

BAPTIST  
CHURCH NEWS

Two service men from the church are home on leave from Watsonville, California. They are Corporal Leo Bedson and Pfc. Cecil Bedson. Holiday greetings to you, soldiers.

Sunday, December 6, will be the Sunday of Sacrifice, in conjunction with the Northern Baptist World Emergency Effort.

Communion will be held at the evening service.

A Harvest Dinner was held on Wednesday, December 2, with singing, games and fellowship following.

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The Women's Mission Union met on Thursday, December 3, with White Cross in the morning, luncheon at noon and a regular meeting in the afternoon. Mrs. J. S. Coulter was the speaker, her subject being "India."

Lil' Abner says—



Gawd! There ain't much time before New Year's—and we gotta sign up for War Bonds with 10% of our pay by that time!

11 Indian Province.  
British India is divided into 11 provinces, which since 1937 have enjoyed self-government with virtually the same powers as those enjoyed by states of the U.S.A. In each province an Indian prime minister and cabinet administer finance, law, education, health, agriculture, and similar matters, and are responsible to an Indian legislature, representing an Indian electorate.

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A TOPICAL TUNE BY GREENE and REVEL - Produced by HOWARD BENNETT. Directed by FRANK  
EVANS and WILLIAM HAMILTON. Original screen play by Frank Ryan and William Hamilton.

TUES, WED, THURS.

THIS WEEK  
AT YOUR LIBRARY

HOURS:  
Wednesday—11:30 a. m. to  
1:30 p. m.—3:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m.  
Saturday—2:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

No Other Road to Freedom—Leland Stowe. At outbreak of war in 1939, Leland Stowe was a convinced isolationist. Within a short time he was covering the Finnish campaign. There he saw that small unified nation defying and holding off for months of the bitterest winter fighting the massed strength of the Russians.

He arrived in Norway just in time to see the Nazi Trojan Horse at work, his reports on this, telling the world for the first time what was really happening, were sensational. He saw the Russians stand idly by while their politicians plundered the country and prepared it for the Nazi lords.

Stowe was an eye-witness to the valiant stand the Greeks took against the Italian blackshirts. It was then he came home to tell his countrymen what he saw and what it meant to him and to them. One of the most "easy to read" and interesting books written in the early years of the war.

Stambout Round the Bend—Ben Lucien Burman. For those having read Ben Burman's "Blow for a Landing" you will enjoy in this book another story of the Mississippi River and its people. It is laid against the picturesque background of the bayous and lazy rivers of the South.

It is particularly the story of Doctor Jim who lives on a shanty boat and who ministers to sick folk with little Flower Pills, and of Miss Robbie who paints China and dresses in the fashions of a by-gone day, of Fleetly Belle and Jim's nephew, Duke, caught in the toils of the law.

Mr. Burman knows the strange life of lower Mississippi, the bayou country, the shanty-boat people—and he writes about it naturally, vividly and convincingly. Filled with racy anecdotes and picturesque scenes, Stambout Round the Bend is an unusually delightful book.

The Middle Button—Kathryn Worth. The heroine of this story is alive today and the aunt of the author, which makes it all the more interesting. A story primarily for young people of high school age but good reading for adults as well. From the time she was thirteen Maggie McArn, the middle daughter of the eleven McArns, said she was going to be a doctor.

But in North Carolina, in 1880's it wasn't considered proper for young ladies to work except as teachers.

It was stern Uncle Malcolm who promised to give her the money for her medical training, provided she could learn to control her temper and earn the first hundred dollars herself. And it was Dr. Angus who gave Maggie the opportunity to earn most of that money as she went the rounds of the countryside with him nursing all sorts of people.

Whether Maggie's or her family's plan for her future wins out makes this an absorbing story of a girl of the 1880's who faced problems as absorbing as those of girls today.

Strictly Personal—W. Somerset Maugham. Strictly Personal deals with the events of a few months and with those events only as they affect the narrator. It begins in the village of Cape Ferrat, at the Villa Mauresque, the author's home overlooking the Mediterranean, and ends at La Guardia Airport. Between these two points lies a defined period of life, filled with events, some sensational, some unique, some tragic, some at times all three. There is perilous adventure, in the long voyage of a broken-down, over-crowded collier, that might have been Conrad's; there is the story of the passengers fleeing residents of the Riviera rather than Chinese coolies. There is brilliant reporting in Maugham's description of the crumbling of the French spirit. There is sound prophecy in his analysis of what post-war England will be like. In his book The Summing Up this may well become one of Maugham's most influential books.

Items of Interest to  
WOMEN

## Victory Special—Hot or Cold



MORNING, noon and night: halved as is or broiled in the oven for a hot first or last course, grapefruit is Florida's gift for Fall and Winter menus and a Victory Special with tanginess December 2, 1942. A Victory Special is a food in season and abundant, both a patriotic and common-sense buy, to get your Vitamin C in grapefruit for day-long first and last courses, your grocer is featuring Florida's new crop now for uses like these:

HOW TO HAVE HALF GRAPEFRUIT  
Cut Florida grapefruit into halves crosswise. To make center cavity, remove core with sharp knife or snip out with scissors. Loosen sections by cutting around each individual section with sharp knife, along membrane and skin.

Variations  
Appetizer: For tangy first course, place small wedges of ripe olives outlining the edges of the grapefruit sections. Four or five small tablespoons of French dressing, allow to soak into grapefruit.

## THE GARDEN PATH

There is one flower that not many people grow and yet it is one of the most beautiful and the showiest that there is. That is the amaryllis. It doesn't require a great deal of care and the same bulb will flourish for a good many years, besides sending up new ones.

Now is the time to pot them if they are to bloom the first year. Choose a pot that will leave a margin of an inch or an inch and a half all the way around the bulb. The bulb should literally sit on top of the pot with only the lower part covered. Be sure there is good drainage at the bottom in the form of pebbles or broken pots. The soil should be neutral and pour in on the acid side, put in a little ground limestone. Well rotted cow manure is splendid for furnishing both fertility and humus. The proportions are, one part manure, one part garden soil and one part sand.

Water the newly potted amaryllis in a moderate light in a warm room. After that water very little until growth starts. A bud, which may or may not be accompanied by leaves, usually appears at some time during January, February or March. As growth advances, water more often. During this stage place it in a south or west window in a warm room, where it can get some sunlight. Keep turning the pot so the plant grows straight, as it has a tendency to lean toward the light.

Water freely while the plant is blooming. Sometimes a second and in rare cases a third flower stalk will come from the bulb. As soon as the flower has faded the stalk may be cut off or allowed to ripen into seed as you wish.

These are a widespread but wrong belief that after flowering the plant should be allowed to dry off. This has caused more failures to bloom than anything else. After flowering it should be kept watered and growing, because it is at this time that the foliage grows and the bulb for the next year is formed in the bulb. In the spring, after all danger of frost has passed, sink the pot to its rim in the ground, in a half shady and protected spot, where the wind will not whip the long leaf blades and break them. Encourage luxuriant growth by occasional feedings and generous waterings.

Fall is the proper season for drying off and as it approaches withhold water. Before a heavy frost lift the pot and bring into a warm basement. In many cases the leaves will soon turn yellow and die away. If this is the case, keep in a subdued light in a place safe from freezing. Keep it dry but not bone dry as that would cause loss to the fleshy roots. But if your amaryllis shows a tendency to hold its leaves, even though it doesn't appear to grow, keep it in a basement window and water just enough to prevent the leaves from withering.

A two or three months rest will put the bulb in good shape for another year. Bring into a warm, light window water it and soon the plump bud will appear.

Every three or four years is enough, enough to repot your amaryllis, but it is good practice to scrape off a little top soil each year and add fresh. Also offsets may be removed and potted separately. All these operations are best done during the winter rest period just before the bulb is brought out for flowering.

A WORD  
TO THE WIVES

Hello there—at last it's here—that awful gas rationing! We have probably all complained, grumbled and kicked about it and its gotten us nowhere. So the next best thing to do is to take it in our stride and make what adjustments are necessary to meet the inconvenience.

There is only one person I know of that isn't perturbed by this. That is a dentist whose office is a short distance from his home—some people seem to get all the breaks. Driving has become a great American habit and like most habits, it's going to be hard to break. I once read the suggestion that we make the car hard to get, you know leave it several blocks from home. Then another way would be to have friend hubby take off a wheel or disconnect some of the wires. That way we'd either have to walk or take up a Motor Corp.

Beauty counselors and health experts for many years have been

telling us to walk for health's sake, beauty's sake or for good, neat sake—but we ignore them. Now the government is telling us to walk and for our own sake we had better not ignore it. So our next best choice is to start walking and for many it will mean learning to walk. It will take a while to get that "car curve" out of your leg, but with a little determination, it can be done.

Get a good comfortable pair of shoes and it's easier if the soles are heavy. Dress warmly, but not so as to restrict the free movements of hips and legs. All right—let's go. Feet straight, head high, shoulders back and stomach muscles tight. Some authorities recommend tipping the pelvic bone up and forward. To some that position might be comfortable—to me it isn't. Swing from the hips and keep the knees flexible. Take easy strides and after walking the same route time after time, as some have to, try counting or say left, right, left, right and keep in step, or hum a tune and keep in time with that. If we keep in rhythm it's a lot more fun. If you have a choice, go different ways to and from the place you're going, watch for new things, new views and sounds. Lots of people like for the sheer love of it and it will only do a little adjusting in that one track mind of ours—we might learn to like it too.

Here's a few tips on learning to ride a bicycle. If a young son or daughter will let you use theirs, I am NOT speaking from experience—of course I have only tried to ride twice, but I can't seem to steer, balance and pedal all at the same time. But the biggest trouble was, that my teachers were worn out before I was. Here are the recommendations of Cy Panitch of the Bicycle Club of America:

1—Sit straight on the saddle.  
2—Relax.  
3—Don't look in back of you, nor on your front wheel.  
4—Keep your eyes forward at least 10 feet beyond the front wheel.  
5—Pedal evenly, neither too slowly or too fast.  
6—Pedal with the balls of your feet firmly on the pedals.  
7—in casting, see that the pedals are in horizontal position to give leverage to apply the coaster brake easily.  
8—Don't grip handlebars too tightly.  
9—Keep wrists relaxed.

Everytime you put your foot on the ground, play your stepping on Hitler's face and if that doesn't make you mad, I don't know what will. Bye now.

## WEEKLY THOUGHT

"When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, When the road you're treading seems all uphill, When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you must—but never quit!"

## THIS AND THAT—

Thank you, Reverend Schultz.

Sure is a job trying to get clothes dry these winter days, when you have no basement, and a small service room.

With none of the suet trimmed off the cuts of meat now, here is what I'm doing. Save the suet you cut off and eventually I got enough in one trimming you will have enough to make a Suet Pudding.

At what age do little girls stop that awful giggling?

It's a problem trying to decide whether to make this a practical Christmas or have one more frivolous—not knowing what next year may bring.

Did you attend the new gym class for ladies last Monday evening? Makes you feel like a girl again.

Been quite a few years since we had this much snow before Christmas. Wonder what that means?

I wonder if it dates you very much when you say, "in those days"? I hope not.

Tian't often I run out of things to say, but I can't think of another "This and That."

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