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State Press Comments

A FIVE YEAR BOOM

Ahead lie five or six years of an industrial "boom" in the United States. Fifteen BILLION dollars have been appropriated by the present Congress for "defense needs." Up to now something like six hundred million dollars of that sum have been spent—a relatively small proportion of the whole—with a resulting increase in various kinds of business that is regarded by thoughtful people as a wave of prosperity.

This is merely the start of the boom. Within two years, experts tell us the government will be spending a billion dollars each month for the defense program, and this means that every related industry will have its share of the distribution of that billion dollars. Employment will increase, wages will increase, commodities will sell—an endless chain of money-spending that will give the country boom after boom of foretold conditions that will follow the conclusion of the defense program.

Secretary Morgenthau urges the ending of the national debt from the present \$45,000,000,000 to \$60,000,000,000. Financiers regard this, and other signs of the times, as the fore-runner of inflation. Inflation means higher prices for everything. And people who are enjoying increased business and larger income will accept the higher prices as a part of the "good times" the nation is having.

Only occasionally there will be men and women who will interpret the so-called prosperity in its true terms. They will know—all of us ought to know—that the building of new planes, tanks, guns, and munitions is not the sort of industry by which a nation grows and prospers. They know that the present boom is to come to an end within the next five or six years. Soberly they are trying to plan for the security of their homes and their loved ones when that end arrives. Of us should be seeing things as they are—MELBOURNE TIMES.

WHAT WE GONNA DO ABOUT THE NAZIS?

According to the Dies congressional report on the pervasive influence that a flock of fifth columnists and other diabolical vermin running loose in the country. While the report carried much detail not generally known, in a general way it was little news value since practically everybody knows that the government is everywhere, both foreign and native. Mr. Dies and his committee are serving a valuable purpose in hunting out the most flagrant offenders and tagging them, but up to the present time nobody in authority seems to have definite ideas as to just what it is to be done about the situation.

The real test of civilization in the United States depends upon the ability of the solid, substantial and reasonably intelligent portion of the population to keep its collective wits in the game. As has often been pointed out, the real strength of a democracy can also prove its greatest weakness, to-wit: the independence and freedom which is granted under this form of government must not only go to those who appreciate and conserve and protect it, but also to the heads that will prostitute, despoil and sell it.

The constitution and the law do provide ways of dealing with traitors, but when any considerable number must be handled at a time the act is liable to do damage to the real spirit of democracy. Now and then one of these traitors works himself, or herself into a position of authority and is able to withstand all efforts to dislodge them, challenging authority under a democracy of even a majority to restrict the activities of a minority.

All this makes it even more evident that the preservation of democracy in the United States depends more upon what our own people do than what outside influences do. It is going to take every ounce of intelligent judgment we have as a people to see us through but somehow we still have sufficient confidence in the fundamental soundness of the country to believe we will pull through. It may take a bit of hide off here and there, but that will not matter if the purpose is gained.—ARCADIA ARCADEAN.

OLD DAYS HAVE GONE

Now and then the jokes about the "poor editor" are taken out of moth balls and started on their rounds. Probably, the editors themselves are responsible for their own doom but these jokes come from an era gone forever.

There was a time when the publisher of a weekly paper was the world's worst business man and he was proud of it. He sent his paper to subscribers for years without any pay and the only pay he ever received from many would be offerings of eggs, potatoes and fruit. The editorial office was the hangout for the town wit, hangers-on and tobacco chewers.

Girl Scout News

The Avon Park Girl Scout Troop held their weekly meeting Monday evening at the home of their captain, Mrs. Chester Yates.

We opened our meeting with the salute to the flag and singing "God Bless America." The winter Christmas cards. After the singing, we discussed knitting and sewing for the Red Cross.

The members are asked to remember their National Dues.

Mrs. Yates presented silver stars to Alice Rouse, Ann Rouse, Fred Archer, Winifred Flood, Yvonne Head, Margaret Harper, Janet Barker and Jerry Cunnell.

The meeting was closed with our good night circle.

ers. The editor was a colorful individual, whose writings burned fire and brimstone—especially regarding the opposite political party or the competing newspaper.

The weekly newspaper business has grown up. It is operated like any other going business. It collects its bills, cuts off subscriptions when they expire, and the editor looks no different than any other business or professional man.

If there are any of our exchanges, who still like the old poverty kick, may we prevail upon them to quit it. It may be just as difficult as ever to make a payroll, to keep bills paid and to show a profit. There are taxes, which the old time publisher never dreamed of. Imagine what an old-timer would have said and done if a frosty government employee had walked into his place, stated that he was with such and such a government agency and wanted to inspect the payroll records.

Those days are gone forever. Now weekly newspapers which have survived are full-fledged business institutions, paying decent wages and demanding a decent respect from the publisher. A great deal of the old-time newspaper days have gone—L. C. H. in the DELRAY BEACH NEWS.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By RUSSELL KAY

The advantage Florida offers those in search of health has long been recognized. Doctors grant and small have prescribed a dose of "Florida" for their patients for many years.

Chambers of commerce have done their bit to promote the state with her mild balmy climate, her clean fresh air, health giving waters and abundant fruits and vegetables, offered a haven for those in poor health and a land of bright promise for those who would stay in the prime of condition.

A few years ago a great international know-saw group established the Florida Medical Center at Venice and since then thousands of patients from all over the world have journeyed here to regain the most precious of all possessions—good health.

Not long ago, on my way to Miami, I stopped for a visit to the secretary of the Florida Chamber of Commerce and he acquainted me with some amazing facts concerning experiments in diet that have been conducted for several years which hold potentialities for further publicizing of this state from a health standpoint.

For a considerable time Dr. Fred H. Albee, head of the Florida Medical Center, has been keenly interested in the subject of Mineralized Foods and their relation to health, the restoration of health and the prevention of cure of disease.

It was the Doctor's belief that through scientific fertilization minerals and vitamins could be inducted into fruits and vegetables in varying quantities and controlled so that fruits and vegetables so grown and treated could be depended upon to provide a patient with a given amount of such needed foods and chemicals.

He also believed that through scientific feeding, mineralized beef and mineralized milk and dairy products could be likewise produced. He set his mind to work on the problem and for certain years the fruits, vegetables, beef and dairy products produced on the farms operated by the Florida Medical Center have been given experimental feeding and fertilization.

Patients, whether surgical or medical cases, are carefully checked to determine their deficiencies in vitamins and minerals and then a diet designed to provide the needed elements is worked out.

Just as the druggist, in filling a prescription, reaches up on the shelf and from this or that bottle takes a given amount of certain substances to concoct the medicine prescribed, dietitians at the Florida Medical Center, referring to the patient's chemical and vitamin analysis, work out a diet that will correct their deficiencies—only the medicine comes in the form of delicious ripe oranges and grapefruit, delightful fresh vegetables such as lettuce, celery, carrots, turnips, greens and the like. The diet prescribed may include a juicy steak of mineralized beef and a large glass of raw mineralized milk.

Records kept by the institution show that the remarkable results have been attained. These special diets have added all types of patients, restoring them to perfect health and speeding their recovery. During the past few years the subject of "mineralized foods" has been given more and more attention. Efforts have been made to provide fertilizers for citrus trees that contain minerals especially needed by the tree and that would insure its sturdy growth and cause it to bear finer fruit. Results in this direction have been very effective.

Now through the research of the Florida Medical Center our fruits, vegetables, beef, and dairy products are being mineralized so that an experienced dietitian after knowing a patient's requirements can prescribe a diet that will give the body just the elements it most needs to maintain or regain a healthy condition.

Perhaps the day will come when the bulk of Florida grown products will be mineralized and the health of the people improved to the degree that the "mineralized foods" has been given more and more attention. Butcher by their medicines which can be labeled "Made by Mother Nature" to prescription and proven in her Florida laboratory in mineralized soils.

duced eggs and promotion plans to further their sale. At requests from many local scientists and large poultry producers, the State Association has adopted a comprehensive plan for this movement and the subject will be a special order of business for the Friday meeting.

Two Return From Beautician's Meet

Mrs. Helen Wood and Mrs. Adeline Pinball, of the Bon-Ton Beauty Salon, have returned from Orlando where they attended the beauticians convention. They brought back with them the latest hair styles and many other smartly modern accessories. They are prepared to serve their patrons with the latest discoveries in all branches of beauty culture.

Church Notes

ST. CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC

Hickory Street — Sebring, Fla.

Mass every Sunday at 8:30 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. except first Sunday in the month when it will be at 8 a. m.

Daily Mass 7 a. m. Rev. Conn.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.

Praying, 11:00 a. m.

N. Y. P. S., 8:45 p. m.

Evening Fellowship, 7:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 8: Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Classes for all ages with a well-trained teacher for each class.

Topic for adults: "Whose Neighbor Am I?" This is an important question because the Bible teaches us not only to love God, but also "thy neighbor as thyself." Come and find out who your neighbor is.

Morning worship service at 11 o'clock with sermon by Dr. Elliott, who will speak on "What Shall We Do With Jesus?"

The Children's Vested Choir will sing the following: Processional "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"; Selection, "My Redeemer and I"; Dismissal, "Hail, Hail, Hear Us Pray"; Recessional, "Lead On, O King Eternal." The church budget for 1941 will be submitted to the members at a church meeting immediately after the service.

The Young People's Pilgrim Fellowship at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. Harmon Atkins will lead the meeting and Miss Elizabeth Smith will speak. Young people specially invited. Rehearsal for the Christmas play, "The Picture," to be presented by the young people on Sunday, December 16, at 8:30 p. m.

Children's Choir rehearsal at the church on Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. The "Quiet Hour" service will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Brief address by the pastor. Forty-five minutes of inspirational worship. Come and enjoy it with us.

The Ladies Aid will hold their annual bazaar on Friday, December 13. The bazaar will open at 2:30 p. m. when fancy and useful articles will be offered for sale. At 6:00 p. m. the ladies will serve a turkey dinner. Tickets 65 cents each.

The Senior Church choir will meet for rehearsal at 8:00 p. m. on Saturday at 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation to attend these services and social meetings is extended to all church members and citizens. There is help and blessings to be found in public worship. Let us not forget God.

METHODIST CHURCH

C. H. Mangelsdorf, Pastor

Tentative plans are sure to ring your door bell but it is your fault if you ask them to stay to dinner. 9:45 a. m. Sunday School, Earl H. Ware Supr. Adult Study: A Good Neighbor. Come and study with us as we measure ourselves by the christian standard of a good neighbor. Capable teachers for all groups.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship, sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Lord is My Portion. Special music by the choir."

6:30 p. m. Senior Intermediate and Junior groups of the young peoples division 7:30 p. m. Evening worship, sermon by the pastor. Subject: Getting ready for What? Special music by the young people group.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Mid Week prayer service. Forty five minutes of spiritual refreshing followed by choir rehearsal.

Some men wake up and find themselves famous; others stay up all night and find themselves notorious. Get a good nights rest and worship with us.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School, 10:00 a. m.

Preaching, 11:00 a. m., "Forsaking God."

Preaching, 8:00 p. m. "Broken Chains."

Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:30 p. m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.

Holy Communion and Sermon, 11:00 a. m.

Y. P. S. L., 6:00 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"God The Only Cause and Creator" is the subject of the Lesson Sermon which will be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, throughout the world on Sunday, December 8.

The Golden Text is: "Every house is builded upon a man; but the chief stone is laid by God." (Hebrews 3:4.)

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson Sermon is the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out. Of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever" (Rom. 11:33, 36).

The Lesson Sermon also includes the following passages from the Christian Science textbook: "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Mind is the grand center, and there can be no power except that which is derived from Mind. If Mind was first chronologically, it is first potentially, and must be first eternally, then give to Mind the glory, honor, dominion, and power everlastingly due its holy name." (p. 148: 28-31.)

THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

Lesson: Philip, the personal worker. "We should be prompt to obey when the spirit urges us to do the unconverted."

Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.

Subject: "O Ye of Little Faith."

Christ Ambassadors, 8:30 p. m.

Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p. m.

Subject: "The Steps To Heaven."

Wednesday night, Midweek service, 7:30 p. m.

We want you to visit us. We have the new year's resolutions. Our Sunday school will make you boys and girls real men and ladies of tomorrow.

PUBLIC FORUM

A Plea For The Young People

I notice in last week's paper, again the people of Avon Park are giving donations for the improvement and comfort of the Tourists who come to Avon Park. That is fine to be thoughtful of their pleasure while here, make it more entertaining and also clean and convenient. But stop and think, just what are we doing for our own Avon Park boys and girls? The future men and women who will reign in our places.

Our boys and girls are not allowed to use the Club House for their annual bazaar. They have to go to the playground in the Park. The most beautiful spot in town. When our young people want entertainment they are forced to go to the nearby Roadhouses, or the so-called Jocks. Do you think we are doing them right?

A few of the mothers and the Supervising Principal of our schools have gotten a room donated to them by Dr. W. C. Toulson (free of charge) to be used for recreation for these teen age girls and boys. The Rotary Club has given us a donation, which is greatly appreciated. We have two Ping Pong tables and sets for their use, several tables for Chinese Checkers, Dominoes or other board games. It is a symposium to provide them with music.

You would be surprised how eager and anxious these young people are to get in their room and entertain themselves in the P. M. and nights and when Saturday nights come, instead of roaming up and down the streets or out riding in cars they are up in their room, which is chaperoned at all times.

Young people are going to seek pleasure and amusement that will you, I and ever other normal young person did. If you will provide a room for them, where they are trying to keep their girls and boys from these nearby undesirable places of amusement for them, and throw your efforts into making this recreation room a success, and pleasure for our young people. I think your reward will be given them by the clean wholesome environments the boys and girls will have in this place. Thereby keeping them from roaming up and down the streets or out riding in cars they are up in their room, which is chaperoned at all times.

If you would like to aid this organization in any way, it will be appreciated by the sponsors as they as by these young people in the teen age group. Please fall in line and help us. For information ask at the Avon Park Drug Store.

Thanks for reading this, think it over. A friend to the young people of Avon Park.

Tickets Sell Fast For Civic Concert Series In Sebring

The first of a series of seven Civic Concerts in Sebring will be held next Friday evening in the Sebring High School. Several local people will be in attendance.

Bruce Dougherty, tenor, and Erika Knapp, harpist, will entertain on this opening double feature attraction. Mr. Dougherty possesses a rich voice, wide in its range, and it is with fine artistry that Knapp expresses her exceptional musicianship with grace and artistic execution.

Reports from Sebring disclose that the entire section of the first floor has been reserved through the sale of season tickets. However, there are a few good reserved tickets left in the Avon Park stock. These may be secured from T. J. Ward, by phoning his home or visiting the store. While the tickets are only \$15, each entitles the holder to the same seat for \$4.25 worth of refreshments, based on the single admission prices.

Unsold tickets will be returned the first of next week.

Annual Report Of County Agent Given To Commissioners

County Agent Louis H. Almyer submitted his annual report to the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday. The report shows that he made 1,198 farm and home visits, had 4,304 office calls, 2,098 telephone calls, wrote 2,143 letters and sent out 50 different circular letters during the year. 1,201 bulletins were distributed from the office. He conducted 10 tours with 367 percent, and attended 56 meetings with 13,881 present. Due to the increase in work because of the details in the time program for citrus and truck growers, the increase in plantings of improved pastures. The county agent spent 144 days in the office and 157 days in the field.

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CARTEL OF THE RANCHO

CHAPTER XVII—Continued

But only when their fears had proven groundless, when it was evident that not a living soul was within sight or hearing, did Bowie and Carmen realize that a fountain of water close to the place was bubbling with a roar into the air and running like a river over the rocks.

They looked at the church but did not recognize it. It dawned on them that the town was gone. They hurried to the house. Their knocking brought no response. They turned to the door of the church. It was still barred. With the earth shuddering every few moments under their feet, they shouted together, called the names of the two padres and their own names. Slowly and cautiously the church door was unbarred. Padre Martinez opened to them. Every soul—men, women and children—of those at the mission were on their knees, begging supplications up to heaven for help. Carmen, breaking into tears, joined them.

CHAPTER XVII

It was days before Santa Clara Valley recovered from the shock of its mighty earthquake. Gradually news from the neighborhood reached Rancho Guadalupe, and the excitement died when it was learned there had been no human casualties.

The earthquake was past; but Bowie's most troublesome problem still confronted him—the squatters. He resolved to act at once.

"There's nothing to be gained by temporizing—man's hand is lost," he said to Don Ramon energetically. "The quake has demoralized them—couldn't help but do it. Anyway, I'm going after them this morning."

"As you think best, senior. Take care of yourself. I want to be ready to lose the whole battle for the rancho."

Carmen listened to the decision with uneasiness and anxiety, but there seemed no alternative. She, too, only begged Bowie to be careful.

Scouting about among the squatters the day before, Simmie had learned that some half dozen of them, chastened by the fright of the temblor, had decided to seek other regions for their abode. But these were the milder members of the invaders. The hard cases remained.

At daybreak the next morning Bowie took Pardalo, Simmie and Pedro with him. Crossing the river, he directed his men to lead the squatters to come out for a talk. When six of them had straggled from their shacks, Bowie and his men, explained his mission.

"I've called you together for a plain talk, boys," explained Bowie, addressing the six squatters and their following of twice as many scraggly-looking men. "You are claiming land here that does not belong to you. Hold on! Don't all try to talk at once. Wait till I get through and you can stand up. You've squatted here on a rancho without leave from the owner, without asking leave."

"You are killing the rancho cattle about as you please. You claim it's to feed yourselves, you claim that the owner's got more cattle than he needs and you haven't got any. But you've got a word about his cattle that's more than true and sold in Monterey, do you? Not a word about his beef quarters and hides that you've traded for rum and wine. That has happened twice."

"Now, all that's going to stop," said nothing more about old scores; about your trying to burn the mission night before last and your demanding that the Indian women be sent out to you."

"But take notice: You're headed, one and all, to get off Guadalupe Rancho and off the mission lands in twenty-four hours or to stand up around with rifles and shotguns. For tomorrow morning I'll be here to clean this whole mess up. It'll be done. That's my say. Now you talk."

Dead Peterson did talk, and he talked loud and long. "We stand on our rights as boyish settlers and citizens of the United States of America," he shouted finally. "You can't scare us 'n' we don't surrender our homesteads for you or for all the greasers in California. Cap'n Blood'll be here tomorrow, boys. Talk to him if you want to. 'N' if you're looking for a fight you can get one right here now where you're holed around."

"You've had your warning, boys," retorted Bowie evenly; and without further parley he and his companions rode away.

A few days later that night there was a council at the quarters of the Guadalupe vaqueros. Bowie had assembled Pardalo, Simmie, Pedro, Felipe and three of the hardest of the cowboys for a conference. The plan of an attack on the squatters stronghold was discussed. The suggestion of a daylight assault was abandoned since it was almost certain to result in more casualties than would be likely in a night raid. It was no part of Bowie's plan to shoot any squatters, but the rancho

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must be rid of their trespassing and their increasing depredations. No fixed plan was arrived at that night. The men chosen were only to look to their arms, their ammunition, their mounts, and to hunt up a few knots for torches.

At the first light of dawn the rancho was under way. The men were to make two to worry defenders of a post and made no move to leave the rancho until the next day had passed. It was after midnight when he called together his men and rode quietly away for the river.

Carmen had refused to go to her room until he started. She was unnerfed by the situation and the danger, and she stood with him at midnight in the patio until the last moment. Tears glistened in the moonlight as she lifted her face to the stars in prayer when he rode away.

The raiding party made a wide detour in their approach to the squatter quarters. They rode the river well above it and came slowly down through the hills on the south side of the settlement.

The moon was high but the chaparral along the river near the Melena afforded some field cover to the horsemen wound their way through it.

In the distance after the next half hour one man, Bowie, emerged from the shadows, stepped to the ramshackle door of the nearest shack. It was built with a patchwork of boards picked up wherever found and dragged by lariats, behind a horse, to the camp site, with low poles chopped from the Melena swamp had been added, together with strips of canvas, and was picked up from the water front of Monterey.

Bowie knocked with the butt of his pistol on the flimsy door. "Hello! Hello! Hello!" he called.

A second and louder summons brought a tardy and profane response. "Get up," said Bowie sharply. "I want to talk to you."

There was some moving and fumbling about inside with more profane questions.

"We're friends," said Bowie, answering a question, "provided you behave yourself and don't shoot."

"Open it yourself," came the truculent challenge from within. Bowie kicked the door open and sprang to one side. At the same moment a pistol shot rang from within the shack.

"What are you shooting at?" asked Bowie casually. "Why waste your ammunition? There are twenty men out here. If you hit one you'll be shot or hanged in ten minutes. We're going to fix your shack. If you want to stay out now, while you've got a chance."

A tall, gaunt and dirty specimen of the human cutout, dressed in the shabbyest of cowhide trousers, emerged from the interior darkness into the doorway. He was rigid in a loose ragged shirt and loose ragged trousers. He cursed and growled; swore he knew nothing of any summons, had been in Yerba Buena for three days, and ordered the midnight trespasser to get out.

Bowie made no effort to appease him. He repeated bluntly, "Get your belongings out of this shack, or you don't want 'em burned up."

The squatter flew into a rage, apparently a planned one, for he uttered it suddenly by pulling a pistol, hidden under his tattered band where his shirt hung loose, and firing it straight into Bowie's face.

It was not quite fast enough. Bowie knocked the barrel aside and laid the butt of his own pistol heavily across the squatter's head as the man sprang to clinch him. His clamorous threats were silenced by a second man sprang like a cat through the doorway, knife in hand. It was a knife with a long blade. Bowie, taken somewhat by surprise, confessed next day it looked a yard long. He ducked to one side, but the second squatter, a smaller and quicker man, got the knife point into Bowie's left forearm before the latter could escape it. The stab seemed only to enrage the Texas, and the wiry squatter took a fast beating from the pistol while Pardalo and Simmie threw and beat the tall fellow.

"This buck is a whizzer," exclaimed Bowie, turning his smaller captive over to Pedro. "Look for his knife, Pedro. It's here somewhere on the ground. Felipe, see this shack. No matter about the belongings. These fellows don't deserve any consideration. You can make sure there isn't someone drunk and asleep inside."

Felipe took the place, hurried into and out of the empty cabin. The next minute it was empty. The squatters were dragged away and left bound, chaparral to work themselves free.

"Move fast, boys," counseled Bowie as he galloped with his men down the river. "The whole nest will be awake after that shot."

A few minutes later a bullet brought them to the second cabin. It was sounded, searched, found empty, and burned. "Guess none of them were asleep," died," suggested Pardalo. "How's your arm, Henry?"

"Bleeding?"

"Not much."

"Got it tied pretty well."

"Good enough for tonight. Come on."

"There's another shack," said Pardalo suddenly. "Look out!"

A burst of gunfire flashed from the chaparral near the river. Slug whistled through the air. Felipe was hit but not badly. "Charge 'em!" shouted Bowie, and he and his men stepped into the doorway himself. No shot greeted him. "Get a light, boys," said Bowie, shaking the squatter savagely, "who's up to the woods?"

"Must be Don Peterson," said the captain, the squatter mumbled. "Just a thought, Henry—Blood and Peterson," commented Pardalo.

"Get to the horses," exclaimed Bowie. "You've lost your shot! There is in those fellows. Pedro, look after the women. Burn the shack and after we take the shot, it's not much chance to hide. Go!"

The way, with Pardalo and the long-bearded Simmie at Bowie's heels, was across an open meadow that exposed the riders to rifle fire. This was held back until the three men were fair moonlight targets. But the beads were drawn on men leaping from the brush and heading straight at the enemy.

The squatters fired. Blood, who was accounted dead, shot, but the odds that night were against marksmanship from the dark. Pardalo's horse stumbled. His bull with a patchwork of boards picked up wherever found and dragged by lariats, behind a horse, to the camp site, with low poles chopped from the Melena swamp had been added, together with strips of canvas, and was picked up from the water front of Monterey.

Blood and his companion made no stand. Bowie caught sight of the squatter through the trees on the horizon and gave chase to one closest Simmie, more enraged than seriously hurt, took after the other. It chanced that Peterson was Simmie's quarry; Bowie was chasing Blood.

The squatters rode the faster horses; they were more familiar with the country. And their pursuers, not able at every moment to keep their eyes on the chase and dodge among the willows and laurel, found their hands full.

Bowie succeeded in chasing his man out of the timber to a stretch of open country. Both horses, dead, the desperado, spurred of the rider, were about to charge and ride, but both held out till day was breaking.

In the stillness of the early dawn, with Bowie straining every effort to keep his man in sight, the chase, mile after mile, went on. The frenzied rhythm of the horse's hoofs broke the silence ushering in a new day. And when, at last, the offered every possible benefit to the heart of the man, two men found in deadly earnest a field of poppies that turned the golden brown of the cropped grass for miles into a glory of golden bloom.

Texas, with a gasp, saw his man against the distant horizon. No thought of retreating, no thought of mercy, he gave orders to his scouts and vaqueros. "Take no chances here. This man, though he will shoot to kill, don't let him beat you to it. Scatter your work around by the Melena. Don't expose yourselves any more than you have to."

He had hardly spoken when the scream of a woman surprised everyone. It was a scream of pain, a succession of moans, growing fainter.

Bowie's mind worked fast. He passed his rifle to the nearest vaquero. "Spread out and charge 'em, boys. A fight isn't in our only chance," he shouted. "Deater!"

Spreading into a fan, they dashed forward. A second surprise burst came from the stockade. A burst of gunfire. A vaquero was knocked from his saddle; a horse went down. Bowie and his Texas vaqueros galloped through the flimsy stockade to themselves facing five fighting men.

They emptied their pistols, sprang from their saddles and rushed the squatters, who, clubbing their rifles, laid both about them. But they were dealing with men familiar with every trick of frontier fighting, and the knives of the quick-footed Texans turned the tide. One of the squatters went down. Out of two of the men ran for the cabin, and the third, who threw up his hands, was picked them significantly, the Texas pushed them as unwilling slaves toward the shack. A gunshot flashed from the cabin. The squatter hoisted yells to the defenders not to shoot, and, leaping to the shack door, Pedro crashed it in and jumped inside.

There was no further fire from the stockade. Two men, loaded rifles, torches were lighted, and the men followed their leaders inside.

An Indian woman, strapped and gagged, lay on the floor. Pedro cut her bonds. She had been kidnapped from the mission. Two men, who told them, had bound and gagged her when she had tried to escape. They were they? Were they? Bowie tried to learn. He flung open the back door. The moonlight streamed all right into the cabin, as Pardalo showed a screaming squatter into the doorway, a second shot came from the woods.

"Hold on, Ben," protested Bowie, pulling the squatter victim away.

"Do you want to murder the fellow?"

"Just want to see how many there is up there shooting," said Pardalo. "The National Safety Council points out that the holidays are the most dangerous part of the year, replace with safe habits. Keep these 'don'ts' in mind and you'll live to see the new year: DON'T give children dangerous toys, or toys with sharp points. If they operate with electricity, be sure you supervise their use. DON'T decorate the tree with lighted candles unless it's absolutely unavoidable. Carefully wired electric bulbs are much safer. DON'T place the tree near a stove or fireplace. DON'T leave a lighted tree unguarded at any time; you must be on the lookout for fire. DON'T use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree. DON'T place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or other decorations. DON'T overlook the opportunity to make your tree fire-resistant."

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City of New Orleans Likes Its Fireworks In Christmas Season

Christmas without firecrackers just isn't Christmas down in New Orleans.

"If anybody got not got no fireworks 'n' might go," say the Creoles gaily. "The more the fireworks, the better Christmas on the lower side of Canal street."

While other people are shooting off their fireworks on July 4, Orleans is sweeter under intense heat. Outside activities are out of the question.

With today July 4, activities out of the question, it is easy to see why the Creoles, celebrating Christmas, instead of the firing of shotguns, Roman candles and firecrackers. One started, there was a shooting.

Shooting starts several weeks before Christmas, and every night the sound of gunfire is heard. Parents consistently caution their children to save the firecrackers until the twenty-first, because they won't get any more. The boys and girls refuse to believe this prophecy, but feel that Providence will not allow them to go crackers.

Even the almost unbroken string of firecrackers, but the more wealthy boys to the army of others who are not so lucky.

Rebushians are not limited to the young boys, but is shared by the entire family. Boys and girls parade up and down the street at night, making a racket with their trumpets and "instruments" they picked up on the way. They carry torches, then run away with joyful laughter. The sky is lighted up with rockets and firecrackers best constant accompaniment.

The fun begins again the next morning, with greater enthusiasm than ever. Although a boy may have bankrupted himself the day before, firecrackers have been a great deal in price. He must have a new supply because they are cheap.

Now the juveniles grow reckless. They are out of firecrackers as of one fell swoop; those who were once the most careful of boys yesterday are skyrocket today. The night of the night comes on the streets seem to be a scene of confusion and chaos.

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Christmas Week Offers Chance to Predict Weather

Weather prognosticators have found a means of forecasting most of the coming year's weather by looking at the sky during Christmas week. You may not believe them, but here are a few of the varied—and conflicting—statements about Christmas weather:

If it snows on Christmas day, there will be a good crop the following year.

If it will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a woman.

Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow in the winter.

We cannot make damage than frost before than after Christmas. If it snows Christmas night, the hog crop will be good next year.

At Christmas meadows green, at Easter covered with frost. If windy Christmas day, trees will bring much fruit.

Christmas week gives ample opportunity and harvest a fast grayer.

A warm Christmas, a cold Easter. A green Christmas, a white Easter.

Tropical Christmas on the Islands in Hawaii

It's asking a lot to expect people born in temperate latitudes to get ahead up about Christmas in the tropics. But to children on islands in the middle of the Pacific, Christmas is still Christmas! writes the writer from Honolulu in Honolulu.

On the outlying islands in Hawaii, Christmas is carried in its bare bones, and the jungle of pandanus spurs replaces the imagined thicket of Santa's merry sleigh bells. On Christmas eve some lower part of the island is lit up with the tramp of drums, the ringing of bells, the sound of the organ, the singing of songs and the playing of music.

Like ancient modes, which put an everlasting spell upon you, memories of Christmas spent on the island of Hawaii are a part of the life of the people. The writer managed on the slopes of Haleakala, the extinct volcano on the island of Maui, to see the Christmas Eve of the island of Hawaii.

A fair number of persons, representing different races, were seen on the island of Hawaii, participated in them. Americans, Hawaiians, Japanese, Portuguese and their descendants were seen on the island of Hawaii. Each group brought a flavor peculiarly its own to add to the holiday of all birthdays.

Use Flashlight to Test Christmas Tree Bulbs

If you are caring about testing lamps in your Christmas tree, here's an easy way to check for them that are burned out. Remove the regular lamp from a five-cell flashlight. Then screw in the light bulb at a time. While they are not burning, but are tested, the current, they will glow if still good. Burned-out lamps will not glow at all.

Ask Me Another A General Quiz

The Questions

1. What bird is referred to in William Cullen Bryant's poem that ends: "Robert of Lincoln, come back again, chase, chase, cheer?"

2. What did the United States acquire by the Gadsden purchase?

3. Who was the youngest President ever inaugurated in the United States?

4. What history-making document was signed at Runnymede?

5. Where does most of the world's supply of quinine come from?

6. What bird is an emblem of immortality?

7. What is the greatest depth under water that has ever been reached by a diver?

The Answers

1. The bobolink.

2. Part of Arizona and New Mexico (south of the Gila river).

3. Theodore Roosevelt at 42.

4. Magna Charta.

5. Java.

6. The phoenix (mythological).

7. Dr. William Beebe went down 3,025 feet in his bathysphere on August 15, 1934.

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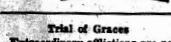
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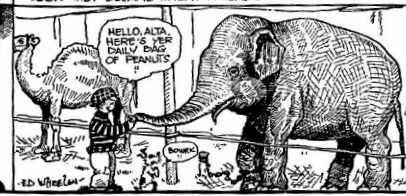
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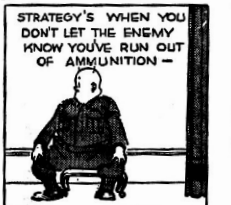
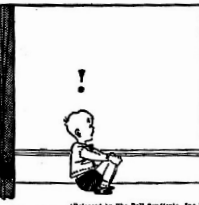
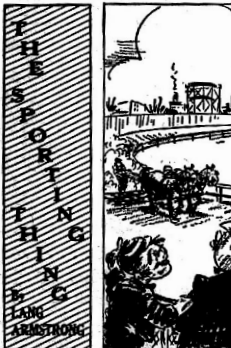
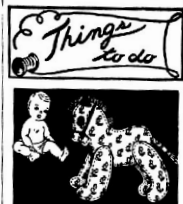
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