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### MABRY INAUGURAL PLANS ANNOUNCED

#### Herman E. Kelt, Jr. Serving on Destroyer USS Brownson

Herman E. Kelt, Jr., 22, water-tender, second class USN, husband of Mrs. Barbara Kelt, of Carrizozo, N. M., is serving aboard the destroyer USS Brownson, one of the 13 ships which comprises Task Force 68, the Navy's expedition to the Antarctic. This expedition called "Operation Highjump", will explore the vast ice regions of the Antarctic for approximately four months, training personnel, testing equipment and developing Navy technique for establishing and maintaining bases in frigid areas.

The Brownson left Norfolk, Va., December 2, with three other ships of Task Force 68 and made port at Balboa on the Pacific end of the Panama Canal, December 7. The crew enjoyed two days liberty ashore before heading South again.

When the Brownson crossed the equator the customary Navy ceremony took place in which "Shellbacks", or veterans of equator crossings, initiated "Pollywogs" into the "Royal Order of the Deep."

Christmas has not been overlooked for the crew of every ship will participate in device services and enjoy the traditional turkey dinner on that day.

#### War Surplus Sales

With the scheduling of four sales, including three at Albuquerque, the war assets administration will have taken action to dispose of every automotive vehicle in the current inventory of the region, which includes New Mexico and Colorado, it was announced today by district director Walter M. Cennell.

In making this clean sweep, the Albuquerque and Denver offices will offer 262 vehicles which cost the government \$805,769 in a series of four sales in New Mexico and Colorado, the schedule of which follows:

December 30 to February 14—Regular sale No. 15 to priority claimants and dealers at Alamogordo and Albuquerque, at which 132 vehicles with an acquisition cost of \$529,576, will be offered at fixed prices for an aggregate recovery of \$257,552.

January 2—Veterans set-aside sale No. 6 at Alamogordo, Albuquerque and Hobbs, when 59 vehicles having an acquisition cost of \$86,974 will be offered.

January 7—spot bid sale at Albuquerque of 18 items with an acquisition cost of \$13,725.

The vehicles in the bid sales are the residue of previous offering to veterans of World War II and other priority claimants. Full information may be secured from the Albuquerque or Denver WAA offices.

#### Holds Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Sparks of Braddock, N. D. arrived last Sunday to spend the Christmas New Year holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Earl Thornton.

Tuesday their son Lloyd Sparks of the U. S. Navy arrived from San Diego, to spend Christmas day with his parents and sister.

At the conclusion of their visit here Mr. and Mrs. Sparks plan to go to the Gulf Coast for a short vacation returning to North Dakota.



Santa Fe, Dec. 23—Details of the January 1 ceremony at which Thomas J. Mabry will be inaugurated governor of New Mexico were announced Monday by the inaugural program committee, headed by David Cole, and George Berntsen, general chairman.

The outdoor ceremony will take place at the west entrance of the capitol building, scene of many a public gathering in the past.

On the same steps, President Theodore Roosevelt was introduced to a throng in the spring of 1903 by Territorial Governor Miguel A. Otero Sr.

Music by a Santa Fe tipica orchestra will open the program shortly before noon. A talk by outgoing Governor John J. Dempsey and the singing of "O Fair New Mexico" by Mela Ortiz y Pino will follow.

Mabry will take the oath of office at high noon with Chief Justice H. L. Bickley of the State Supreme Court administering the oath.

His inaugural address will follow music by the Albuquerque Brass Ensemble, Kurt Frederik conducting.

Frederik will also conduct the Albuquerque Choral Group in an anthem following Mabry's address.

Acting as master of Ceremonies will be Mayer Manuel Lujan of Santa Fe.

Dr. Reginald Fisher, chairman of the Museum of New Mexico will be program director.

The invocation will be given by Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne of Santa Fe and the benediction by Rev. Everett B. King of Albuquerque.

A reception is scheduled for the afternoon from 3 to 5 in the New Mexico Art Museum, and the inaugural ball, with Al Donahue's orchestra playing, will be held at Seth Hall at 9 p. m. The grand march is scheduled for 10 p. m. The decorative motif for the ball will be the use of the Yucca, the state flower, and the twin eagles of the state seal.—Santa Fe Bureau, Albuquerque Journal.

### Fire at Colonel Jones' Chevron Station

This a. m. at about 9:15 Colonel Jones' Chevron Station on main street caught fire from an explosion of the oil heating stove.

The volunteer fire dept. arrived on the scene 6 minutes after the alarm sounded and soon had the fire under control.

Damages including the building are estimated at \$600. The underground storage tanks did not explode.

### Mercier Tells Outlook For Streamliners

Southern Pacific Company handled its greatest peacetime volume of freight in 1946, but except for a federal tax credit carry-over, it would have suffered a financial loss for the year, President A. T. Mercier said in year-end comment on the railroad's operations.

This situation was brought about, he explained, by wage increases; heavy taxes other than federal income tax; and skyrocketing prices of railroad supplies, without an accompanying commensurate increase in charges for railroad services.

Prospects were brightened considerably by the Interstate Commerce Commission's decision of December 5, granting an average increase of 17.6 per cent in interstate freight rates for the country as a whole, effective January 1, 1947, and making permanent the 10 per cent increase in passenger fares authorized as temporary relief in 1945. However, he added, it remains to be seen whether this will meet the carriers' needs, even though traffic volume continues at the present high level.

"It is important to the welfare of the country," Mr. Mercier declared, "that the railroads be permitted reasonable earnings to maintain sound credit, so they may continue to improve their services through the purchase of new modern equipment."

Southern Pacific's extensive postwar improvement program has been slowed by the nation's production lag, he said, but in the last half of 1946 deliveries reached good volume on the company's orders for 5,000 new modern lightweight freight cars, more than 3700 of these having now been received. Delivery of 5,000 new refrigerator cars for Pacific Fruit Express Company, of which Southern Pacific is half owner, is to be made in 1947.

More recently, Southern Pacific placed orders for 20 heavy-duty Diesel-electric freight locomotives for main line service, and is adding 23 Diesel-electrics to its fleet of switch engines of this type, already one of the largest in the country.

Delivery of the company's "Shasta Daylight" coach streamliners, for operation between San Francisco and Portland is now expected in the last quarter of 1947, Mr. Mercier stated. A pair of de luxe extra fare streamliners, as yet unnamed, for the Los Angeles-Chicago run is to follow. Also on order is new lightweight equipment for use in the company's premier trains now in service, such as the "Cascade" of the San Francisco-Portland run, "Overland Limited" between San Francisco and Chicago, and the "Golden State Limited" in Los Angeles and Chicago service.

"Because people are always more important than machines," Mr. Mercier's statement concluded, "we are conducting courses in human relations among our personnel to promote the spirit of teamwork, courtesy and service to the public."

#### Methodist Church

F. J. Johnston, Pastor

The Reverend I. L. Morgan will preach in our Church next Sunday morning at 11 a. m. after the service he will conduct a short business session of the church. Officials please attend and report on year work.

### V. F. W. To Have Dance Tomorrow Nite

Bivins-Zumwalt Post 8448 Veterans of Foreign Wars will have their first dance Saturday night December 28th at the Carrizozo Community Hall.

The V. F. W. Post here has only recently been organized. Bill Cathy is the commander. Reed Sherrill Adj., the entire organization is working hard to make this dance one of the most enjoyable events of the holiday season.

#### Livestock Situation

Los Angeles Union Stock Yards Company, December 21, 1946—A general slowing down in demand for fresh meats on the eve of the Christmas holidays was an evidence during the week and the situation was further complicated by the closing of a good many retail shops in areas adjacent to Los Angeles on union demands for a Monday holiday. These factors influenced a very sluggish outlet for dressed meat which has reflected back to the market for cattle on the hoof. As a result the late week-end trade was particularly dull and quite a few cattle went over a first hands for lack of satisfactory bids. Fat steers closed weak to fully 50c lower, while the stock finished steady to weak after losing gains noted at the outset of the week's trading. Moderate receipts and a fair demand held prices on replacement stock on a generally steady base.

Locally receipts for the week were moderately heavier than the previous week while there was a slight falling off in supplies at the 12 leading markets. The general inflow, however, was well above marketing for same period a year ago.

Beef steers formed large portion of the week's offering at the Los Angeles yards. A number of loads sold at \$23 to \$23.60 and odd head touched \$24 with numerous sales of medium to good steers at \$22.75, and a sprinkling of plain kinds at \$17 to \$18.50.

Calves were irregular, but on the whole prices were well sustained with late upturns. A few best slaughter calves moved at \$20 to a high of \$21.25 with numerous sale of good to low choice kind at \$18 to \$19.60.

Fleashy feeders sold up to \$18 and a few loads of good to choice feeder calves at \$18.50 to \$20. Bulk of replacement stock moved at \$15.50 to \$17.

Spurred by sharp declines at Chicago and Missouri River market hog prices at West Coast points suffered the sharpest break since price controls were dropped. At Los Angeles values dropped \$2.50 to \$3 to \$22 top in late rounds.

Scant supplies of sheep and lambs offered little opportunity for a real test of the market. Quotations on lambs, ranging to \$22, were unchanged with the previous week.

#### Capitan To Have Theatre

Shortly after the first of the year Mr. John A. Boans of Artesia will open the Rainbow Theatre in Capitan in the Bank Bldg., corner of the Highway and main street.

It will be a 16mm house with a seating capacity of 300, angle rows embodying fire and safety precautions.

Mr. Boans plans to show four times a week.

Atty. H. Alfred Jones was a business visitor in Alamogordo last Tuesday.

### Woman's Club

The Carrizozo Woman's Club met at the club house, Fri., Dec. 20th at 3 p. m. with President Mrs. Ralph Petty presiding. One verse of Star Spangle Banner was sung, with Mrs. Burns at the piano, Mrs. Morgan leading. Salute to the Flag was given.

Mrs. Radcliff reported on Art Exhibit and Tea that 81 registered but more than that were present. It was a success.

Mrs. Nicholas reported new furnace was installed in dining room.

President reported on box supper proceeds and donations enough to pay for furnace. Mrs. Norman reported \$51.60 cleared bazaar.

President appointed Mrs. Roy Shafer as chairman of Cub committee.

It was announced dues were payable January 1st 1947 delinquent February 1st.

Mrs. Meadames Lemon, Turner and Miss White were elected as directors.

Mrs. Kelley had charge of the program:

Song "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town", Ann Gallacher, Verne Ruth Petty, Charlene Morgan, the two Moore girls. With Mrs. Kelley at the piano.

Four songs—"The Old Lamp-lighter", "Winter Wonderland", "White Christmas" and "Silent Night"—sung by Janet Mae Shafer, Pat Stephenson, Martha Miller, Ann Eaker, Barbara Jean Branum, Hope Snow, Mildred Hoffman, Veda Lou Branum and Kathleen Ward.

While the singers hummed "Silent Night" Martha Miller recited a Christmas poem, then the assembly sang one verse of "Silent Night" with the girls.

The committee, Meadames Eaker, Sale, Rentfrow, Sherrill and Miss Alma Lane, served sandwiches, hot punch and candies.

Mrs. Bern S. Burns, Press Reporter

### Recruiting Sub-Station To Open Here

Capt. Thomas Goff of the Roswell Recruiting Station was here last Friday arranging for the opening of a Sub-Station in the Judges Chambers in the County Court house. Staff Sergeant Alfonso Romero is to be the recruiter in charge, and will be ready to interview applicants about January 3rd.

The Roswell recruiting station manned by a force of 2 officers 11 enlisted men serve 12 Counties in New Mexico and West Texas an area of approximately 36,000 sq. miles.

Captain Goff has divided the district into 7 sub areas with a recruiter in charge at each sub station. The December quota of 85 men for Replacements in the Regular Army will be about 60 per cent filled.

"I DON'T CARE", Eva Tanguay, the "Little Cyclone" on legs", tells of the Giddy days when she was the highest paid attraction of the big-time vaudeville stage. Read it in the American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

"OUT OF THE DARKNESS" Donald A. Laird tells his first reactions of a blind youngster who gains his sight. His story appears in the American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

### Ruidoso Valley Celebrates REA Anniversary

This Christmas marks the first anniversary of Rural Electrification lights in the homes of the Ruidoso Valley.

Wilbur F. Coe, member of the board of trustees of the Lincoln-Otero County REA co-operative, last week at his home at Glencoe on the Ruidoso, mentioned this in reviewing the year's progress of Rural Electrification in the Ruidoso-Hondo-Bonito valleys. More than 70 miles of line have been completed and are serving residents in the three valleys; and other major developments in this area are progressing, Mr. Coe said.

"As I drive along the highways of the Ruidoso, the Hondo and the Bonito rivers at night," said Mr. Coe, "I can see the Christmas trees lighted up with colored electric lights shining in the windows of these mountain homes; and I can not help but remember that a year ago we were promising the people there would be Rural Electrification lights shining in the Ruidoso Valley by Christmas."

Mr. Coe went on to say that after many difficulties, including material shortage, had been surmounted, REA lights were shining for the first time in homes along the upper Ruidoso on Christmas of 1945.

Steadily gaining strength and momentum the electrification program progressed through 1946 with the result that all the length of the famous Ruidoso valley is now served with Rural Electrification power. The Hondo valley is power down as far as Riverside. And the three-phase power line extends up the Bonito valley past the town of Lincoln.

The transmission line built for the purpose of bringing power from Alamogordo to the lines of the three valleys, has been completed across the Mesquero Indian Reservation into Hollywood on the Upper Ruidoso, Mr. Coe said. He also stated that the contract has been let for the construction of the Reclamation Bureau line which will bring power from Elephant Butte Dam into the Lincoln-Otero County cooperative is rated number one in the United States and is at present just commencing with the major part of its development. Mr. Coe said.—Roswell Dispatch.

### LYRIC THEATRE

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Newswreel

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— In —

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Also

Cartoon



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By Roland Coc



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By Ernie Bushmiller



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By Bud Fisher



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SO I SAYS, "I WAS DEAR, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT WHILE I SHAVE AGAIN!"  
HA HA HA HO HO HO YOU'RE FUNNY, BOSS!  
WELL, WHY AREN'T YOU LAUGHING?  
I DON'T HAVE TO ANYMORE! I'M QUITTING PAY DAY!



**LITTLE REGGIE**  
By Margarita



LOOKOUT! RUMPIUS I'M GONNA LASSO YOU!!



**JITTER**  
By Arthur Pointer



**REG'LAR FELLERS**  
By Gene Byrnes



GOSH-- IT'S SOAKING! I'LL JUST ABOUT MAKE HOODLEHEAD'S AWNING!



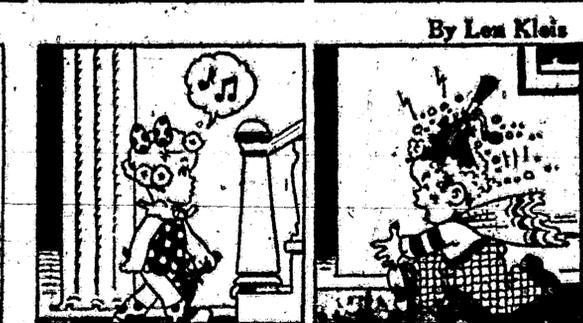
SAVE AT LAST! NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO GET HOME DRY, AN' MOM WON'T GET SORE!



**VIRGIL**  
By Len Klein



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**Fanatical Monarch Bars Modern Developments**

Doubtless, the most fanatical reigning monarch is Imam Yahya of Yemen, a country of the Arabian peninsula, which is 75,000 square miles in area and contains 3,500,000 inhabitants, says Collier's. Being intensely religious and detesting modern developments, this 77-year-old Mohammedan keeps his kingdom in complete isolation. It is still without a telephone, printing press, railroad or even a physician. The country is so destitute that the king's harem is obliged to support itself by making uniforms for the army.

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Spotlight BY GRANTLAND RICE

LOOKING over some piled up mail we find a flock of queries asking how Army or Notre Dame would come out against the best of the pro teams. There is no real basis of comparison, for many reasons. For example, Army's team has 18 hours of hard work, outside of football. The Army squad is up at 5:30 a. m. for a tough day.

The pros have nothing to bother about, except football. They have no outside interests. Football is their business. The pros have one great asset—experience. They know more football than college players know. Despite this factor how much do you think pro teams would offer Glenn Davis, Doc Blanchard, Hank Foldberg, Arnold Tucker, Barney Foles and a few other residents of West Point? The answer is that the Giants handed out something like \$20,000 to Dawitt Coulter, Army's tackle, who isn't in the same league with Davis or Blanchard as a drawing card.

Army, around 14 deep, couldn't match the manpower of the pros. But I don't think of a pro team that has a Davis or a Blanchard, a better quarterback than Tucker, a better end than Foldberg. I don't know of a pro line that is better than Notre Dame's. In Lujack, Connor, Mastrangelo and a few others, Notre Dame has men who could match any pro star today—and overmatch most of them a year or so away.

Experience vs. Youth

The pros depend entirely on college stars coming along. The younger, the better. The pros have the soundest sort of coaching. So do most of the college teams. But in the colleges the coaches have a far greater problem, for their players are also students, who are supposed to have a busy day outside of football. This doesn't always happen. What the pros get is experience. This is a big factor. What the college teams get is youth—just as big a factor.

Happening to run into three or four veteran college coaches, we sounded them out on their viewpoint. And these coaches were all tops, able to command big salaries in either pro league. Here was the answer.

"The pros know much more than the college players know. They are picked men that we've worked over for two or three years. They begin where we left off. But few pro players who have passed 24 or 27 years can match the speed or the enthusiasm of the college player. At 29 they are through—or should be—looking for a future living.

"Also the pros, through sound business reasons as far as the crowds are concerned, work entirely on offense. We wouldn't want to put on the field such a defense, especially the forward pass defense, that pro teams do. We work at least three times as hard on defense as the pros. They only stress attack—for that is what the crowds want. How can you have any strong defense in games where veteran football players, stars from college teams, run up 30 or 40 points on each side? How can a strong defense allow 30 points to a beaten team in a pro league? The pros are smart. They give the public what the public wants—which is a lot of scoring. There is nothing off-side about this. It's on the level. But it is a different game."

Out to Win, Regardless

College coaches have a very different problem. They are out to win, regardless of any public reaction. I happen to know what coaches such as Lou Little, Bob Neyland and a few others were offered by the pros. I can tell you it was plenty.

I asked one of these coaches how he figured Army or Notre Dame would compare with the best of the pro teams. Here was his answer. "A picked team from Army and Notre Dame, relieved of its student and scholastic work, would be equal to any pro team today. I mean where they had nothing to do but play football. I mean Davis, one of the greatest backs of all time, Blanchard, Tucker, Lujack, Connor, Mastrangelo, Foldberg, Strommeyer, Cowling and many others.

"Just remember what that younger bunch did to the Rams in Chicago last August—follows just out of college. They ran the Rams off the field."

It is only natural that such great coaches as Fritz Crisler, Dick Harlow, Ed McKeever, Howie Odell, Wallace Wade and many other college coaches have entirely different assignments from the pro coaches. The college coaches have the unfinished products. The pro coaches handle experience, where fundamentals are supposed to be a small part of the job. Both the college and the pro apparently give the crowds what they want to see. And here is one game where the college outpicks the pro because, in the main, the college has the bigger stands.

Christmas In Many Lands

Early Christians did not celebrate the birthday of Christ. It was not until the fourth century that December 25 came to be accepted as the presumed anniversary of the great event. In that year Pope Gregory V set this day officially. His intention was partly to absorb the old pagan festival of the returning sun (the winter solstice on December 22) in a Christian feast. A number of pagan celebrations were overlapped in this manner during the first centuries of Christianity.

It is for this reason that the remnants of ancient rites and customs have become intermingled with genuine Christian practices and symbolism. The Yule rites of the Scandinavian, Germanic and British nations blended with the new Christian holy day in northern Europe. In Italy, France, Spain and other nations descended from Roman colonies, the rowdy festival spirit and customs of pagan Rome hung on to some extent, and merged with the observation of Christmas. In the main, however, the birth of Christ was a religious holiday—joyous, but restrained in mood—in the early centuries of the Christian era. Gradually, however, in the middle ages, the feast became more robust, as peasants and lords made merry in the baronial halls.

Nativity Plays. On the other hand, the Nativity plays were purely Christian in origin, having arisen spontaneously in many parts of Europe in the early middle ages. In one form or another they have been enacted all over the world, with additions and embellishments. There are puppet versions, elaborate pageants, musical scores, all treating of the birth of Christ. In Spanish countries the "Posadas" is the name given to a combination procession and party with religious overtones, that covers the nine days preceding Christmas itself. The Polish Christmas play is an intermingling of the Nativity story with elements of Polish history and legend.

The Santa Claus tradition represents the combining of a number of widely differing relics of old superstition and beliefs. The northern Europeans in pre-Christian times believed in a spirit of woods and fields who had to be placated now and then, or he would ruin the harvests. This being was known in Norway as the "Nisse," and by various names in other Scandinavian countries. It is still the custom in rural regions for children to set out porridge and beer on Christmas eve to please the Nisse.

In Britain the character known as "Father Christmas" is supposed to be a Christian version of this ancient spirit of the fields. The Dutch Sinter Klass, or St. Nicholas, is still recognizable as the good bishop of Myra in Dutch plays, but he too is being absorbed in the more popular version of Santa Claus, the fat, red-coated little man with the big bag of presents. This idea of Santa Claus is a south German interpretation. In other parts of Germany the dispenser of gifts is "Dame Bertha." The custom of hanging up stockings comes from Italy.

Switzerland has developed the custom of parading from house to house and singing carols in a picturesque way. Costumes are remarkable. Young men and women wear headresses representing houses, ships, mountains, and so forth. Huge sleigh bells tinkle from their waists and shoulders. These Swiss carolers also have a peculiar dance used only on Christmas eve. In Switzerland, as in other southern European countries, the gifts are brought to good children, not by Santa Claus, but by the Christ Child, who comes from the North Pole in a fairy sleigh.

Members of the Orthodox Greek church, who cling to the old style calendar, celebrate Christ's birthday on January 6. Many people in Greece, Serbia, Romania and other Balkan states, as well as many Russians, belong to the Orthodox church.

Their Christmas feast traditionally begins with a bowl of "kutya" which is a combination of wheat, honey, ground poppy seed and pecans. Mushroom soup, fruit, fish and nuts are also served. A small layer of hay is spread under the table cloth to show humility for Christ's birth in a stable.

So every country and every district often has its own special ways of keeping Christmas. The United States, being composed of people from everywhere, has received customs from every people, and has adopted those it liked, and altered them to fit the American style. So it has been with Santa Claus, the Christmas tree, holly and mistletoe, the Christmas plays and carols, the nativity scenes—everything has been gladly taken over, with thanks to the nativity nations and people that have bequeathed them to us.

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Penitentiary Has 'Business District' for Its Inmates

A "business district" within the walls of the federal penitentiary in Mexico City contains scores of rent-free stores and offices which are operated by the prisoners for their fellow inmates, says Collier's.

These businesses include a pet shop, a printer who makes "visiting cards" and a lawyer who writes petitions and appeals. Even a band may be hired to serenade a visiting sweetheart.

What shall I buy for him this Christmas? If he's a cigarette smoker, select a carton of 200 mild, choice cigarettes. The brand? Give him a cigarette with long, popular acceptance—Camels. They're sure to please. And for the man who smokes a pipe, give Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco, the world's largest-selling pipe tobacco. Special holiday gift wrappings make both Camels and Prince Albert particularly desirable choices. Camels are conveniently packed—ten packages of flavorful, mellow cigarettes to a carton... Prince Albert is handsomely wrapped in one pound moisture-proof containers. All of the packages include space for a holiday message. Your nearest dealer is featuring these choice Christmas gifts now.—Adv.

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Sun tan itself does not fade away, either in skin that tans or skin that first reddens and gradually tans, says Collier's. In both cases, the brownness is imparted by the permanent pigment melanin which is produced by the exposure, and the coloration disappears only as the permeated layers of the skin are shed.

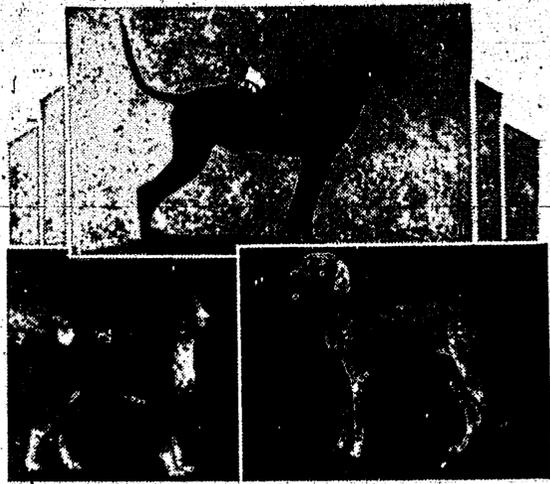
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With the formal recognition by the American Kennel Club of the Welsh corgi, the basenji and the black-and-tan coonhound, the number of recognized breeds of dogs in the United States now stands at the impressive figure of 110, the Gaines Dog Research Center, New York City, reports.

The Welsh corgi has been added to the Sporting Dogs group and the basenji and coonhound to the Hounds group.

The Welsh corgi, sometimes spoken of as the "Grey Ghost" because of its color, was developed by the nobles of the Welsh section of Germany as an all-around hunting dog of distinctive appearance. The breed in its present purebred form—it stands 22 to 26 inches in height—has been known since about 1810. In this country the Welsh corgi has proven adept as a pointer on feathered and furred game and also as a retriever.

The basenji is one of the oldest of the dog breeds. Popular in the days of the Pharaohs, he was rediscovered in recent years in his original purity in a remote section of darkest Africa. He is believed to be the original of the dogs that "cannot bark" mentioned in the Old Testament. A small dog, yellow, yellow and white, black and white in color, he is distin-

guished by his foxlike head, upright ears and tail slightly curled over his back. His head has been described as an "inverted pyramid," and a peculiar mass of wrinkles appears on his face when he is at attention.

The black-and-tan coonhound—the one with the long ears—is one of the few breeds of dogs native to America. Usually he is coal black, with rich tan markings about the eyes, on the sides of the muzzle, chest, legs and breeching, and with black pencil markings on his toes. He measures over 25 inches at the shoulders, and covers the ground with powerful rhythmic strokes. His skull tends toward the oval, and on the whole he has a majestic appearance.

Based on 1944 American Kennel Club registrations, says the Center, the 10 most popular dog breeds in the United States, in the order of their popularity, are: Cocker Spaniel, Beagle, Boston Terrier, Pekingese, Collie, Fox-terrier, Dachshund, Scottish Terrier, Springer Spaniel and Pomeranian. While only about 30 per cent of purebred dogs eligible for registration in the United States are actually registered with the American Kennel Club, AKC figures are believed to be a fairly accurate reflection of the popularity of the various breeds in the country as a whole, according to the Center.



LOOKING AHEAD

by GEORGE S. BENSON  
President—Harding College  
Searcy, Arkansas

Partnership

Did you ever have a joint checking account with somebody? They can be handy things sometimes. So can a tin of gasoline in the basement, but both are extremely dangerous. All parties concerned must, of necessity, have a co-operative understanding about how a joint checking account is to be used, how fast and for what purposes. Otherwise, one party's error might cause the other one trouble, no end.

I knew a man once who had a joint checking account with his son, who was a minor. The father didn't deposit all his money in this account. He didn't use it at all, in fact. It was just his way of guiding his son's early efforts to balance accounts and use money wisely. The idea was to teach the boy to distinguish between investing and just plain spending of money.

A Joint Account  
I wish all taxpayers in the United States could realize that they have a joint checking account with Uncle Sam. Moreover, I wish they might suddenly wake up to the fact that everything they have in this joint account. If Uncle Sam's stubs are not balanced, or if Uncle Sam's checks are not all numbered, Mr. Taxpayer is certain to have to make it good personally when something "bounces."

Government can assess taxes to the amount of what government needs, or thinks it needs, and that's a matter of judgment. During the war our executives spent money faster than it came in, running the country's debt to 268 billion dollars. However wisely the debt was contracted, it will never be any smaller until government officials begin spending less than they collect from the people by taxation.

Balance the Budget

There is considerable doubt whether those who spend and those who pay have a co-operative understanding about their joint account. They ought, to see eye-to-eye. Victory was cheap, whatever it cost in money, but the unpaid portion still has to be met. Moreover the country's best economists think now is the time to start paying off the debt, while nearly all of us are earning good pay.

Recently I saw a summary of proposed federal spending for the next 12 months; a work-sheet from the 1947 budget, currently being considered. This budget can be balanced as certainly as figures can be depended upon to tell the truth. It calls for an outlay of \$5.1 billion dollars to come from \$1.5 billion of revenue—just 3.6 billion dollars in the red. Such a shortage need not exist.

Stay in the Black

The deficit can be offset two or three times by economy. Most of the expense items can be deflated some. Such obligations as social security, veterans' benefits, refunds and the interest on public debt are fixed. They can't be cut. But there are seven other general classifications of expenses that ought to be deflated about 50 per cent, all told. If this over-draft can be avoided it's a duty.

Proposed expenses that ought to be lowered are these:

Items Might Be Cut	From	To
National defense	\$10.0	\$3.0
International finance	1.7	0.2
Aids to agriculture	0.5	0.3
General public works	1.1	0.7
General government	1.6	1.1
Suppl. appropriations	0.9	0.7
Proposed legislation	1.5	0.0
	\$23.3	\$11.9

Six Fire Distinguishers Purchased

The Lincoln County Schools have purchased six hand fire extinguishers and four first aid kits from the Denver regional office of the War Assets Administration.

In a campaign recently completed to dispose of property acquired for the Office of Civilian Defense during the war, the Denver WAA office sold more than 2,000 hand fire extinguishers, 160 steel litters and 570 first aid kits to hospitals, state homes, health institutions, schools and public libraries. The demand for the first aid kits was more than 6 to 1, with 3,579 orders received for the 570 available, which were apportioned by WAA.

In November the Public Interest Division of WAA, which handles orders from health and educational institutions as well as federal, state and local government agencies, filled nearly 1,000 orders for surplus war property which cost the government approximately \$1,000,000.

Mr. Sil Baca left last week for Los Angeles, Calif., after spending a few days here with relatives.

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# SPORT NEWS

By Arthur (Holguin)

Benjamin I. Berry Post No. 11, American Legion has formed a Basketball team.

The first home game will be with Mountainair on the 27th of December. Other games have been scheduled with other teams.

We will appreciate all the support of the Carrizozo fans, and we will try to have a victorious team.

We will be handicapped the first few games. Joe Phillips has a very bad sprained ankle, and Bob Shafer cut his hand.

## CARRIZOZO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 9 or 4	Hegerman	There
Jan. 10	Artesia	There
Jan. 11	Dexter	There
Jan. 17	Vaughn	There
Jan. 18	Roswell	Here
Jan. 24	Hondo	There
Jan. 25	Tularosa	Here
Jan. 31	Tournament Inv.	Here

## Church of Christ

Corona, N. M.  
W. O. Ballard, Minister will preach at the community church building across from the school in Corona. Every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

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Norman Bel Geddes, noted architect and planner, recently made the following observation in Magic Motorways: "Horse-drawn vehicles used to average 11 1/2 miles per hour in New York's midtown traffic. Today the average speed of automobiles is a bare 6 miles per hour." Just look what this atomic age is coming to!..

Mr. and Mrs. Syd Wilson spent Christmas eve and Christmas day with their daughter Mrs. Aaron O Neil in Roswell.

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Season's Greetings  
From  
Grace Jones  
Abstractor

**LOOKING AHEAD**  
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**Subversion**  
However successful America's system of free enterprise has been, faith in planned economy has spread rapidly over this nation's political thinking in the last 25 years. It is strange that the world's most prosperous and influential people should forget how its power was built, and think about imitating a plan that fails every time it is tried, but that's the picture.

How did planned economy get into the picture in the United States? This is the country with no peasant class! It is here that laborers drive their own motor cars. This is the land where farmers live like lords in older countries. It must have been a strange set of circumstances that turned the eyes of a favored people to look with envy at under-fed and over-worked races beyond the seas.

**Their Only Heard**  
The facts were not all known. If farmers and craftsmen of America could see how men of similar skills elsewhere must live, they would thank God for giving their forefathers wisdom to safeguard in our Constitution the right of ownership. Americans who lean toward socialism have seen very little of it and heard only one side. Planned economy invaded America thus:

After Liberty Bell had been silent 150 years, the Statue of Liberty grew green with tarnish and people began talking freedom for granted. Carefree descendants of men who endured Valley Forge ceased to appreciate their costly birthright; simply had no idea how it would seem to be without freedom. Sly diggs at America and her people were swallowed down by an open-minded generation.

**Poisonous Teaching**  
Protected by the free-speech clause in our Constitution, soap-box orators started braying against invested capital. Crafty minds coined such slurs as "entrenched greed" and "economic royalists" to stir up envy and make success in business seem dishonorable. Wordy wars against "coupon clippers" frightened investors, large and small, and choked the flow of capital into business.

It is not possible in any country to provide abundant lives for the masses by raiding the rich, but the idea was hatched and spread around in America. Armies of idle people were trained to rely on government instead of on themselves. Even in schools supported by the state, boys and girls learned to question the value of individual opportunity, a cardinal liberty.

**Government Control**  
War came, and it was two years old before victory was even reasonably certain. Government rightly seized the nation's resources and manufacturing plants, and (prcsto) a lion's share of America's bread winners were in war work drawing the highest pay they ever heard of; Uncle Sam going in debt 150 million dollars a day. Things to buy became scarce, and loose money rattled in every pocket.

Quite naturally people gave government the credit when, after four years of government management, they had more money than they could spend. Actually the facts are not related. When a public debt, that approximates the country's worth, keeps growing, people are not prosperous even if their wallets do bulge with "letuce" because there are not enough things to buy.

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## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Colonel Jones spent Christmas day with Elmore Lovelace and family.

Marshall C. St. John spent the Christmas holiday in Las Cruces with his family.

Mrs. Dan Elliot daughter and granddaughter came home from Alamogordo Wednesday night.

Joe Phillips bookkeeper at the City Garage sprained his ankle last week, working out with the American Legion basketball team.

Mr and Mrs. Odell Baker and daughter Lee Adell of Vaughn spent the weekend here visiting C. E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hobbie of Ruidoso were in town visiting and attending to business affairs Monday.

Recent subscription renewals are Mrs. Martha Wilson, city and Mrs. S. W. Buie, Orogrande.

Clint Branum arrived from Denver Monday to spend the holidays with his mother, sister and daughter Barbara Jean.

Lawyer Jones was a Christmas day visitor in Hot Springs, enjoying several mineral water baths while there.

Don't forget the Dance at community hall Sat. Dec. 28, given by Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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## Former PW's to Get Special Action on Disability Claims

The veterans administration offered comprehensive physical examinations to the 125,000 former American prisoners of war who feel after-effects of their imprisonment.

Special consideration will be given to disability claims filed by PW veterans. Former prisoners of war whose disability claims already have been denied also may have their cases reopened by applying to the nearest VA office.

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Expect Little Change in U. S. Agricultural Policy

THE WASHINGTON scene presents a chaotic picture today. No one is sure of anything.

Pressure groups already are pulling and hauling at newly-elected members of congress. Government employees by the thousands are daily expecting the axe to fall.

Partisan politics crops up into every discussion, into every decision, whether for or against the good of the nation. New GOP senators and representatives are making promises and predictions which some say do not have a physical chance of being kept or of coming true—and both sides are hard at work right now campaigning for the 1948 Presidential election.

Despite the unrest, indecision and blundering here, this government of the people will muddle through somehow, as always. It seems we never learn insofar as our domestic housekeeping is concerned.

Recently, however, David Lilienthal, newly-appointed chairman of the vitally important atomic energy commission, expounded a policy of government as applied to our democracy in these troublous times, which may well prove sound.

Local Administration

Lilienthal, long-time boss of the Tennessee Valley authority, declared that as a result of his experience, he is convinced that "big government" is not an inevitable development. One reason for the great grass-roots popularity of TVA, he contended, is that his organization consistently has proved that while the federal government, through congress, should and must determine upon a national policy in a particular field, it is highly practical and desirable to make administration of those policies local.

Nowhere in government is this policy of local administration of national policies more apparent than in the department of agriculture, and the recent reorganization of the new production and marketing administration is, in the words of Secy. Clinton Anderson, a move to give more and more responsibility to local committees and state and county administrative officials.

As a matter of fact, speaking of the agriculture department, and the agencies it operates, there is no indication at this time that the Republican congress will make any appreciable change in the operation of the various agencies or the laws governing these agencies with regard to the farm set-up. As a matter of fact, even the parity formula likely will not be changed by the GOP, at least for the next two years, for the reason that price supports now being paid are on the basis of the present parity formula. To overhaul the parity prices upward now would mean a hike in price support figures which would mean an upping of the cost of government, at a time when the GOP are declaring they will lower costs.

Under the agricultural adjustment act there is compulsory acreage control, which the GOP as a party and many Republican farmers specifically, have declared to be socialistic, wrong in principle and everything else bad, ever since it was placed upon the statute books. Rep. Clifford Hope (Rep., Kans.) who will be the new house agricultural committee chairman, says the GOP plans to change all that. But it will be done this way—farmers must cooperate voluntarily in holding output within crop goals or they will lose all the benefit of the price support program. Co-operative producers will be paid the incentive checks and those who don't co-operate will not, which is exactly the same way the thing operates now, except that it is compulsory instead of co-operative.

Trim Will Be Slight

Agriculture's budget is now something like 716 million dollars with biggest items of expense totaling more than 600 of these 716 millions in soil conservation, research, forestry, extension service and school lunch, affecting most farmers in all the states and even private industry. This figure may be cut a little, but the only way to cut farm funds to any appreciable degree would be to do a somersault on the entire national policy, that is away from any aid to the farmers and this is not in the cards.

For one thing, congress is obligated to keep up the 90 per cent of parity prices for two years after end of the war and this must be done either with direct appropriations or with loans through Commodity Credit corporation, where a really big cut could be made in this corporation's four and three-quarter billion dollar borrowing limit. It appears that it may be done in the tremendous farm appropriations, it will be a sharp cut. Considering sharply higher costs, the appropriation may be actually increased.



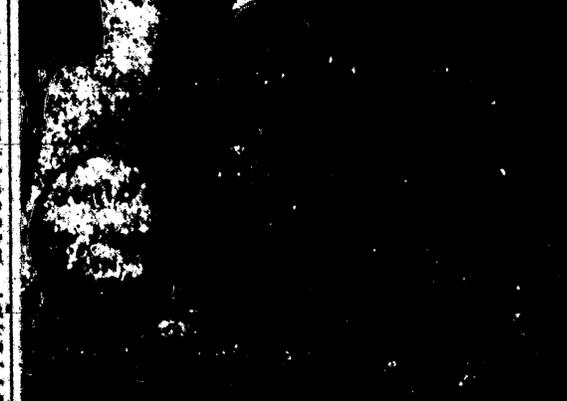
ALONE AND GUILTY . . . Alone, and apparently unnoticed by passersby, UMW Boss John L. Lewis leisurely walks from his union headquarters in Washington, D. C., after Federal Judge T. Alan Goldborough found him guilty of contempt of court and fined him \$10,000 in addition to the \$3,500,000 fine levied against the union.



WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS . . . Results of the first major photographic contest to be held since the end of the war recently were announced by judges of the Graflex photo-contest. The grand prize winner, "Grand Ma," by George Burns, Schenectady, is shown right. Other winners shown are "Winter's Blast," by Frank Nichols, Bayonne, N. J., and winner of the pictorial class "January," a farm snow view by Elwood Armstrong, Detroit, Mich. More than 8,000 photos were submitted in the contest.



NEW CORN KING . . . Newton L. Hallerman, Knoxville, Ind., who was crowned "Corn King" at the International Hay and Grain show in Chicago recently, Hallerman credits his success in winning the honor to "good farming practices, including the application of mixed fertilizer to the soil." He also said that hard work was a factor. His son, Lair, 11, aided in the family honors by taking second prize in the junior corn event. Hallerman is shown with the yellow dent hybrid corn exhibited.



CHILD OFFERS SOLUTION TO U. N. PROBLEM . . . Michelle Hochstetler, seven, shows with her brother, Donald, who wrote a letter to the United Nations suggesting a plan for solving the world's food problem. Michelle's plan calls for selection of countries needed by the people of the world. Michelle, who lives in New York City, became interested in United Nations efforts after her father, Pvt. Fred Hochstetler, was killed in action near Luxembourg in 1945.



NEW AMBASSADOR . . . Former undersecretary of the treasury, O. Max Gardner, North Carolina, who has been appointed by President Truman as U. S. ambassador to Great Britain to replace W. Averell Harriman, new secretary of commerce. Gardner reported to London immediately.



DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS FIGHT . . . Despite all the talk you hear about a "dog fight" in house Democratic ranks over the election of minority leader, you can write it down that John McCormack of Massachusetts, majority leader since 1940, will win out. Inside fact is that Sam Rayburn of Texas, outgoing speaker, not only has informed McCormack by telegram that he intends to stick to his decision against running for the minority leadership, but also has assured McCormack he will back him to the hilt for the post. However, don't be surprised if Congressman Francis Walter of Pennsylvania is put in the field as a candidate against McCormack—even though Walter made the unpopular move of opposing use of natural gas in the government-owned pipelines. Some southern congressmen have been proposing Walter as a "compromise" choice to avoid a party "split."

FROM THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH . . . U. S. British military officials in Rome, learning of a plan to scuttle the Italian fleet, have tried to de-commission it — without success. Intelligence reports are that Italian officers are awaiting the British and French attempt to take over the fleet—then will sink it. . . . The Portuguese government has vetoed a new American proposal for permanent military bases in the Azores. The U. S. government understands the Azores area more important than Iceland.

YOUNGEST ATTORNEY . . . Mrs. Martha Beat, San Pedro, Calif., was only 11 last April, and is believed to be the youngest girl ever to pass the California bar examination. She had to wait one year before taking exams.



CONTINUED FOOD SHORTAGES . . . WASHINGTON. — Speaking of holiday food, here is a prediction on various items on the housewife's shopping list and how long they will remain difficult to buy.

CANNED TOMATOES—Will continue to be short at least until next July. In the crop year ended with July, 1946, supplies were so short that we consumed 16 million cases of canned tomatoes, about half the normal demand. In the current crop year, ending July, 1947, there will be a slight increase to approximately 21 million cases, but this will still be far short of demands.

CHOCOLATE — Slight shortages of chocolate will continue for the next two or three years, due chiefly to shipping difficulties in trade lanes from Brazil and West Africa.

SALMON — The very unpredictable salmon continues to run late and short in the waterways of Alaska and our northwestern states. Normal salmon production in prewar years ranged between five million and eight million cases, but in the season which ended in September of this year, less than four million cases were packed for the American market.

TUNA — Fanciers of tuna fish salad will get all they want, due to a record-breaking production this year of over four million cases, 35 per cent above the 1945 tuna pack.

BANANAS — Shipments of bananas from Guatemala, Costa Rica and other Latin American sources will continue below normal for at least another year.

ATOMIC ENERGY VS. COAL . . . One thing the striking miners don't realize is that they are working for an industry which soon will be as out of date as the old stern-wheeler of Mark Twain's Mississippi river days. Unfortunately, what they especially don't seem to realize is that their present strike is hastening the end of the coal industry.

A brief news item from the little town of Louisville, N. Y., tells part of the story. Its 150 families have converted to oil, making it the first completely oil-heated town in the USA. Others are bound to follow. Some industries had started converting to oil even before the strike. Natural gas piped east will further cut down consumption — especially as coal becomes more expensive and more uncertain.

However, this only tells part of the story. The rest of the story began on August 5, 1945, when a bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Scientists have been working ever since on the problem of harnessing atomic energy. Already Poland is constructing an atomic energy power plant. In the United States the first atomic power plants should be completed in two years.

Naturally the coal, steel and oil interests are not anxious to encourage this. Nor are the big power companies, whose water power installations would be scrapped. These incidentally are the same interests which have blocked the use of natural gas in the Big Inch and Little Inch pipelines.

Science, however, can be retarded, but not stopped. And when atomic energy is used on a wide scale, scientists estimate it will be much cheaper than coal or oil. When that happens, coal mining will be just as obsolete as the journeyman wagon builders of 1880. And unfortunately for the coal miners, the more uncertain they make the supply of coal, the more they spur the development of atomic energy.

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When Your Back Hurts. And Your Strength and Energy is Below Par. An advertisement for Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. It features a cartoon illustration of a man holding a sign that says 'DOAN'S'. The text describes the benefits of the pills.

# Murder in Plain Sight

by GERALD BROWN

Duke McCale, private detective, is engaged by wealthy old Miss Bigelow to guard her property for her niece's wedding. McCale accepts, but because he suspects that Miss Bigelow is afraid of something more serious than a possible theft, McCale sets his assistant, Rocky Blackbird, and his secretary, Ann Marlowe, to heading up back ground data on the members of the families involved in the wedding. Later McCale suspects that rich presence. One is a good to a neurotic maniac. A tall, beautiful blonde woman playing the piano intrigues his interest. Two other women and a man appear in the room. They are obviously members of the family, appearing aristocratic and self-satisfied.

### CHAPTER III

Lost in his reverie of this neogrec vision, McCale hardly heard Adelaide Bigelow speak.

"May I present Mr. McCale, Sybill. This is Mrs. Joel Bigelow. The bride's mother." She put her hand on his sleeve. "Mr. McCale's Agency is overseeing—the wedding gifts."

With an effort he brought himself back to the woman who faced him. He was conscious of an impressive bust followed by about a hundred and fifty dollars worth of shaped and girdled figure, expensively trained not to split the seams of a black afternoon dress. She wore far too much gold costume jewelry just below the chin of an Elizabeth Arden face topped by a soignée up hair-do. Her manner was arrogant as she repeated his name in the cool, detached tone she might use to a chauffeur. She acknowledged the introduction, that was all, then moved majestically away, following her bust to a low table in pursuit of a glass of sherry.

A corner of McCale's mind was still at the piano where the white goddess now played something by Gershwin in a real broken beat. He caught an amused glance from Miss Bigelow before she presented him to the couple sitting on the sofa.

"Victoria Bigelow," murmured Miss Adelaide, "and Stephen—the bride's sister and brother."

The girl looked a little old around the eyes, a little hard around the mouth. She was, somehow, like a drawing in the slightly degenerate, macabre style of Beardsley—all black and white, with finely drawn eyebrows and smudged lashes. There was something viperish in the way she held her pointed chin. Her body, sheathed in a dress styled for someone far beyond her age, seemed too assured, too relaxed, too willing.

It was easy to see that Stephen Bigelow was Victoria's brother. He had the same hard finish, the white skin, the narrow face. In twenty years, he would be lantern-jawed and hollow-eyed. Already there was a crease of cruelty around his uneasy mouth. From the way he attacked his highball, McCale suspected his petulance was partly the effect of a speedily evanescent liver. He wolfed his drink while nodding to McCale, but his eyes were fixed on the woman at the piano.

### Lovely Veronica Seems Nervous

"Mrs. Stephen Bigelow," said Miss Adelaide, and left McCale looking down at a polite Garbo-ish smirk, a slow smile, and slender, cigarette-stained fingers picking out a lush tone. Yet that sensual undercurrent that might have been purely chemical, or even glandular, was there. He felt it as he knew Stephen, the woman's husband, felt it. He sensed what slavery there must be in loving a woman like this, would see that part of Stephen's restlessness was a sickness, and that he was living on the cocaine of her magic.

She didn't resent his standing there as she played. She didn't speak or smile or make any effort to put him at his ease. She knew he was dazzled, not quite sure of himself, but it didn't even seem to amuse her. Breaking off in the middle of a run and without speaking, she reached for a coffee cup at the far end of the keyboard.

Karen had seated herself beside her husband, and, joined by Sybill, the small group was carrying on a desultory conversation about the wedding rehearsal, the bridesmaids, and the ushers. It was the usual half-catty post-mortem.

"She's very beautiful, isn't she?" said Miss Bigelow, catching McCale again with his eyes on Karen.

"Mm," McCale granted, smiling. "Is she always like that?"

"A Nordic princess?" Miss Adelaide smiled, slight distaste curling the corners of her mouth. "I . . . I'm afraid not."

"Ah. The descriptive Swedish blank."

"Just so."

"She's very talented."

"Yes, indeed."

Miss Bigelow was making him feel like Paul Pry. Why had she been giving him the impression, in the last few minutes, that Karen was worth watching then? He changed the subject.

"Will you want me to have my suit on duty tonight?" He watched her closely. All the tightness came back to her eyes.

"No, thank you. I'll be home, waiting to see you in the morning."

it over with. He started to talk, almost blurted out, "You're in trouble, Miss Bigelow. You need help. You do. You came to me this morning with it written all over your face. You're afraid of something—something that has nothing to do with wedding gifts." He made a gesture as if he were waving them away. "You are afraid. I know."

"I suppose you do." But though her hand trembled, her eyes were vacant.

"Tell me what it is. Give me your confidence. If you want my help, I must have it. What do you fear? Who is making you afraid?"

"Now I've done it," he cursed to himself, for she threw him a sharp, half-angry glance, and got up. He stumbled to his feet, blind with anger at himself, but she was smiling at two people who were entering the room.

The girl was all gold. Her skin shone with coffee and cream, in the liquid sense of a Laurencin portrait. She was not beautiful, but her face had a depth and a glow that was curiously warming. That was it. She was warm and golden, and you knew at once that she was intelligent and nice, as well as decorative. Her hair was long, naturally curly, and of a burnished bronze



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color. Her head was set on a perfectly proportioned body. Dressed as she was in shades of beige and brown, simply and in beautiful taste, she was at once quietly charming, assured, thoroughbred.

"Veronica—dear," Miss Bigelow touched her, kissed her. There was in her voice a note of passionate concern, of pride—of relief.

Adelaide Bigelow introduced the golden girl in the doorway to McCale and he was surprised at the creature's throaty, mellow voice. It lacked the superficiality of the debutante drawl. But wasn't there something a trifle nervy, a bit disquieting, about the edges of that voice? There was.

She pecked at her aunt, smiled at McCale, made a few quick, nervous laughing jibes at her family, and said in that modulated, too-well controlled tone, "Anything new come? Present, I mean. Anything exciting?"

Miss Adelaide turned abruptly as she was about to introduce McCale to the young man who had come in with her. She made a futile gesture as if to ward the girl off, but Veronica was out of the room before the movement was even completed.

McCale found himself hanging in the air, so to speak, pumping the hand of a man whose name he hadn't heard.

### The Conquering Hero Comes

"Storm, Christopher Storm," the young man said. "You're Duke McCale and I've heard of you."

McCale stifled the impulse to say, "Shush." He said, "Well," and let go the hand of this big fellow who had designed and built a house called "The Nest."

Christopher Storm was tall and lean and athletic. His face missed being handsome by way of a rather square jaw and a generous mouth. He had candid blue eyes and curly hair of a nondescript shade.

Christopher maneuvered McCale toward the bottled liquids, mixed them both a drink. He motioned to a seat beside himself, saying without preliminary, "Heard about you in that dyehouse racket. Pretty keen deduction. What brings you here?"

"Wedding presents."

"Not really? Didn't know you went in for small stuff."

"I have to make a living. Cases like the dyehouse murders are few and far between."

Storm's blue eyes narrowed.

"Well, it just didn't seem to me that the array of bric-a-brac downstairs warranted your special talents."

McCale didn't answer. "Too true, my bright young fellow," he thought, "but if I told you that all day I've been adding a tangle that

now and then raises the hair on my head—"

"Who called you in?"

"Family." To himself he continued, "Damn. This fellow is too inquisitive." Suddenly McCale caught a glimpse of something—something ugly behind that half-fellow attitude, that mantel of jauntiness—something he did not like.

"Not Sybill?" Christopher prodded. "Not darling Sybill, surely."

McCale was saved from making a reply by a peal of light laughter outside the room. A door banged somewhere. There was another ripple of merriment mingled with a deeper one, running feet on the stairs, and Veronica ran into the room, followed by a man.

They might have been preceded by a fanfare of trumpets. Everyone stopped talking; everyone turned toward the door as to a stage. It was as if a spotlight had been turned on, startling the audience to quickening anticipation of the star's entrance. It was sudden and complete. Even McCale was checked in the act of raising his glass to his lips.

Something both electric and animal came into the room with Curt Vallaincourt. Even if there had not been the little piping ecstatic thrill of Sybill's "Curt, dear!"; the quick fire that lighted Victoria's glistening eyes; the husky overtones of Karen saying, "Behold the bridegroom cometh," McCale would have known the identity of this physical rhapsody.

Here was a consciously beautiful young man in a great big way: tall and wide, dark and strong, virile and violent. He had a large, curly black head, dark eyes that held a passionate promise. He was a dynamic person—the kind to whom things were bound to happen.

He acknowledged the introduction to the detective in a deep strong voice, with a handshake that made McCale almost buckle at the knees.

It was three or four minutes before the blitzkrieg of his arrival settled into a steady, slow appreciation of him. McCale himself was rarely impressed by mere sensual attraction and was loath to admit the catalytic effects of it. Here, if ever, was its complete manifestation, however. He backed away toward the piano, the better to take the scene apart. As unobtrusively as possible, he let his dark hard stare sweep around the circle.

Afterward, he was to come back to that short scene many times, trying to put together the pieces of the riddle as they presented themselves in the next few moments. It was all there, had he known it, the wheels within wheels, the red thread of danger, the shadow of death. Each intimate gesture, the shading of a phrase, each bit of conversation overheard, held portents deep and inevitable.

### More Puzzles Developing

As it was, the things that remained in his mind to puzzle him were these: Conversation became general though the atmosphere still contained a peculiar effluvia of underlying edginess. He noticed that Adelaide Bigelow seemed as overcome by the positively theatrical charm of Curt as the rest, and that even Stephen had pulled out of his alcoholic depression, and was watching Curt with an almost physical worship. Karen glowed, silver and white. Victoria's eyes were slits. Sybill was watchful. Storm was quiet, but appreciative. And Veronica was chatting nervously, the same note of strain in her golden diction. She was like a gilded fragment-tossed in a glittering vortex.

It was when Curt said, in that compelling voice of his, "Very magnanimous of you, Chris, to give us The Nest," that a warning signal flashed in McCale's brain. It was spoken with such charming naivete, as if, thought McCale, the one thing he really lacked was manners. He was making a studied conscious effort.

Storm only smiled, steadily. He shrugged, retorting, "Veronica always gets everything she wants."

"Oh, Chris," Veronica put out her hand to him, started to say something, stopped.

Chris turned to her for a brief moment, a blank look coming over his face. There was a lost world in his eyes.

Victoria laughed shrilly. She made a quick nervous gesture, bit her lower lip, and looked a sudden significant, pleading question—to Curt. Curt seemed to square off to her. He shook his head as if he were saying, "No."

Everyone was concentrating upon Storm and Veronica at that moment and McCale thought no one else saw that exchange of glances between those other two. Afterward he was to wonder.

Vallaincourt went over to his future stepmother-in-law, almost as if in apology for neglecting her. She was a little high on the whole party and was quite crushing to him. In a bad-tempered manner she shook off his attempted seducing. Without her fixed cosmetic smile, her face was an unbecoming mask, her wake-up unable to disguise her hidden eye. There was a pause there in the exchange between Curt and Sybill.

### Horses for Farm Work Are Poland's Most Urgent Need

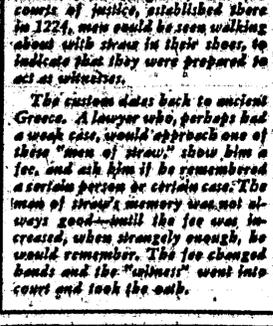
Among the thousands of foreign representatives gathered in New York to discuss the lofty purposes of the United Nations, one avowed frankly that he is interested in horse trading and nothing else. The lone exception is Olgierd Langer, Poland's consul general in Detroit. He came to New York to spread the word that his country's greatest need was horses, and he announced that any American could now have a horse bought and delivered for only \$100 to any individual in Poland, where the equine shortage has shot the price for even a poor nag up to 50,000 zlotys (\$8,000).

### How It Started

MEN OF STRAW—When Westminster Hall (England) was the court of justice, established there in 1224, men could be seen walking about with straw in their shoes, to indicate that they were prepared to act as witnesses. The custom dates back to ancient Greece. A lawyer who, perhaps had a weak case, would approach one of these "men of straw" show him a fee, and ask him if he remembered a certain person in certain case. The "men of straw" memory was not always good—until the fee was increased, when strangely enough, he would remember. The fee changed hands and the "witness" went into court and took the oath.

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### Stalin's Victory Vase

The Victory vase, recent gift of the Russian people to Generalissimo Stalin, is the largest object of its kind in existence. Ornamented with \$40,000 worth of gold and decorated with a portrait of Stalin and war scenes which took five artists two years to paint, the base is made of pink porcelain and is nine feet in height.

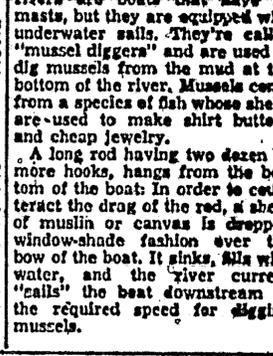
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Along the Ohio and Kentucky rivers are boats that have no masts, but they are equipped with underwater sails. They're called "mussel diggers" and are used to dig mussels from the mud at the bottom of the river. Mussels come from a species of fish whose shells are used to make shirt buttons and cheap jewelry.

### On Your Holiday Trip

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Advertisement for Firestone tires. Features a large illustration of a Firestone tire with the text "On Your Holiday Trip" and "DON'T TAKE CHANCES ON SMOOTH DANGEROUS TIRES". The ad promotes the "Factory Method Retreading" process, highlighting the "700" tread pattern and the "Studded Ground Grip Tread" for extra protection. It includes slogans like "BRING 'EM IN LIKE THIS" and "TAKE 'EM OUT LIKE THIS". The ad also mentions "New Tires Safety at Less Than 1/2 the Cost of New Tires!" and "ALL MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP FULLY GUARANTEED". The bottom of the ad says "Drive In Today".

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LOCALS

Charles Snow arrived home from State College last Saturday for the Christmas-New Year holidays.

Walter Fulmer who is with a mining Company at Silver City arrived Tuesday evening and spent Christmas day with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fulmer and brother Bill who is home from N. M. M. I.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boyer of Plano, Ill., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Burns Mrs Boyer and Mrs. Burns are sisters and this is their first visit in many years.

Elizabeth Walther spent the Christmas holidays here with her son, and her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dow Sr

Mr Luciano Gallegos and family spent Christmas with relatives at Santa Rita, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Padilla were Tularosa visitors this week.

One of the biggest crowd is expected at the dance tomorrow night, given by Bivin Zumwalt Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorgonio McKinley of Gallup spent the holidays here with members of their families.

Mr. Gordon Bigger of Capitan was a Carrizozo visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Walter May and Mr. Walker Leslie of Corona were Carrizozo week-end visitors.

Clearance Sale—PREHM'S

Mr. and Mrs. Porfirio Chavez were Tularosa visitors last Saturday, they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Flavio Chavez.

Mr. Blanchard and Rayford Dixon of Capitan were Carrizozo visitors this week.

Clearance Sale—PREHM'S

Mr. and Mrs. Isidro McKinley, Sr., will leave this week for Los Angeles after spending the holidays here with their son Dan and other members of their family.

Andrew Jones of the Glover Packing company in Roswell spent Christmas day with Otto Prehm.

Billy Laatter of Dallas arrived yesterday to spend the New Year holidays with the Prehm family.

# Season Greeting

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### Narrow Escape

Mr. Zane Leslie of Capitan had a narrow escape when the car in which he was riding overturned several times, between Carrizozo and Capitan. Mr. Leslie was not seriously injured but his car was badly damaged.

Charles Mackey of Santa Fe and Bobby Mackey and wife of Separ, N. M. spent Christmas day with their mother here.

Postmaster Herman E. Kelt spent Christmas Day in Santa Fe with his daughter Helen Jean who is recovering from an appendectomy.

Albert Wright, Merchant seaman arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with Carrizozo and Fort Stanton friends

Mr. Albert Snow spent Christmas in Stevensville, Texas with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Howell arrived for the Christmas, New Year holidays to visit with the Roy Shafer family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McMillan were here from El Paso Christmas.

Carrol Johnson was up from Three Rivers Christmas day.

Verne Swanson and father from Albuquerque visited Charles Snow here Thursday.

Christmas day visitors at the Larry Dow home, were Bill Wilson and family from Lincoln, Gilbert Dow and family from Roswell, Charles Dow and wife of El Paso, Richard Dow and wife of the Alamogordo air base and Jack Evans and family.

Mr. Will Ed Harris, was taken ill at the Carrizozo Eating House Wednesday and was taken to the local hospital. An air ambulance was called from Albuquerque and Mr. Harris was flown to St. Joseph hospital that evening. Landing and take off was accomplished by car lights.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

**How to Stop Worrying**

I guess folks in our town do about as much worrying as in yours—over housing and prices, and crops, and jobs—and the little domestic problems that are always coming up.

Dad Hoskins, who's lived to the happy age of eighty, has a simple formula for stopping worry. About every problem, he asks himself: Is there anything I can do about it? If there is, he never bothers making a decision, or taking necessary action.

If there isn't anything he can do about it, he lets it be a "worrying

hour" after dinner, and gets his worrying over in one concentrated period. When that's over, he relaxes over a friendly glass of beer with Ma Hoskins—and they talk about pleasant things together, until bedtime.

From where I sit, that's a workable a formula as you could find... right down to the middle class of our town seems to worry away their weeks.

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