

## OLD LEE HOMESTEAD IS BEING RESTORED

Will Revive Life and Culture of Old South.

Richmond, Va.—Stratford Hall, homestead of the Lee family in Virginia, a center of historical interest and a symbol of the life and culture of the Old South, has been saved for posterity. Through the efforts of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Lee Memorial foundation the mortgage on the eleven-hundred-acre estate in Westmoreland county has been paid off and the last obstacle to the preservation of the mansion as a national shrine has been removed, says the New York Times.

There remains now the work of renovating the fine old house and restoring the extensive grounds which formerly made it one of the show places of the state, and this work will proceed as funds for the purpose are made available. Within a reasonably short time plantation life of the Eighteenth century will be resumed there in all its picturesque phases.

Completion of the purchase fund marked the close of another chapter in a dramatic story which had its start in Greenwich, Conn., early in 1928. Mrs. Charles D. Lanier of Greenwich, head of the William Alexander, Jr., Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, while rummaging through a desk which belonged to her mother-in-law, Mrs. Sidney Lanier, widow of the poet, came upon a penciled manuscript by Lanier, until then not known to exist.

### A Speech on Lee's Death.

The paper proved to be a speech he had made in Macon, Ga., in 1870, on the death of General Lee, in which he urged the establishment of a memorial "by contributions as shall be within the compass of the humblest citizen who loved him and who desires the grateful privilege of laying some tribute on his tomb."

On the following day Mrs. Lanier received a letter from a friend describing a visit to Stratford and asking why it could not be preserved. On the same morning she called a meeting of her organization, which resulted in the adoption of resolutions looking to the acquisition of the homestead.

After months of negotiations arrangements were made with Charles E. Stuart, the owner, for its purchase, and the Robert E. Lee Memorial foundation was formed to acquire the property and conduct a campaign for contributions in all parts of the country. The price was fixed at \$240,000. The mortgage was cleared away by an unconditional advance of \$115,000 by a prominent Delaware woman.

Stratford Hall is more than two hundred years old and bears the distinction of having been the birthplace of

two signers of the Declaration of Independence, Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, as well as the home of "Light Horse Harry" Lee and other generations of the distinguished family.

It stands on a hilltop not far removed from the Potomac in a section of the Northern Neck which the older generation of Virginians especially looks upon as hallowed ground. The estate fronts for two miles on the river, and within a few miles are the birthplaces of three Presidents—Washington, Madison and Monroe.

The house itself, built in the shape of the letter H, is two stories in height, with a tall basement forming the first floor, and is topped by massive quadruple chimneys on each wing. It was started in 1729 by Queen Caroline, wife of George II of England, with a gift of £300 toward the cost of its erection following a fire which destroyed the original manor house, on the site of which now is located the Lee family burial plot.

### The House Well Preserved.

The mansion, in a fine state of preservation, is built of brick on English lines by English standards, with walls of fortress thickness, and was known as the stately house of its time in Colonial Virginia.

In restoring the plantation with its Colonial atmosphere and arts and industries as pursued two centuries ago, the old brick and saw mill, now in ruins, will be rebuilt and placed in operation. Spinning, weaving and wrought-iron craftsmanship will be practiced for the enlightenment of visitors and students. The tobacco warehouse will be reconstructed, and

### Goalie of Hawks



Chuck Gardner, goalie of the Chicago Black Hawks, has made an enviable record during the ice hockey season.

## ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lame Bode



LOOK STEADILY AT THE WHITE SPOT ON THIS DRAWING FOR A MINUTE, AND THEN AT A LIGHT WALL AND THE HEAD WILL REAPPEAR ON THE WALL—

A 362-POUND SQUASH

WAS GROWN BY WM. WARNOCK of Gaderick, Ont.



THE COWBIRD—ALWAYS LAYS ITS EGGS IN OTHER BIRDS' NESTS

(Courtesy Western Newspaper Union.)

### Honored for Valor



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### All Around the House

To keep velour hats in good condition rub them with a piece of velvet the way of the nap.

Apples will not break when baking if they have been pricked with a fork before they are put into the oven.

If you sprinkle salt over the coal in liberal quantities it will make it burn more evenly and prevent "clinkers."

If shoes do not polish readily give two coats baking, let dry before putting on third coat, then polish and you will get a good shine.

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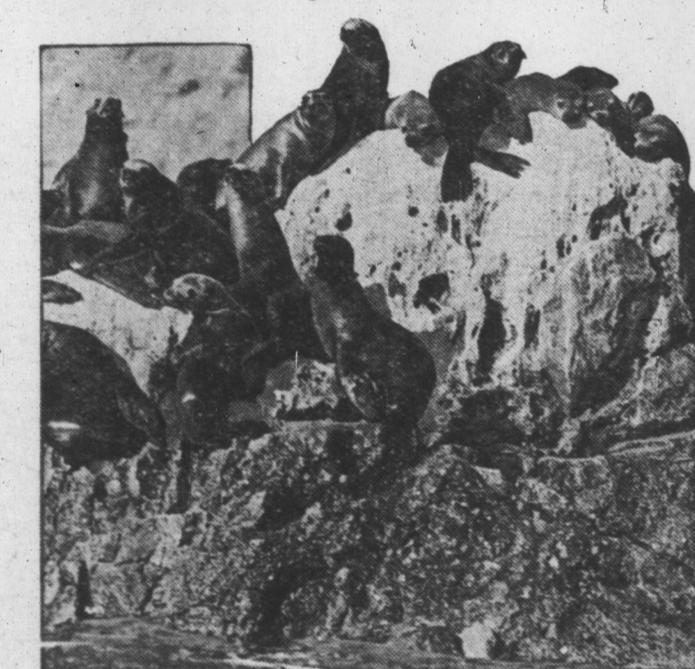
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## Winter Colony on Catalina Island



This unusual close-up of the "winter colony" on the rocky shores of Catalina Island near Avalon bay, shows Admiral Seal and his sisters and his cousins and his aunts basking in the sun. In spite of their fur coats the whole family likes the late William Wrigley's warm island playground as a winter rendezvous.

## By Charles Sughroe

SUCH IS LIFE—Not Up on Strange Words



### Home-Making Advice Is Given in U. S. Schools

Washington.—How to decorate the walls of a home so that they will be restful to the eyes, how to can fruit so it will not spoil, how to prevent an electric shock from your washer when the floor all about it is wet, and many other such bits of advice for the housewife are now being offered in vocational schools, the federal board for vocational education has announced.

The science of home making and all its component parts, such as economy and efficiency in child care, food and nutrition, home furnishings and equipment, sanitation and health, and in textiles and clothing, is now being taught. And there is no longer any reason, says the board, for ignorance of scientific principles essential to the housewife.

In the broad educational scope the instructors teach bacteriology, chem-

istry and physics with respect to their appliance to household activities. The methods of teaching are such that a fourteen-year-old child can understand them.

### Hoover Loses 27 Pounds Since He Took Office

Washington.—President Hoover has lost 27 pounds since he entered the White House. His associates attribute his drop in weight from 210 pounds to 183 to physical exercising and a regulated diet. In reducing his tendency toward a noticeable embolism, the President followed the advice of Commander Joel Boone, his personal physician. His exercise consisted of volly ball in the morning and long walks in the afternoon. In the matter of diet the ban was against the overconsumption of fat making foods.

The President was also induced to adopt a regular schedule in the matter of meals.

### Show Larger Enrollment in Vocational Schools

Washington.—Increases in enrollment in practically every type of vocational education schools and classes and expansion of the field of service

covered by these schools have been announced by the federal board for vocational education.

Schools of agriculture, home economics and those giving courses in trade and industrial subjects showed the greatest gains with an increase of approximately 61,000 in enrollment.

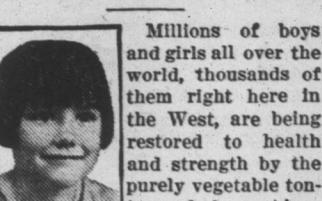
Effects of unemployment are visible in this change, according to the board, which says that the "new" students are mainly those who are training for available jobs, or are retraining for other jobs, having been deprived of employment due to changing processes or the introduction of machinery.

**Chinese Influence**  
A neglige that shows a decided Chinese influence has a knee length coat of exquisite pink and gold brocade, cut on the simple coat lines. The very wide trousers are of gold silk pleated into infinitesimally small pleats.

### Hollyhock Native of Syria

The hollyhock, which makes such a fine show in the garden while at the height of its bloom, but which is considerable of a pest the rest of the year, is a native of Syria. A member of the mallow family, it has through development been changed to a double flowering and highly beautiful flower while in bloom.

### Girl at the Top in Health Tests



Millions of boys and girls all over the world, thousands of them right here in the West, are being restored to health and strength by the purely vegetable tonics and laxatives known as California Fig Syrup and endorsed by physicians for over 50 years.

Children need no urging to take it. They love its rich, fruity flavor. Nothing can compete with it as a gentle, but certain laxative, and it goes further than this. It gives tone and strength to the stomach and bowels so these organs continue to act normally, of their own accord. It stimulates the appetite, helps digestion.

A Kansas mother, Mrs. Dana Allaire, 610 Monroe St., Topeka, says: "Bonnie B. is absolutely the picture of health, now, with her ruddy cheeks, bright eyes and plump but slender little body and she stands at the top in every health test.

I have emphasized this fact at one time or another before, but it is more and more impressed upon me as time goes on. Between fourteen and eighteen, our habits are pretty definitely formulated, and if they change it is generally only in degree. Only a revolution or a crisis will effect any material change.

I used not to think so. Going to college or getting married, or taking up a business of some sort, I imagined would work miracles in the development or the modification of a man's character. I see now that none of these things makes very much difference.

I hadn't seen Maguire for more than thirty-five years until he dropped upon me a few weeks ago. He was the wittiest, cleverest man in my class, cheerful, happy, ready for a lark and ready to laugh at a good joke even if it were on himself. He did his work easily and well; he had a keen insight into human nature and a dependable judgment in critical matters. He was clean-minded and reverent. When he decided to enter the priesthood we all thought he had chosen wisely, and then having finished law he suddenly decided to enter the priesthood of the Roman church. I hadn't cast him in that role, but the qualities he had revealed when we were young fellows are admirable qualities for a leader of the church.

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