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Have you purchased your tickets for the three nights of the Berne pageant, August 19th, 21st and 23rd? They are going fast and we assure you it will be a worth while event.

Reports show an increase of cattle through the midwest 20% higher than a year ago which ought to soon bring about cheaper steaks for those who get hungry about the time frost appears on the pumpkins.

Go to church tomorrow and give earnest prayers that the wars throughout the world may soon cease, that future wars may be averted that the people everywhere may have the opportunities to live in peace and happiness.

Don't complain too much about the summer weather. It will be over before you know it. Do you realize its only six weeks until school and court activity resumes and that about that time the candidates will be calling you to help them save the nation?

Those Korean dock workers at Pusan who struck demanding higher pay than the four cents per day they are receiving seem to be within their rights. We don't understand how they can live up that and we can't understand how we have the nerve to expect them to.

Only a few more days until the Free Adams county Fair opens and we know you are going to enjoy it if you take advantage of your opportunity. Visit it as many times as you can and enjoy the midway, the exhibits, the free acts and the meeting of many people you have wanted to see for a long time. Let's make it the annual reunion.

No city today is without its problems—of finding adequate parking space, of building enough schools to house the increased enrollments, of enlarging the sewer system, of contending with pollution of water and of finding the money to carry out all these necessary improvements. But such problems are pale by comparison with that of historic Venice in Italy which is in danger of being swallowed up by the sea from which it was born. The Mayor of Venice has directed an urgent appeal to the Italian Parliament for aid to combat the erosion which is chopping away the island foundations of Venice. Unless his appeal meets with a generous response, the beauty of Venice may indeed become a vanished dream.

Cancer and the Menopause

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.
NO disease gives rise to as many misconceptions and fears as cancer. Many times, these fears are needless and over-exaggerated. A great number of women, especially, have a tendency to become overly conscious and fearful of cancer. On the other hand, many women are not as aware as they should be of the symptoms that may or may not be cancer.

Warning Symptoms
One of the most frequent types of cancer in women is cancer of the womb. There are many symptoms that may warn of this.

One of the commonest symptoms during the menopause, or change of life, is heavy, prolonged bleeding between periods. Some women believe this is not especially important and will correct itself.

It is true that this type of bleeding is most often due to change of life and not to cancer. However, it is always difficult to diagnose the exact cause without an adequate physical examination.

Careful Examination
Any woman with abnormal bleeding at the menopause should have a careful examination by

Congratulations to Robert M. Critchfield, president of the Ball State Teachers college and the past year assistant manager of the Allison plant of General Motors at Indianapolis, has been named general manager of the Pontiac division of GMC. A wonderful fellow and rated one of the best business men in the great corporation, Bob has moved steadily along, making good at every job assigned him. He is a graduate of Ohio State and was for many years connected with the Anderson division of General Motors. It probably means his transfer to Michigan and many will regret his leaving the Ball college board, where his advice has been sound and always wise.

The Mississippi Democratic state convention, dominated by the Dixiecrats, announces that their group is entirely independent of any other party. They sent delegates to the national convention, hinting, however, that they plan another bolt like that of 1948 if the platform declaration on civil rights is not to their liking. This stand is entirely legitimate. It is hard to see, however, why they send delegates to the convention of a party to which they say they do not belong. It is even harder to see why that body should seat men who tried their best to defeat the party last time, announce their intention of doing so again, and say they are not members. No one would expect the convention to seat Republicans or Prohibitionists.

Convention Prayers:—

At the conventions of both major political parties it is customary to begin each session with prayer. Clergymen alternate in asking God's blessing in the important tasks they are to perform. The rest of the session may turn into frivolous nonsense when it should consider business seriously and soberly. But at least during the period of prayer there is silence and meditation.

Cynics may say that clergymen of various denominations and creeds are selected so that no group of voters will be offended. We would rather believe that the leaders of the political parties realize the need for prayer and want all of the faiths which play such important roles in American living to have a part in the religious ceremonies.

It is right that prayer should precede each meeting. The presence of clergymen of every faith on the platform during the invocations is proof that Americans realize that all who look for Divine guidance, whatever their creed or denomination are seeking the same source of wisdom.

her physician, even though it is unlikely that cancer may be the cause.

After change of life, bleeding from the womb may be an important symptom of cancer. Women with this condition should most definitely have a careful examination by a physician.

Regular examination and prompt treatment have stopped many cancers from advancing.

Physicians now use a number of advanced methods to determine whether or not a tumor growth is present. New methods of taking samples from the secretions of the womb will help your physician recognize cancer at an early stage. And with newer methods of treatment, early diagnosis is more important than ever.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

M. K.: I had my appendix out a few months ago. My mother feels it's wrong that the doctor should have made me walk the day after my operation. Is this true?

Answer: Modern surgeons believe that in most uncomplicated cases, healing is promoted and certain complications prevented if a patient moves around early following an operation.

20 Years Ago TODAY

July 19 — Congress adjourned Saturday night. President Hoover signs the relief bill.

The Indiana house of the legislature favors suspension of road building for eight years.

The Harry Staley filling station on North Second street, Decatur suffers a \$4,600 fire.

Snedeker's Decatur baseball team defeated Winona, 3 to 2, in ten innings, and Kendallville, 4 to 2, over the week-end.

Miss Margaret Haley and Orville Rhodes were married at Portland July 15, it is announced today.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beatty, of Indianapolis, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison.

Household Scrapbook
BY ROBERTA LEE

Kitchen Table
To bleach a discolored wooden kitchen table, scrub well with a solution made of one teaspoon oxalic acid to one cup of hot water. Apply with a brush and void getting it on the hands.

Ironing
Garments should be ironed until they are thoroughly dry; otherwise, they will look unsightly at one wearing.

Brownstone Steps
Brownstone steps can be cleaned by rubbing with a weak solution of muriatic acid applied with a stiff brush.

Modern Etiquette
BY ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it proper for a divorcee, marrying a man who has never previously married, to wear a bride dress and veil?

A. This is out of the question on any but a maiden bride. The divorcee may, however, properly wear an all-white dress and hat, and she may have one attendant.

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CHAPTER ONE
IT WAS the last stage of the long journey, and the most crowded. There were four passengers besides Blaise Randall and his partner in the stagecoach, each of them sitting stiff and aloof from his neighbor. Blaise sat next to the window, facing the rear. His long legs cramped back against the seat in his care not to annoy the girl opposite him.

The man beside her cast side-long glances, but she studiously kept her face toward the window, slender shoulders prim, hands folded over a large purse. The man leaned forward, clearing his throat, forcing her attention. He was portly, with a round, flushed face and watery, salacious eyes. He smiled and touched his pearl-gray derby.

"I hope I ain't disturbing you, ma'am."

She looked coldly at him then turned back to the window, speaking over her shoulder in a clear, musical voice. "Not at all."

"Glad to know it, ma'am." He sank back. He caught Blaise's level look and his eyebrows arched as his lips made a silent whistle. Blaise simply looked and the man flushed, eyes sliding away.

COONSKIN MULE



and a floral decoration of the channel.

Q. Is it ever correct for a man to call for a woman at her home and blow the horn of his car, rather than call for her at the door.

A. Never! Not even for his own wife! This practice is the height of ill-breeding.

Q. What is the correct way to eat a banana—at the table?

A. It should be peeled into a plate, then eaten with the fork.

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His hands rested close to a bottle. He grabbed it, and hurled it at the man at the door in a single, flowing motion. At the same time, he threw himself away from the bar. The guard halted, turned, saw the bottle hurtling toward him and ducked. His gun hand twisted and the Colt thundered in the room, the bullet digging splinters from the wall beyond the bar.

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Blaise ordered drinks from a bartender who moved as though pins pricked him at every step. Blaise nursed his drink, became more aware of the men around him. They looked hard, something reckless in each tanned, dark face. Hal leaned closer.

"You have salty riders in these parts," he said in a low voice.

Blaise looked carefully down the bar. After all these years, Leonis must still have his gunhawks and border breeds. The bartender jumped when one of them banged his glass on the counter.

Another of the riders stood out from the rest, a tall, slender man with an air of command about him. His eyes were large and dark, full and mobile lips beneath a thin mustache. His face was gaunt and bony, and black curly hair escaped from under a low-crowned dusty hat. He wore levis, scarred boots and a soiled shirt, the color faded to a faint suggestion . . . typically American and yet, somehow, Mexican, too. He wore a heavy gun belt around his thin waist. There was something tense about him, an ill-concealed wildness that showed in the quick, erratic smile, the way his eyes moved about the room.

He saw the girl from the stagecoach and his smile flashed wider. Her chin lifted slightly in the gesture Blaise had come to know.

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Court News

Files Appearance
Charles R. Williams vs. Harold Steffen of Steffen Motor sales, complaint for damages; John Devoss files appearance for defendant.

Named Attorney
Freeman J. Urick vs. Robert D. Urick, Ethel Urick and the Prudential Insurance Co., of America. Severin Schurgen named as defense attorney.

Marriage Licenses
La Verne Unkefer, 37, Paris, O., and Thelma L. Chambers, 35, Minerva, O.

Richard Miller, 47, and Margaret Haines, 42, both of Dayton, O.

Variety Farmers
The Variety Farmers 4-H club held their local meeting July 15 at the home of Allen Miller. The meeting was called to order and roll call answered by "my favorite hobby." The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Allan Miller gave a demonstration on good grooming of a hog. Refreshments were served to 25 members and their leader.

The date of the next meeting was changed from July 29 to July 25.

Jolly Juniors
The members of the Preble Jolly Juniors 4-H club met July 10 at the Magley recreation center. The meeting began with the pledges to the American and 4-H flags. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and roll call was answered.

Old and new business was discussed and a demonstration was given on canning by Dorothy Selkig. Refreshments were served by Joyce Kirchner and Marilyn Reinking.

The next meeting will be July 24 at one thirty o'clock at the Magley recreation center.

Scientists estimate a single drop of water contains approximately 2,000,000,000,000,000,000 molecules.

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Bullets smashed into the building and Blaise ducked to cover. Hal fired twice more and then dropped below the window as lead smashed the glass in a shower of crystals.

Blaise caught a man racing from the coach to the hitchrack. His gun jumped and the man's legs went rubbery as he plowed face forward into the hard ground.

The bandits suddenly broke from the rack, racing away around the corner of the building and out of sight. The sound of hoofs thundered loud and then faded away toward the mountains to the south.

Two men were dead, another sat with a smashed shoulder, moaning softly. The driver hurried to the guard and turned him over. He blinked and shook his head, looking around and up at Blaise.

"Three bullets," he said in quiet anger. "Any one would've killed him. Bob never had a chance."

Blaise nodded, face set. They paid for it and you've got two left to hang."

VFW Convention May Hear Gen. Eisenhower

DENVER, UP — Dwight D. Eisenhower may make his first speech as Republican presidential nominee at the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Los Angeles early next month, his aides said today.

Eisenhower has already accepted an invitation to address the 34th annual American Legion convention at Madison Square Garden in New York city Aug. 25, but final arrangements have not been made on the VFW invitation.

If Eisenhower does make a speech before the VFW, it probably will be on or about Aug. 4.

WASHINGTON, UP — Secretary of labor Maurice J. Tobin reported today that agreements for a five-day week for yard workers have been signed by 80 major rail-

roads and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The agreements also provide for a four-cent hourly wage boost.

Benzonia, Mich. (UP) — Spectators at a trial in the Benzonia courthouse looked up to see a foot sticking through the ceiling. Mrs. May Carter had pushed her foot accidentally through from the floor above.

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"And they will!" The driver stood up. "I'll see Bill's taken care of, and lock them two up for the sheriff. But I ain't got a guard."

"Go without one," Hal suggested. "Mister, it can't be done. That strongbox carries money from a Los Angeles bank to one in Buena Ventura. We got to—" He stopped, eyeing Blaise.

"You'll do, friend, the way you handle a Colt."

"Would you trust your strongbox with a San Quentin jailbird?" The driver blinked. "You?"

Blaise nodded and turned away. The driver caught his sleeve.

"You're still guard for my money. Someone made a mistake, I reckon. Never saw men could handle guns as fast as you and your partner. Here, mister. You got a job . . . and a reward as soon as I can tell the Company what happened."

He pushed the heavy shotgun into Blaise's hands.

"Looks like you're elected," Hal said.

Blaise grunted and shook his head.

"A funny world, Hal, when a murderer and a robber guard a strongbox. But who ever made much sense of it, anyway?"

Blaise watched the Valley as the coach jogged along. He had been afraid that it might have changed, but it hadn't. It was good to be back, good to see that nothing had changed. It was still serene . . . except for that little pocket to the west where Calabasas lay. But man had changed that . . . man, and greed and a lust for power. Blaise's lips slowly pressed and the soft light faded from his eyes. Perhaps that would be unchanged, too.

"You live in these parts?" the driver asked.

"Used to, years ago."

He was not gruff, but his brevity discouraged conversation. The driver watched the road for a long while before he tried again.

"I wonder," She became serious. "If you're staying in Calabasas, I hope to see you."

"It will be a pleasure, ma'am, though I don't really know how long I'll be around."

She smiled again and turned away, picking up her carpetbag. Blaise jumped from the seat to help her. A tall man, dressed in checked shirt and levis had come up to her, respectfully touching his hat. He took the bag and placed it behind the seat of a shining black surrey. The team that drew the buggy had not been bought in this part of the country. They were coal black with the lines of Arabian and Morgan in them.

The man helped the girl into the surrey, climbed in the seat and lifted the reins. The buggy rolled away in a cloud of dust, heading southward toward the mountains. Blaise stared after it, then shook his head.

"Now there was a rich girl for you, Hal. Your troubles would've been over."

"She wouldn't see no one but you," Hal said.

"You couldn't tell her I got me a girl waiting," Blaise grinned. "You ain't quick to turn things your way."

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