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You can't vote often, but you can do it early.

All kinds of plants are good in their way, says a sentimental neighbor, but when in doubt, plant flowers.

Year by year adds to the number of men who have never seen an old rail fence.

In view of the experiments in rainmaking, it may not be many presidential elections before a candidate promises to regulate the weather to suit the farmers.

Two civic duties are assigned to every citizen this week. The first is, Vote Tomorrow. Second, declare war on rubbish and dirt by joining the Clean Up Drive.

If the makers of the Constitution had been unwise enough to include the old Polish rule that legislation could be defeated by a single objection, what hope would there be of ever getting anything through Congress?

America's real wealth is her men, women and children. Unhindered by illness, they can produce material wealth beyond comprehension. To protect their health, cities must be clean. Help remove the trash piles and disease breeding places.

There's that man again, meaning John L. Lewis, who has notified the coal operators that negotiations must begin on a new contract for the miners. If it keeps on, coal is going to be as expensive to mine as gold. The present agreement between the operators and miners expires June 30 and John L. wants the confabs on a new contract to begin May 18.

If Senator Jenner is nominated and elected governor, Indiana will see one of the biggest political machines ever set up in the state house. Those ardent friends of the junior senator who are "calling him back home in Indiana," have a purpose in view and woe be to the people, once the palace guard boys take over.

## The Human Brain Like a Radio Station

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.  
FEW of us realize it, but we all have our own private radio broadcasting stations. The brain—station YOU—is constantly sending out waves of electrical energy in very much the same way that a broadcasting station transmits sound waves.

Just as your radio set at home can pick up broadcasts, so we now have an instrument, called the electro-encephalograph, which can record the waves from the human brain and make a tracing of them. This has been found extremely helpful in establishing the correct diagnosis of certain mental and nervous disturbances. Of course, it requires expert knowledge to interpret these tracings after they have been made.

In making the tracing, the patient either lies or sits relaxed, with the eyes closed. Drowsiness must be avoided since sleep produces changes in the waves which may be difficult to distinguish from those produced by abnormal conditions.

The patient should breathe briskly and deeply for about three minutes, since this will help to bring out any abnormalities in the brain waves. However, the use of such drugs as sedatives or quieting preparations may mask abnormal waves.

It has been found that abnormal waves will occur in about nine out of ten persons who are suffering from epilepsy, a condition in which there is loss of consciousness, sometimes accompanied by convulsions or spasms.

Clean alleys, void of trash piles and tin cans, bespeak good house-keeping practices for every community. Decatur is such a place and with a little cooperation this week, citizens can make the old town sparkle. Please see that the city truck drivers pick up the rubbish in your neighborhood.

Next to the local primary results, the outcome of the Republican presidential preference election in Ohio, holds greatest interest. Senator Taft will get his answer from his own people and that should show where Stassen rates in the Buckeye state.

Cornelia Otis Skinner, the actress and author, says that in order to protect the nation against the "virus of prejudice," children should be inoculated against it at an early age. Love and understanding, she suggests, are to be used to guard the mind against intolerance. Children are born without prejudice. They are aware of a difference in the appearance of light skins and dark skins, but they attach no importance to it. They know nothing of prejudice until thoughts of it are planted in their minds by others around them.

## First 100 Years:

The doubtful benefit of a life of 150 years or more is likely to be conferred upon man by modern science, according to Dr. A. C. Ivy, physiologist at the University of Illinois.

Longevity is at present increasing, owing in part to increased medical knowledge and in part to more hygienic living habits. Psychological factors also enter into the picture, freedom from worry being considered important by the experts. It is not hard work that shortens life so much as fussing about it. Ambition for achievement is a help toward keeping young, and early retirement leading to idleness is definitely an aging factor. The hereditary influence is strong, but may be overcome by proper living conditions and the right frame of mind.

Many changes would have to be made, however, in the present social structure if a life span of 150 years became common. The population would soon begin to seem top-heavy, and the young would grow discouraged waiting for top executive positions to be vacated. The world would have to grow better in many ways before most men and women would care to stay around for 150 years.

"When your town and home are clean . . .  
Your health is good, your mind serene."



**UNDERPAID TEACHERS** will envy Mrs. Betty Wilkes, 20-year-old pupil-less teacher at Spurzem school near Loretto, Minn., who "works" hardly five minutes a day and is paid \$185 a month. (Look, there she is, working!) The school lost its last two pupils in October, but Mrs. Wilkes' contract holds, and by keeping the school open the school board avoids liability for transporting pupils to another district and paying tuition. The law only requires Mrs. Wilkes to unlock and lock the door each school day. Note the "orange crate" seats in the foreground. (International Soundphoto)

## Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it correct for a woman to rise when being introduced, or should she remain seated?

A. If she is the hostess she should rise, whether being introduced to a man or woman; also, if the other person is elderly or distinguished. Otherwise, it is not necessary.

Q. How long before the wedding should the invitation be sent out?

A. Not later than fifteen days and not earlier than four weeks before the date set for the wedding.

Q. Is the abbreviation R. S. V. P. correctly written in capital letters?

A. Only the first letter of the abbreviation is capitalized.

## Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE

Tired Eyes

To relieve eyes that are tired from close work, try bathing them in hot Epsom salt solution before retiring. Dissolve a half-teaspoon

of Epsom salts in a cup of hot water and apply pads dipped into this solution, just as hot as can be borne. Repeat several times and the strained feeling will disappear.

Platinum Rings

Here's a cleaning hint for platinum rings only. Put some diluted laundry bleach into a glass and drop the ring into it for about a half hour. It will be clean when you take it out.

Pudding Molds

When it is difficult to remove pudding from the molds, dip a cloth in hot water, wring it out, wrap the cloth around the mold, turn it upside down, and see how easily the contents come out.

## 20 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 3—Class of 47 will make first communion at St. Mary's church Sunday.

Al Smith wins delegates of California, carrying all but four counties.

It was 83 above in Chicago today, warmest May 3 in 15 years.

Central school gives play "Daddy Boy" at the high school auditorium.

Chaucer Lautzenhizer, state accountant, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation in Decatur and Blue Creek township.

## Ohio's Primary Is Hottest In Nation

### Two Southern States Also Vote Tuesday

Washington, May 3.—(UP)—Three states put on this week's big political shows starring Sen. Robert A. Taft, Harold E. Stassen and President Truman.

Taft and Stassen are opposed in Ohio's angry Republican presidential preference primary. In Alabama's Democratic primary Mr. Truman seems to be opposed by just about everybody taking part. In Florida's Democratic primary Mr. Truman has a lot of opposition but not quite so much as in Alabama. The three primaries take place tomorrow.

For Alabama's 26 seats in the Democratic national convention there are 84 candidates. Of these, 28 have stated publicly they will bolt the convention if the candidate and platform are not satisfactory; 35 have said they would not walk out of the convention and 21 are uncommitted. Twenty-four candidates for the convention have announced they favored nomination of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for president.

Alabama also will choose tomorrow the 11 persons who will cast the states votes in the electoral college. Nine of the candidates for elector have announced for Eisenhower. All candidates for delegate to the convention or for elector are against Mr. Truman. A dispatch from Birmingham states that the contest in Alabama has been to determine "who is against him the most."

Ohio's primary is the year's hottest. Stassen bucked the unwritten rules when he invaded the home state of favorite son candidate Taft. Taft has entered a full slate of 50 delegate candidates. Stassen entered 22 in 11 congressional districts and one delegate at large for a total of 23. He claims he will win a majority—12 or more—of the Ohio contests. If so, Taft's prestige will be desperately damaged. Stassen will gain accordingly but every advance he has made since his primary successes in Wisconsin, Nebraska and Pennsylvania has added to pressure for a well organized stop-Stassen movement.

## FOR LOVE'S SAKE ONLY

by MARGARET NICHOLS

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CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN  
NO ONE came that day or the next. Tracy's friends, her audience, had come out of curiosity and sympathy, then suddenly they ceased to come. The phone became silent, too. Everyone had called, everyone had sent flowers. Everyone had said, "How perfectly dreadful! You must be brave, darling!"

Day after day Kit saw Tracy's restless eyes search the road for the sight of a car to see only emptiness. Tracy sat thinking her friends had many more amusing places to go, many more amusing people to see. There were trains to the far north and trains to the ranches out west. There were house parties and yachting parties. There were new people in the spotlight and in the news. "Poor Tracy," Kit could hear them say. "She'll never get over it, you know. Of course, after a bit she'll be able to do most of the things she's always done but I'm afraid she'll never be quite as amusing or entertaining as much. She'll have to be careful of herself and it's likely to do things to her personality. Too bad. She was really awfully amusing and so rich, you know, and her parties were grand."

Poor Tracy Field isolated in her beautiful white house in the country. Tracy, rich and alive and being quickly forgotten by the scores of people who had praised her to be in her favor.

Kit felt her own back stiffen, felt, too, an overwhelming sympathy for Tracy who would abhor sympathy. Tracy walked about the house and garden as if she were in a cage. She slept badly. Tracy Field who had everything suddenly had nothing.

Kit still came though not as frequently as he had in the past. To Kit it seemed that he selected the time to come when she was either in her room or in New York on errands. For when she returned from New York, Tracy always said, her face more animated, her eyes quieter, that Kit had been there. Once she said, "He's working hard on the survey to get it finished in time," and Kit was painfully reminded again of the scene by the stream when she had acted badly. Sometimes Tracy said, "Kit was over and we played some tennis. A good stiff game."

One day late in the afternoon Kit found Tracy alone in the garden.

"Looking for me? I haven't run away. Sit down." Tracy took a deep breath. "I've—I've got to get

something to do. This idleness is driving me crazy. Do you think I could learn how to knit? The sweater I make with my own little hands should be exhibited." She looked at Kit almost apologetically. "You think I'm horrible, don't you?"

Kit said carefully, "There are so many people less fortunate than you. And Dr. Fenhagen said the other day that in a short time you'll be able to do almost all of the things you used to do."

"Sweet of him, wasn't it?"

Kit said, "I'll go into New York tomorrow and get some knitting things."

"Get some for yourself, too. But a race to the finish wouldn't be quite fair, you know. I'm only a beginner."

Kit smiled. "I came out to tell you that I was talking to Mac this morning. She said she wondered if you'd like to see her granddaughter."

"Granddaughter?" Tracy laughed. "I didn't know Mac had any children."

"She has a son and daughter. The son is studying to be a doctor and her daughter is married and has a baby seven months old. She's very proud of her first grandchild."

"Mac with children and grandchildren. If I ever knew of them, I'd forgotten. She never talked about them."

Kit said, "I don't suppose it does occur to people that their servants have private lives."

Tracy laughed again. "Modest Mac! A grandmother! She talks to you but not to me! Why, of course, tell her to bring the baby out. I'll send Cecil in for them. I haven't seen a baby since . . . Well, I can't remember the last time. My friends have them but nobody ever sees them." She rewound in her mouth and added, "My friends, my very good friends with short memories."

Gibson, the butler, interrupted with a message for Kit. Mike was back in New York and wanted her to come in and have dinner with him.

Kit had difficulty in finding Mike among the innumerable people waiting in the lobby of a certain hotel. For Mike was incredibly well groomed and wearing a new gray suit. His face was pink and smooth, his eyes rested, his hair smoothly brushed back.

He grinned familiarly. "You may look but you may not touch. It's an apparition. It might go away. I have a—dope for you."

Kit. Let's go some place where we can talk."

They went to a quiet lounge. "Sorry to keep you in suspense so long," he said. "But first, how is Tracy coming?"

"Physically, she's doing well. Mentally she . . ."

He nodded. "That's to be expected at first."

"People have stopped coming up to see her."

"That's to be expected, too."

"It isn't nice to see, Mike."

He looked at her. "It's swell of you to talk about Tracy with this other thing on your mind."



**PRIVATE DETECTIVES** Harvey B. Kennedy (left) and Sam Henderson are shown in a Detroit police station after they had been taken into custody in connection with the recent shooting of Walter Reuther. The latter, head of the auto workers union, was killed by shotgun slugs in his home. He is now recuperating in a hospital. (International Soundphoto)

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Sincerely,  
Mrs. Myrtle Kane  
Carl Shaffer,  
Shaffer children.

**Apple Day Perpetuated**  
Salem, Ore. (UP)—A Washington's Birthday tradition in Salem's late mayor, Joseph Wartz, was observed for the time this year. Mayor Wartz started in 1939, giving each child in town a red apple on 22. His daughter, Mrs. G. Delnick, has carried on the since his death in 1946.

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