowl. Add sugar, cream together thoroughly, and add well-beaten egg yolks. Combine these two mixtures. Add cut fruits together with spices and salt. Add cider. Lastly, fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into well-greased pudding mold. Cover tightly and steam for 6 hours. Serve with hard sauce.

Left-Over Cake Dessert.
(Serves 8)

1/2 cup butter
1 1/4 cups sugar
3 eggs
1/2 cup maraschino cherries (cut fine)
1/2 cup nut meats (broken)
1/2 cup crushed (drained) pineapple
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Left-over sponge or angel food cake (sliced)

Cream butter, add sugar slowly and beat well. Add beaten egg yolks and blend thoroughly; then add cherries, nut meats, crushed pineapple and lemon juice. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites.

Line a shallow pan with thinly sliced left-over cake and top with a layer of the filling; repeat until all filling is used, ending with a layer of cake. Chill overnight. To serve, cut in slices and top with whipped cream.

Graham Cracker Dessert.
(Serves 6)

3 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs (rolled fine)
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Cream butter and add sugar gradually, while beating constantly. Separate eggs and add egg yolks which have been well-beaten. Combine graham cracker crumbs with the baking powder and salt. Add this mixture alternately with the milk to the butter and sugar mixture. Add vanilla extract. Beat egg whites and fold in carefully. Bake in two well-greased layer-cake pans in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) for approximately 25 minutes. Serve as a dessert, putting the two layers together and topping with whipped cream.

Better Baking.
Quality in food is what Americans look for today. Not only must the ingredients be good, but they must be combined in the best way possible for perfect results. Formerly, just the thought of baking pies, cakes or breads would frighten the inexperienced cook. Today, the most timid beginner has little difficulty in following recipe directions.

Miss Howe's cookbook "Better Baking" contains such recipes, simple and easy to understand, and easy to follow; and the results will do the young cook proud.

You may secure your copy of her cookbook by writing to "Better Baking," in care of Eleanor Howe, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and enclosing 10 cents in coin.

Star Dust

STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO
By VIRGINIA VALE
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

WALT DISNEY'S "Fantasia" has made its bow at last, and also made history. It is "a series of eight musical compositions, interpreted by Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Symphony orchestra" with comments by Deems Taylor. It is also the most beautiful presentation of color and sound that the screen has ever offered.



The music was recorded by the orchestra, then Disney and his ideas men listened to it, and on the screen we see what the music suggested to them. We have Mickey Mouse as the "Sorcerer's Apprentice," amazing prehistoric animals in Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring," delightful centaurs and "centaurettes" in Beethoven's "Pastoral Symphony."

Disney selected the music carefully, to appeal to all tastes. He hoped to aid in popularizing classical music, an undertaking so ably begun by radio. Special RCA reproduction equipment is necessary to handle the innovations in recording.

The experiment is a magnificent one, into which Disney has poured more than two million dollars. Its success should be as great as the courage of its producer.

Fred Astaire has the longest motion picture feature devoted exclusively to dancing in the world, and it's getting longer all the time. The picture, right now, is being lengthened by two dance numbers which Astaire created for himself and Paulette Goddard in his latest Hollywood production, "Second Chorus."

The addition of these two numbers makes Astaire's own picture run more than four hours, and probably the world will never see it; a stickler for originality, he has accumulated it from the thirteen screen productions in which he has appeared so far.

Mary Anderson is Hollywood's newest Cinderella. One of the girls who was tested for the role of "Scarlett O'Hara" and didn't get it, she did play "Maybelle Merriweather" in the famous Southern war picture, and then stayed on in Hollywood and worked for Warner Brothers. Now she has a difficult role in Richard Rowland's "Cheers for Miss Bishop." Only eighteen, she has a good start on what promises to be a highly successful career.



FIRST-AID to the AILING HOUSE

By ROGER B. WHITMAN
(© Roger B. Whitman—WNU Service.)

Plastering.

QUESTION: Our dining room, bedroom, and kitchen walls are plasterboard, with two thicknesses of wallpaper. We want to put on plaster with a hard, smooth finish. Must the wallpaper first be entirely removed? Could we use plastic paint?

Answer: Before plastering, the wallpaper must be removed, which can be done by soaking it with water. Be careful in doing the job, so that in taking off the wallpaper you do not also take off the paper that is part of the plasterboard. With the paper off, you can apply wall plaster, of the ordinary kind; but I should prefer plastic paint of a kind that is made with gypsum. This contains an adhesive that will make a good bond with your plasterboard. It can be applied with a broad brush and smoothed down with a trowel or a plasterer's float.

Damp Cellar.

QUESTION: In an old farmhouse that we recently purchased, the cellar is very damp, even though it is cemented. The stone walls sweat, and in wet weather water comes in at the side. Can we do anything ourselves at no great expense to make the cellar dry?

Answer: You can check or even stop the leakage through the walls by repointing the inside stonework. Using a cold chisel and a hammer, dig out the mortar to a depth of an inch or more, and replace it with a mortar made of 1 part portland cement, 1/2 part of hydrated lime, 3 parts of clean building sand, and only enough water to make a workable mixture. Wet the joints with water, and pack them tightly with this mortar. If your rainwater leaders discharge into the ground 10 feet or less from the house, change their positions so that the discharge will be at least 15 feet away. For condensation, run a low fire in your heating plant for a day or two; air the cellar only on dry and hot days, keeping it closed on days that are humid and at night.

Damp Odor.

QUESTION: Last year's rains brought a strong, damp odor in our basement, and much mold appeared. With two rains in June the smell reappeared. How can the cellar walls be waterproofed?

Answer: The moldy odor indicates rotting wood, or other vegetable or animal material. To get rid of the odor you must locate and get rid of the cause. If the dampness is from condensation on the cellar walls, which is likely, no coating on the walls will prevent it. You must line the walls with something that will keep the warm and damp air from being chilled by the cool masonry.

Floor Finish.

QUESTION: My floors have just been scraped by machine and two coats of wax put on. Dirt is beginning to show where there is constant walking. How can I keep the floors clean and fresh looking?

Answer: Wax should not be applied directly to the floor boards, for dirt will go through and into the wood. The floor should be given a coat of varnish or shellac before waxing. To take up the dirt, wipe with liquid wax—not water wax. This will loosen the dirt, which can then be wiped up with a clean cloth. Follow by re-waxing. If you decide to put on a preliminary coat of varnish, you must first remove the wax, which can be done by several wipings with turpentine.

Rusty Refrigerator.

QUESTION: In my refrigerator the unit burned out, and the escaping gas corroded the wire shelves and the metal in the ice cube compartment. These parts are all very rusty. How can I remove the rust?

Answer: All of those metal parts were originally plated or coated with some metal intended to prevent rusting; possibly zinc. Rusting shows that this preventive coating has disappeared. Cleaning off the rust will be only temporary. You should either get new parts, or send the rusty parts to a plating shop to be cleaned and plated with chromium. A garage can give you the name of a nearby plating shop.

Repainting a Porch Floor.

QUESTION: Our porch needs repainting. In some places the old paint is chipped and peeling. Before repainting, we plan to rub these spots with sandpaper. Do you know of any product which can be used as a base to cover these spots, before the new paint is applied?

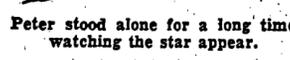
Answer: Sandpaper the edges of the chipped and peeled spots. Exposed knotty or resinous areas should be wiped with turpentine. All spots where the wood is exposed should be given a prime coat of paint. To prevent peeling, seal all cracks and crevices between the floor boards with putty.

Concussions

HOMESICKNESS, perhaps, had brought him back. Old Peter Johansen buttoned his threadbare overcoat, blew warm breath on his rough hands and jumped to the ground. There was no railroad detective to grab him for riding that freight train, because this was the day before Christmas. All but the homeless, like himself, seemed busy preparing for the Day of Days.

Forty years, Peter reflected, since he last set foot in Clark City. It had been a year after the big earthquake; a year after all hell broke loose, killing his parents and sister as they sat at dinner in the little house on Vine street.

Peter remembered: How he had come home late that evening; how the earth began quivering like a beast possessed; how he had



Peter stood alone for a long time watching the star appear.

searched like a madman through the ruins of that shock-wrecked, fire-swept bungalow. Then, as Clark City began rebuilding, he had drifted off in a daze to roam up and down the earth—a ne'er-do-well, a hobo!

But always he remembered Linda, dear little sister Linda. In 40 years her memory always came back stronger than ever on Christmas Eve, for it was then that they used to climb Lookout Hill hand-in-hand at dusk, watching the evening star rise in the heavens.

That, perhaps, was why he was back this Christmas Eve.

"Almost dusk now," he reflected, trudging along Clark City's busy thoroughfare. Christmas crowds jostled him, for he was a hapless wanderer with no place to go.

No place to go? Not Peter! Soon he found his way to the old residential district where Lookout Hill rose like a sentinel.

"The same old hill," he told himself. "Little Linda! If you were only here now to see your big brother! No—thank God you're not here, for your big brother is ashamed of himself!"

At the crest Peter stood alone for a long time, watching the star appear as it had since that first night over Bethlehem. He didn't notice the old lady until she spoke.

"Beautiful, that star, isn't it?" Peter fumbled with his greasy-stained cap.

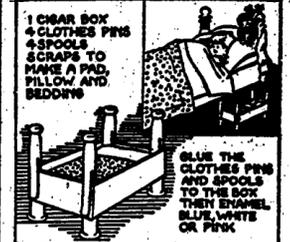
"Yes'm, it is. Especially from Lookout Hill."

"Many years ago," she continued, almost in a trance, "my little brother, and I used to watch that star rise in the heavens each Christmas Eve, until—" (she wiped a tear away)—"we were separated somehow during the big earthquake. He was killed, they found out later."

"Each Christmas Eve ever since I've come back here, just to remember him. I hope he's happy up there in Heaven."

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By RUTH WYETH SPEARS
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Spotlight on GRANTLAND RICE

IT MUST be remembered, in your remaining prognostications and your selections that while American football is the greatest game ever invented when it comes to a mixture of spirit and skill, to condition, to player interest and to crowd excitement, it is still an unbalanced game in the way of just rewards.

The better team doesn't always win—not by 50 kilometers. I have talked this season with over 20 leading coaches about this phase of football, and they all agree. They admit that you can outplay another team badly—along the ground and through the air—and still lose the ball game.

I've located over Grantland Rice 49 teams this season who have made more yards along the ground and through the air and have had the better kicking, and still have lost. When two good teams meet, the breaks almost always carry the winning story. Which means the flip of a coin.

This is no indictment of football, as a game. It is the turn that gives the underdog his chance against better football people. It is the factor that gives its thrills to big crowds, which have realized there are few setups.

First downs have become minor factors. On a recent Saturday 17 teams made more first downs and greater yardage—in many cases by decisive margins—and yet lost. It is something like an open golf championship with a vast roulette wheel spinning the answer.

But it is stupid to say always that "the better team won." It is often truer to say, "The lucky team won." And most coaches know this.

Calling the Turn

The forward pass came along in 1906. That was 34 years ago. Four years later, some 30 years ago, I happened to be with Hurry-up Yost of Michigan and Bill Hanna, one of the star football writers who was a veteran when Frank Hinkey was a freshman at Yale.

"This is a new game," Yost told us. "I've found at Michigan we can beat the second team by seven touchdowns on Tuesday, and fall to score on Wednesday. Passes and plays click one day. They don't the next. It's all different."

That was 30 years ago. But Yost saw what was coming—a better game for the player, a far better game for the crowd, but no longer a game for past performance nor for accepted form. Yost at that time saw ahead how many better football teams were going to be beaten by underdogs, by minor teams.

For Example, Minnesota

This season Minnesota stepped into one of the toughest schedules of the year. I'd say the toughest. The Gophers barely scrambled by Washington, and I happen to know that both Jimmy Phelan and Washington thought they should have won—with 30 per cent of the breaks.

Ohio State had two easy chances to beat Minnesota and blew both, which is nothing to Buckeye credit. An intricate play called in the rain for a one-yard touchdown wasted one of them.

One point after touchdown for Northwestern would have tied Minnesota. Two points after touchdown would have won. The point after touchdown is the cheap concession from the rules committee to the crowd—not to the good of football.

In the Michigan game the Wolverines were all over the Gophers—something like 15 first downs to 5. Michigan that day was the better team on the field. But Minnesota won on a single play.

Yet, I still say Minnesota has turned in the best job of the year, barring nobody, when you look at the Gopher schedule. Yet, without the breaks, Minnesota could easily have lost at least three ball games. Maybe four.

"Minnesota this fall," a veteran Big Nine coach told me, "was like Iowa was last year. Iowa last year could easily have been beaten by Indiana, Minnesota, Purdue and Notre Dame, which Eddie Anderson knows. Notre Dame was in the same spot. Notre Dame on the day's play could easily have lost to both Army and Navy. When you play tough schedules, anything can happen."

"You've got to give Minnesota credit for taking the year's big gamble—a gamble that even Minnesota might easily have lost three ways. But it has still been the big job of 1940."

For One Game

"The main angle in football," Elmer Layden of Notre Dame said, "is the mental attitude for one game. I know how Army and Navy shoot for us. I told you that you could throw out all other games. When you get set to win one game, no one can say what will happen. For example, blocking and tackling are about 80 per cent spirit for that one day.

"Don't figure that any unbeaten team rides safely. They definitely do not."

SPEAKING OF SPORTS

By ROBERT McSHANE
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CHICAGO'S great North Side won't be the same next summer—not with Charles Leo Hartnett absent from his old haunts in Wrigley field.

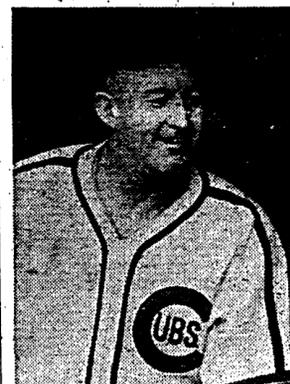
Gabby's honorable 19-year career with the Chicago Cubs drew to a close a couple of weeks ago. It wasn't just the kind of a finish that thousands of friends wanted for old Tomato Face but it was just as definite as owner P. K. Wrigley's soft words could make it. Gabby, player-manager of the Cubs since July, 1922, and member of the team since 1922, was fired with a few well-chosen remarks. In giving Gabby the bounce, Wrigley said, among other things:

"We are not blaming Hartnett—he has done everything he could, but we feel it is up to us to try and keep on trying to get the best possible combination of personnel to produce the best possible results."

A Fine Phrase

Even Gabby will admit that is a mouth-filling, tonsil-tickling phrase. It doesn't mean a great deal. It has the sound but not the fury. Mr. Wrigley, not unlike other major and minor league club owners, would like very much to have a competent manager at the helm of a pennant winning team. The "best possible combination of personnel" means, of course, a winning ball club.

The news of Gabby's discharge came as a surprise to everyone—at least to everyone outside Mr. Wrigley's circle of intimate friends. On



GABBY HARTNETT

August 27 the owner of the Cubs stated that Hartnett was going to stay on as manager. Then, 78 days later, he dropped his employee like a hot potato.

One thing in Mr. Wrigley's favor—he personally conducted the firing of Gabby. It couldn't have been an easy thing for him to do since Gabby had spent his entire big league career with the Cubs. He stepped up from Worcester of the Eastern league in 1922.

The Hard Way

Wrigley could have turned the very unpleasant task over to Jim Gallagher, former Chicago sports writer whom he named general manager, or president, of the Cubs at the same time he fired Gabby. In other words, Wrigley could have hired Gallagher with instructions to fire Gabby as his first duty. However, that would have placed Gallagher on the spot.

Hartnett's admirers claim, seemingly with justification, that Wrigley has reversed his field since August 27, when he said that no change in managers was contemplated. Club officials have a different story. What Wrigley really said, according to them, was that "a change is not contemplated at this time."

The subsequent firing supposedly resulted because the Cubs finished in the second division for the first time in 15 years and attendance took a sharp turn downward.

Gabby always was one of Chicago's most popular players. But fate dealt him a poor hand when he succeeded Charlie Grimm as manager. Not once did he ever manage a full squad of active players. He went through the 1940 war with only 23 men, two of whom had bum legs, one had his appendix removed and one who was a dead-arm pitcher.

The 1939 campaign was even worse. At one time he was so short handed he had only three outfielders and was on the sick list.

Hartnett admitted that he was "quite surprised" when informed of his dismissal. Thousands of Cub fans also were quite surprised. But at least they have something with which to occupy their minds during the long winter months ahead.

They can riddle out Mr. Wrigley's statement concerning the "best possible combination of personnel."

Sport Shorts

Golf, like baseball, will have its "Hall of Fame." The P.G.A. will sponsor such a method to honor both pros and amateurs. . . . Varsity players at Santa Clara, known as the Broncos, call the scrubs the Buncos. . . . Hank Greenberg is said to have received two \$5,000 bonuses from Owner Walter Briggs this year. . . . The Yankees, once interested in buying Hal Trosky, have cooled off considerably since the rebellion against Manager Oscar Vitt of the Indians



THE LAST PAIR

Scene: Some desolate spot on this earth.

Characters: The last two survivors of a world war, a pair named Stoopey and Droopey.

Stoopey (as a hand grenade goes over his head)—Hah! You missed that time!

Droopey—I got the fellow behind you.

Stoopey—There's nobody behind me. Or behind you either. They've all been killed off. . . .

Droopey—Gosh! has it got down to that? Are we really the only two left?

Stoopey—Yep.

Droopey—Well, who won?

Stoopey (sadly)—It's still a tie. I guess you and I'll have to fight it out.

Droopey—Hold on a minute. . . . we oughta think that over. If I win you're left all alone. If you win I'm all left all alone. There wouldn't be any fun in that.

Stoopey—That might be an excellent idea. That makes everything a total loss. The complete end of a



total war, see? No more arguments, no more back talk, no more alliances, no more trouble with anybody.

Droopey—That would be terrible. Stoopey—But it would be what we have been working toward all along!

Droopey—No; the winner would still have his hate left. What would he do with that?

Stoopey (thoughtfully)—That's the hard part. A man would have to hate somebody. It would be part of his nature after all these years.

Droopey—Yeah. But there'd be nobody he could hate, except himself. You couldn't hate yourself.

Stoopey—There would be nothing else to do. And at this stage of hatreds it would be easy.

Droopey—There must be some way out. Let's compromise. Let's call it off. You and I as the last two survivors can then hate each other and be quite happy about it.

Stoopey (suspiciously)—How do I know I could trust you? The first thing I know you might soften up and want to be friendly.

Droopey—There was a time when you wouldn't have thought that a bad idea.

Stoopey—I know, but this hate business has gone on so long it's become a habit. I'm an addict. So are you.

Droopey—Maybe you're right. O. K.! Stop worrying. If I give you my word to keep hating you 100 per cent I'll keep it. And I'll expect as much from you. (Wearily) Say, what was everybody fighting for, anyhow? I forget.

Stoopey—A better world. Everybody was determined to get it if it took the last man.

Droopey—And it damned near did!

Stoopey (looking around)—Well, anyhow, we're near that new order, that new setup.

Droopey—Boy, you can have it! Capital gone, the economic system's gone, the bankers are gone, the critics are gone, barriers are gone, frontiers are gone. . . . everything.

Stoopey (his eyes falling on something in the wreckage)—Look. There's part of a broadcasting set over there. With just you and I left it's going to be awfully lonesome. We could put it together and still have the radio.

Droopey—What! and listen to EACH OTHER! (He shoots Stoopey, who doesn't seem to care much.)

IS THERE NO LIMIT?

"God Bless America" is a pretty fine patriotic number, and it has become the American song of the crisis, but something should be done to protect it in the clinics. Night club comics sing it immediately following pretty raw interludes, masters of ceremony call for it after their most risqué moments, and, believe it or not, in one Broadway picture and vaudeville house a fat, coarse, faded female blusher shouter swings into it with a comedian, after they have both been giving a club-smoker atmosphere to the proceedings. And with an enormous American flag as their backdrop! It may be too much to expect them to see anything wrong about it, but isn't it time the audience started throwing things?

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AROUND THE HOUSE

To keep candles firm in candlesticks, melt paraffin, pour it into the sockets, and while it is still hot, set the candles in.

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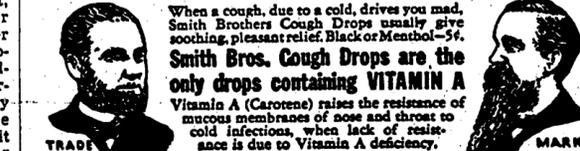
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PROCTOR'S COLUMN

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One day last week I saw a car parked on a back road in Rindge and went over to check. I saw what I thought was a deer in the bushes and just then a man poked his head out. I was glad I was not deer hunting that day. He was dressed just like a deer. Afterwards he told me that he was nearly killed a few years ago. He said he made a practice of talking to himself and that was what saved his life. He was

picking fur balsam and had a written permit from the owner of the land. He said he was not taking any chances with the hard boiled State Troopers and Game Wardens.

An unsigned letter asking if he could set a trap in a culvert under a travelled road. The law says "No." No traps can be set under any road way where a brook runs under a road.

You cannot set a trap within 25 feet of a muskrat house and to break into a house calls for a trip to the nearest police court.

STE. ODILE'S PROPHECY UNCANNY FORECAST OF HITLER 1300 YEARS AGO

With our fingers crossed and tongue in our cheek, we reprint a prophecy attributed to Ste. Odile, patron saint of Alsace, bearing on the present war. It was printed in the Lowell Evening Leader twice, and here is what the Leader has to say about it:

The prophecy, which was made in the seventh century in a letter addressed to the saint's brother, has been preserved by ecclesiastical authorities in its original Latin. Readers should remember that a modern translation will employ modern terms. That will account, for instance, for the word "stratosphere" which appears in one part of the prophecy.

The prophecy reads:

Listen, listen, my dear Brother, for I have seen terror in the forests and on the mountains.

Fright has paralyzed nations because no region of the universe has ever seen such disorders. The time has come when Germany will be called the greatest warring nation in the world.

The time has come when a fierce warrior will emerge from Germany and he will undertake to spread war throughout the world. Men under arms will call him the anti-Christ. He will be damned by millions of mothers who will lament, like Rachel, on the fate of their children and who will be refused to be comforted because their children no longer will be of this world, and that all in their homes will have been devastated.

The conqueror will be a native of the Danube valley. He will be a remarkable leader of men. The war he will wage will be the most terrifying that men have yet undertaken.

His arm will be ablaze and his soldiers will wear hats flashing lightning, while their hands will carry flaming torches. It will be impossible to calculate the number of cruelties committed.

He will be victorious on land, and sea, and in the air, because we will

see his winged soldiers, in unbelievable attacks, rise to the stratosphere where they will seize the stars and throw them upon the cities from one end of the universe to the other to start conflagrations.

The nations will be astonished and will ask: "Where does he obtain his strength? How has he been able to undertake such a war?"

The earth will shake from the shock of battles. Streams will be red with flowing blood and sea-monsters themselves will disperse in terror at the surface of the oceans while dark tempests will spread destruction everywhere.

Future generations will be astonished to observe that his numerous and strong enemies were unable to obstruct his march to victory.

And the war will be long.

The conqueror will have attained his greatest triumphs by the middle of the sixth month of the second year of hostilities. That will be the end of the first phase of the bloody victories. He will say: "Accept the yoke of my domination," while continuing to be victorious. But his enemies will not submit and the war will continue. He will shout: "Disaster will make them fall, because I am the conqueror."

The second phase of the war will be as long as half of the first phase. It will be known as the period of diminishing. It will be filled with surprises which will terrify the world as 20 warring nations will meet in combat. Midway in this phase, the smaller nations submitted to the conqueror will shout: "Give us peace! Give us peace!" But there will be no peace for these nations.

It will not be the end of these wars, but the beginning of the end. Hand-to-hand fighting will take place in the fortress of fortresses. Then will be the time when the women of his country will revolt and will want to stone him to death. But great wonders will also be observed in the Orient.

The third phase of the war will be the shortest of the three and the conqueror will have lost faith in his soldiers. It will be known as the phase of invasions, because, by just retribution, the land of the conqueror, for reasons of his injustices and his avarice, will be invaded from all sides and will be sacked.

About the mountains, torrents of blood will flow. This will be the last battle.

The nations will sing hymns of gratitude in the temples of God and will thank the Supreme Being for their deliverance, because by then the warrior who will disperse the troops of the conqueror will have appeared. The conqueror's troops will be annihilated by an unknown and frightful illness. This illness will encourage the conqueror's soldiers and the nations will say: "The hand of God is there. It is just chastisement."

Nations will believe that the end is near. The sceptre will change hands and my people will be overjoyed.

Because God is just, even though he allows deprivations and cruelties at times, all the nations who will have had confidence in him will be returned all that they lost and more in addition, as their earthly reward.

Regions without number which have been set afire and covered with blood will be saved in a providential manner by their heroic defenders.

The region of Lutec (former name of Paris) itself will be saved because of its blessed mountains and its pious women. All this will happen even though all will have believed that the region was doomed to disappear.

Then the nations will go to the mountain and will thank the Lord because man will have seen such abominations in this war that their generations will not wish to see another.

Malediction, nevertheless, in these days, to those who will not fear the anti-Christ, because he is the father of those whom crime does not frighten. He will give birth to new murderers and more tears will be shed.

But the period of peace under arms will have arrived and the two crescents of the moon will be seen joined under the cross, because in those days, frightened man will adore God in all his Truths and the sun will shine with an unusual brilliance.

LOCAL LEADERS INVITED TO ATTEND SKI MEETING

Winter sports coaches and officials of this area have been invited to attend the meeting of ski officials and coaches at Proctor Academy. The meeting, which is under the auspices of the National Ski Association, will be in charge of Mr. Roland W. Burbank, who has developed the winter sports program at Proctor Academy, one of the leaders of schools in the field. The meeting will be held December 8th at Proctor Academy, Andover, New Hampshire. The Academy has unusual facilities for skiing and a newly installed ski tow on Ragged Mountain and there will be a good opportunity for observing practical demonstrations of timing and slalom checking under modern competitive conditions. The feature of the meeting will be a series of short talks by experts on the various problems of organizing and officiating at preparatory school meets.

ANALYSIS OF VOTES SHOWS ELECTION WAS CLOSEST SINCE 1916

An analysis of the election statistics produces some highly interesting facts. Most obvious of those facts is that Mr. Roosevelt's tremendous Electoral College majority gives no indication whatsoever of the closeness of the contest. Measured in popular votes, this was the closest election since 1916, when Wilson and Hughes were the standard-bearers. With a total vote of close to 80,000,000 the President's plurality was under 5,000,000. The vote cast for Mr. Willkie was the largest ever given a Republican candidate. The President's percentage of the total vote was about 54.5 per cent—which is a comparatively slim margin, inasmuch as he needed 52 per cent to win, because of the excessively heavy majorities the Democratic ticket always rolls up in the South.

What this means is that for the first time the President has met real opposition. As Time put it, "Beside a great victory, Roosevelt also had the greatest vote of no confidence that any President ever received." That is not a carping, spoil-sport observation—it is simply the fact. The President won a clean-cut victory, but he didn't win in anything resembling a landslide. Indeed, if only about one million votes had been cast the other way in the big key states it would have been possible for Mr. Willkie to have obtained a two-vote Electoral College majority, even though the President would still have had a popular majority.

The big cities of the country did much to give the President his win. He carried New York State by less than 250,000 votes—yet his plurality in New York City was 730,000. He carried Illinois by a margin of 95,000, while Chicago gave him almost a 300,000 lead. While he had an edge of 73,000 in Milwaukee, his net majority in Wisconsin was but 20,000. Mr. Willkie ran very well in the rural districts and the small towns all over the country, except for the South. On the other hand, Mr. Roosevelt's strength in some New England areas which are die-hard Republican by tradition, was greater than before.

Mr. Roosevelt's tremendous majorities in the big industrial towns indicates that labor was pretty close to solid behind him, and that John L. Lewis' endorsement of Willkie did little if any good for the Republican candidate. The farm vote went Republican by a considerable majority, which indicates that Mr. Wallace was less effective as a campaigner than Sen. McNary. The two vice-presidential candidates did most of the campaigning in the farm belt.

What effect of Mr. Willkie's total of almost 22,000,000 votes will have on Congress is now a subject of great discussion. The Republicans lost seats in the House, and made small gains in the Senate, and the set-up in both branches will be little different next January than it is now. However, it may be that some of the old line Democrats who have disapproved of part of the New Deal program will become more aggressive. And the Republicans have certainly been cheered by the size of their vote and, despite the smallness of their numbers in Congress, are in the best position in eight years to form an intelligent and effective opposition.

In the meantime, few look for any surprises. There will probably be some cabinet changes before long—Stimson and Perkins are supposed to be on the way out. Foreign policy will very likely involve still more aid to Britain. Next session there may be a movement to repeal the Johnson Act, which forbids this country giving credit to nations which are behind in war debt payments to us. If England starts to run short of cash, and obviously is in need of credit, it is probable that a majority can be found in favor of letting the bars down.

The arms program will be pushed hard. Reports have it that business or labor groups which are slow to cooperate will be given sharp prodding. Ordinary needs will be secondary to military needs, but steps will be taken, most think, to make necessary readjustments as easy to swallow as possible.

A man who gives his children habits of industry provides for them better than by giving them a fortune.—Whately.

BRITAIN MAY APPEAL FOR MORE SHIPS SOON

One of the worst problems Britain faces is her mounting loss of merchant shipping. Axis surface raiders and submarines are doing a tremendous amount of damage, as Churchill recently admitted in Parliament, and the convoy system is not working well. Reason for that is lack of warships to use as convoys, inasmuch as England must keep forces in the Mediterranean and in home waters. Also, German destruction of British destroyers has been exceedingly great.

Some think that before long British may appeal to this country for still more ships—principally destroyers and small cruisers of modern, high-speed types. Whether we'd agree is anybody's guess. Certainly public opinion developed with incredible speed in favor of more and more help to Britain during the last year. There is no apparent reason why it should not continue to do so, particularly in the light of Mr. Roosevelt's extremely pro-British stand.

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