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The gallantry of Americans is shown toward their V. P.

Many a football game has been won from the kick-off when a player caught the ball and ran for a touchdown.

The person known as courageous is usually the one who has learned that it is simpler to face trouble than to turn away from it.

United Air Lines has asked federal authority for a special fare for commuters between Hawaii and the West Coast. The shrinkage of the world has gone further than we thought.

There's one thing about Admiral Denfeld's case—everyone is saying what he or she thinks, in loud and definite terms, and the chips are flying where they may. And no one is being left off to be shot at sunrise or to prison camp or to any punishment whatever for saying what he thinks where the world may hear. This doesn't happen, they tell us, in Soviet or satellite countries. There are a many values left yet in democratic processes.

It is hoped that settlement of the strike at Bethlehem Steel presages similar favorable action in other steel mills in the country. Management and labor finally agreed on a pension plan, in addition to Social Security benefits and the stage is set for resumption of operations in the nation's second largest steel plant. Approximately 80,000 workers are employed at Bethlehem, out of a total of 500,000 who have been idle throughout the industry since the strike was called a month ago.

The Pennsylvania railroad lost money during the last quarter and other railroads have reported operating losses for the year. The automobile companies are turning out the greatest number of cars ever produced in one year and profits are accordingly. The mode of transportation seems to be heavily one-sided in favor of autos, but what will the nation do if the railroads become bankrupt? Are we entering the era that will lead to government ownership of the roads?

## Emotional Strain May Cause Cardiospasm

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.  
A CIRCULAR and very powerful muscle, known as the cardiac sphincter, connects the esophagus and the stomach and at the same time serves to close the upper entrance to the stomach except when food is being swallowed. Sometimes this muscle becomes over-tense to create the disorder known as cardiospasm. Occurring most often in people between the ages of 30 and 50, it often follows some type of emotional strain. As a result of the spasms of the muscle, there may be a narrowing of the opening through the lower end of the esophagus. Food lodges above this narrow part and the esophagus gradually enlarges, thickens, and lengthens. Symptoms of cardiospasm consist in difficult swallowing, the vomiting of food, and pain underneath the lower part of the breast bone. During excitement or periods of depression, the spasm is most severe. The lack of food results in loss of weight and anemia, or lessening of the coloring in the blood. Eventually, there is severe malnutrition.

X-ray examination is important in making a diagnosis. The X-ray will show the narrowing of the lower end of the esophagus and the lengthening and swelling of the part of the tube just above this narrow portion.

Politicians and some legislators have thrown out the word "statism" as something hideous, and it may have that implication, but according to the Gallup Poll only ten per cent of the people know its meaning. We doubt if the word applies to our government status. It probably better fits a feudal system of government and Washington apparently is leaning to the directly opposite, being more responsive to the masses. And Lincoln said "government by the people."

Thursday will be "Community Night" at the Moose Home when the kick-off is made for the Community Center campaign. Volunteer workers will hear talks by Dale W. McMillen, Sr., and John E. Estabrook, enthusiasts for the proposed Decatur Center and music will be furnished by the famous Aeolian Choir of the Decatur General Electric Company. It will be a civic gathering, the like of which has never before been held here and upon which depends much of the success in the campaign to raise \$275,000, including the gift from Central Soya Company for Decatur's Community Center.

It happens sometimes that a thief or other criminal is quickly caught, or perhaps his crime foiled altogether, because an alert passerby noticed something wrong and notified police. But this does not happen nearly so often as logically it ought to happen. Many persons hesitate to give this kind of help to the police, through timidity, fear of making themselves appear foolish, or reluctance to become involved in the troubles of other people. Police officials would rather be called unnecessarily than be called too late when needed. And citizens could make their own communities safer and better by being more generally ready to give the police a quick tip or a helpful word when trouble appears.

## Defense Saving:

The unification of the armed forces is already saving the taxpayer money. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, head of the defense management committee has already eliminated waste in defense operations to the amount of \$78,000,000. Further economies may amount to \$350,000,000 and perhaps as much as \$930,000,000.

Where does the saving come from? By reducing the number of motor vehicles used by the armed services, \$20,000,000 annually has been saved. Office staffs have been cut. Laundries, printing plants and libraries, hitherto operated in triplicate by the three separate services of the defense forces, have been consolidated. By transferring 2,136 chauffeurs and 1,060 recruiting officers to other departments, another \$10,000,000 economy has been made. These savings should soon be noticed in the military budget.

Other conditions which may be mistaken for cardiospasm include ulcer of the stomach and tumor growths.

In the beginning, this condition may be benefited by giving drugs, such as oxylintrite, which relax the spasm. The patient should have a bland, nutritious diet without much bulk. The narrowing may be stretched by using a rubber bag which is passed into the esophagus and inflated with water. If this treatment does not bring relief and cannot be satisfactorily carried out, it is suggested that an operation be performed to overcome the difficulty. Prior to operation, the patient is put on a fluid diet for a few days and the esophagus washed out with a weak baking soda solution. A tube is then passed into the stomach and the stomach contents drawn out. This tube is left in place until a day or two after the operation. Following the operation, the esophagus will usually return to its normal size, although, if the deformity has been present for a long time, it may not.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A Reader: What would cause a continual ache in the throat?  
Answer: This may be due to a spasm of the throat's muscles. It might also be the result of some infection in the tonsils.

## ANOTHER FLOP IN THE KLONDIKE



## 20 YEARS AGO TODAY

Nov. 2—County treasurer Ed Ashbacher receives an envelope containing \$11, and marked "for taxes" but with no name signed.

President Hoover and congress are deadlocked on the G.O.P. high tariff measure.

Mrs. Henry Gunset of Fort Wayne is seriously ill with erysipelas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ehinger go to New Lexington, Ohio, to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blair over Sunday.

Mrs. Dick Heller and son, Dick, Jr., are visiting in Rensselaer.

Miss Helen Haubold, student at I. U., is home for the weekend.

Yellow Jackets football team defeats Garrett, 26 to 6.

## Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE

### Parsley

If parsley becomes too wilted for attractive use, place it in iced water for an hour. Shake thoroughly and put in a glass jar; cover with a thin cloth and place in the refrigerator. This will revive it.

### Repairing Plaster

It is easier to repair cracks in plaster if the plaster does not harden too rapidly, and this can be effected by mixing the plaster with vinegar, instead of water.

### Parchment Shades

Parchment shades can be cleaned very nicely with wall paper cleaner. They may also be sponged with a cloth moistened in soapy water.

## Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it obligatory for a bride to entertain those friends who have given her wedding gifts?

A. It is not exactly obligatory, but surely a bride would wish to entertain all her friends. At any rate, she must write those sincere "thank you" notes for the gifts received.

Q. Is it ever proper for a hostess at dinner to call attention to the fact that one of her guests is eating very little?

A. No, as it may be that the guest is not feeling well. It would be better to say nothing unless the guest mentions it.

Q. What amount does the ten percent tipping system refer to when settling for a meal?

A. When the bill amounts to \$2.50 or more. If the bill is only fifty or seventy-five cents, the size of the tip is optional.

## 'Cooks' Corner

By MARY R. SMITH

### Harvest Favorite — Pumpkin Pie

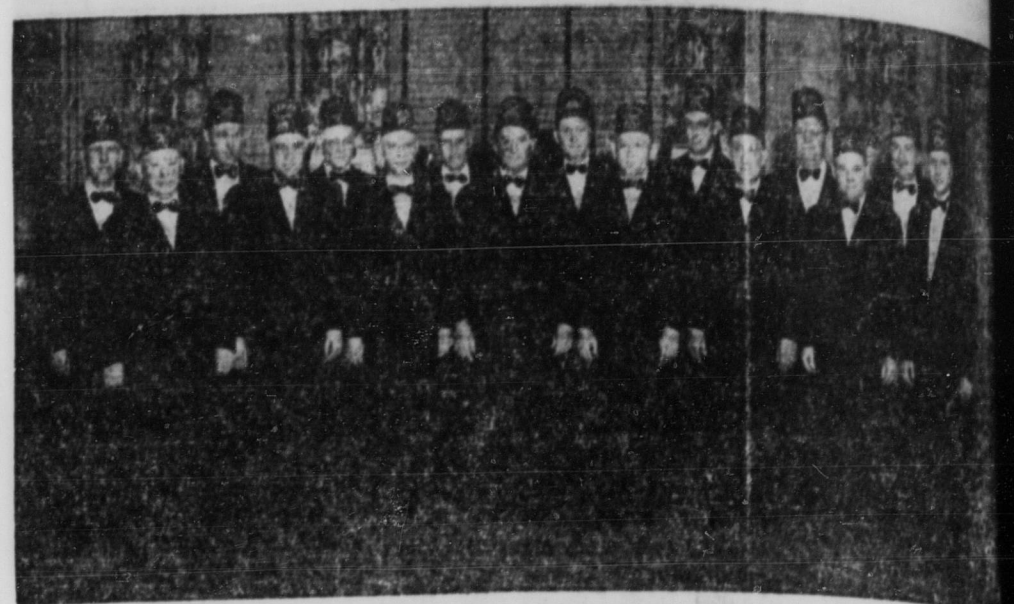
Pumpkin pie ranks high among pie connoisseurs. It goes with frosty, harvest weather like lemonade goes with summer. Whether you choose the modern chiffon type or the kind grandmother always makes, you'll find it the season favorite.

### Grandmother's Pumpkin Pie

1 1/2 cup pumpkin  
1 1/2 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ginger  
1 tablespoon cocoa  
1 tablespoon flour  
2 eggs  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup milk

Combine the ingredients and fill a pastry-lined 9-inch pie pan. Bake in a hot oven (450° F.) 15 minutes to set filling. Reduce temperature to 375° F. and bake until firm or until a steel knife comes out clean when

## On Shrine Program



The Mizpah Temple chanters, under the direction of Les'er Hostetter, and recognized as one of the finest singing groups in the country, will appear on the Shrine night program in the Decatur high school Friday evening. There will be no admission charge and the entertainment is free to the public. The Erwin, a past potentate of Mizpah Temple, is the president of the chanters' organization.

## Truman Speaks In St. Paul Thursday

### Mark Anniversary Of Successful Election

Washington, Nov. 2 — (UP) — President Truman leaves today on the first extensive train trip he has made since the political campaign last fall.

Mr. Truman will speak tomorrow night in St. Paul, climaxing a Minnesota centennial celebration, and particularly Truman day, set aside to honor him on the anniversary of his successful election victory.

The chief executive was scheduled to leave here aboard a special train at 2:30 p. m. (1:30 p. m. CST.)

The decision of the president to travel by rail instead of air was made long before yesterday's plane disaster at national airport.

Presidential trips in the fall or spring, when sudden weather changes can be expected, are normally scheduled by train. Otherwise, the president would run the risk of failing to keep a date because the destination field was "weathered in."

According to the president's aides, he plans no rear platform speeches but might make hand-waving appearances at any service stops where crowds gather.

The train was scheduled to stop briefly in Savannah, Ill., where Illinois Democratic leaders will greet the president.

The president will speak at the St. Paul auditorium tomorrow at 9:30 p. m. CST. His remarks will be carried nationally by the Columbia broadcasting system.

## Knights Of Columbus Breakfast At K. C.

The Knights of Columbus breakfast Sunday morning following the memorial high mass at St. Mary's church will be served at the K. of C. hall, James Loise, chairman, announced today.

It was erroneously stated in yesterday's paper that the breakfast would be served at the Catholic school.

The Leduc and Red Water oil field within a 20-mile radius of Edmonton, Alta., is rated as one of the largest on the North American continent.

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