

WHOSE DAY?

The note held such a splendid secret that Betty North wanted to share it with Norma and her other girl friends at the store. But still it was a bit uncertain, and she decided that not until after the staff meeting, and the doubt became a certainty would she tell anyone except her mother. And the staff meeting was exactly a week away.

and another back. The scenery along on her way to the store that noon, Betty met an old soldier in blue uniform just a square away from Memorial Hall, the building in which the G. A. R. and the Legion, and all similar organizations held their meetings. He was custodian there and Betty often saw him on her way to and from work.

partments to help out during the morning. He had chosen her because he knew she was more interested in her work than anything else. A flood of color rushed over Betty's face. And her heart sank. If she had been going to the picnic she would have straightway turned her back on that excursion to grant Mr. Ward's request. But she could not turn down the service she had promised to her country—not even for her work.

The Jury's Acquittal of Harry F. Sinclair.

To those who recall the remarkable verdict of acquittal rendered by a Washington jury in the cases of Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Doheny, the similar decision as to Harry F. Sinclair's guilt or innocence will not be wholly surprising. Nor will it have any particular influence as effecting the views of the American people upon this point. The authoritative pronouncement upon the parts played by these three men in the leasing of the naval oil reserves at Teapot Dome and Elk Hills was given by the Supreme Court of the United States following hardly less notable opinions expressed by Judges of the Circuit Court of Appeals and District Courts. The language used by these jurists was severe in the extreme in branding the oil leases as fraudulent and gotten in corruption, and the fact that 12 residents of the District of Columbia have expressed a contrary view will not alter the facts in the case, particularly as stated in the painstaking and lucid expositions of the knavish transactions made by the Supreme Court. This must forever stand as the most complete and impartial summing up of the whole matter, and the jury's verdict is simply to be viewed as one of those peculiar mental aberrations which make the administration of justice in this country so uncertain.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT It is not so much what we do as what we are that tells in this world.—Home Chat. Before hanging up the screens, they should be brushed thoroughly and the frames re-painted. All hinges should be oiled thoroughly at the same time. Ice-tea stains can be removed from linen by soaking the satin as soon as possible in Javelle water and then pouring boiling water through it. Triangular, round and octagonal shaped are new pillows. Taffeta and satin scraps make lovely ones. Also glazed chintz in small figured patterns. Spicy gingerbread, with raisins and nuts, makes a nice dessert if it is served very hot, with some thick pudding sauce to which a little mint has been added. Forks are always placed at the left of the plate, knives at the right and the spoons to the right of the knives in setting the table. Salad forks should be placed to the left of the dinner forks and oyster forks to the right of the spoons. Butter knives may be placed on the bread and butter plates or to the right of the spoons, oyster forks should be placed to the right of the butter knives. Very popular today are glass dishes. They come in all sorts of gay colors and are so well made that they will stand hot water or may even be used as cooking utensils. One finds, in the stores, glass teakettles and coffee pots, and the large assortment of glass baking dishes with which we are familiar. One of the prettiest breakfast sets which I have seen for a long time, was a set of small plates, tea cups, cereal dishes, and all the rest needed to set the table for the first meal of the day, and all a dainty, transparent green, very cool looking for a breakfast in hot weather. Every woman in the world loves to clean the old surface. We despise cleaning brushes. We very frequently won't wait for one coat to dry sufficiently before adding another. And we usually forget to stir the paint. But if we'd only take the time and effort to do it right there's no denying the smartness and the charm a can of paint can bring into the home. The new brushing lacquers are almost magical in their effect and are one of the best things for the novice to use. They dry very quickly, giving a rich, lustrous surface which wears like iron. In the very quick drying preparations excellent results may be had by using a sprayer, and it is especially recommended for wicker furniture or other pieces with crevices. Always stir your paint well, as the pigment settles at the bottom and you lose much of the effect. Use a clean and a good brush. This is very important. Hard brushes make good work impossible and cheap ones leave a trail of hairs. There is a preparation which costs 10 cents a box which will restore old brushes which have been neglected. It is a powder to be dissolved in warm water, and one bowl will restore two brushes. The thinners which come with lacquer and special paints will also clean brushes. The surface should be entirely clean. All wax and grease and oil should be removed with turpentine. Incidentally, turpentine will remove most paint spots which you may make on walls or clothing. Most of the thinners will also do this. Rust spots, worn surfaces and old scratches should be removed with sandpaper and a good sandpapering should be applied between coats. Two or more coats are usually necessary over surfaces which have been previously painted. Unfinished woods, plaster and the like must have an undercoat and all indentations and the small holes should be filled with plastic wood before painting. The unpainted furniture which is now so popular needs no preparation, but two coats are necessary for best results. It is said that one coat put on with a good soft brush will cover better than two coats put on with a poor brush. Use the brush full. The panels of a door should be done first. To do a chair turn it upside down on the table, doing the lower part first, so that you can hold it by the upper part until the last. It is a new and delightful idea to paint the insides of drawers and cupboards in some vivid color, such as French blue, jade green or brilliant orange. A well-known firm gives a long list of trimming suggestions. A mong these we note: Indian yellow trimmed with black and orange, Chinese red with black and gold, ivory with turquoise and gold, sage gray with cinnamon brown and forest green, French gray with rose and Italian blue and rich blue with French gray and orange. Others may be easily obtained. There are also suggestions for obtaining unusual shades by mixing, but unless you wish something greatly out of the ordinary it may be purchased. Harlequin Marmalade.—Take one large can of pineapple, three oranges, 1 1/2 pints of water, four cupsful of sugar, three tablespoonfuls of blanched almonds. Wash the oranges and cut into small pieces, removing the seeds; let stand in the water over night, cook until tender, then add the pineapple; simmer for twenty minutes if the pineapple is fresh, add the sugar, and cook half an hour, adding the nuts ten minutes before it has cooked the required time. Spiced Prune Marmalade.—Take one-half pound each of dried prunes, peaches and apricots. Soak and simmer until very tender; then put through a sieve. Grate the peel from an orange, add the juice and one-half pound of seeded raisins, one and one-quarter pounds of sugar and one-quarter cupful of nutmeats. Chop or cut fine the nutmeats and simmer all together until rich and thick. The mixture may be cooked for ten minutes before adding the sugar. Cook carefully as it burns very easily.

FARM NOTES.

Treat sheep for stomach worms. Forest fires cost \$2,000,000 annually in timber lost. Limestone, sweet clover and short rotations are making sandy soil profitable. Onions, parsnips and parsley seed cannot be depended on to retain vitality more than a year. The daily feed of a 1,600-pound horse at hard work should consist of 20 to 24 pounds grain in three feeds and the same amount of high quality timothy or mixed hay divided into two feeds. It is well known by nurserymen and orchardists that most fruits do not reproduce varieties from seed; that budding or some other form of vegetative propagation must therefore be used to multiply a given variety. For the man who is in need of a legume hay, but finds it impossible to drain and sweeten his soil sufficiently to grow alfalfa or ordinary clover the alsike variety is most dependable. Alsike clover will make a substantial growth on lands that are too wet and sour for most other legumes. In certain sections it is reported to produce almost as well as red clover, and better than crimson or white. In the same amount of feed it contains more protein than does red clover. Nearly every farmer raises enough popcorn for home use, but many seem to have difficulty in curing the finished product, and usually consider it a matter of luck. But if the right procedure is taken, the curing is a simple process. Popcorn, unlike other corn, should be allowed to remain on the stalks in the field until thoroughly ripe and hard. It should then be cut and put in small shocks and a twine tied around each shock near the top to make it cone shaped; this will help shed the water and prevent molding. After about two weeks it should be husked out and placed in an attic on a piece of chicken netting or screen suspended from the roof so that rats and mice will have access to it. Later in the season when cold weather comes and the corn has dried thoroughly it should be removed to a cold place if the attic is not very cold. This step has a very important bearing on the popping quality of the corn. Ornamental trees damaged in the recent storm should be attended to now if the work has not been done already. All injured and broken branches should be removed completely with a clean cut close to the trunk of the tree. Where the symmetry of the tree is destroyed by loss of injured limbs other parts also can be taken out to restore the proportions. When gathering cut flowers for the home it is well to place the stems in water as soon as cut. This will increase the lasting qualities of the flowers. There is no need for a farmer to keep dairy cows without knowing the value of each as a milk producer. Membership in a cow testing association costs less than the feed eaten by a number of "boarder" cows which never pay their board. Have you planted an abundant supply of leafy vegetables? Many of these crops can be planted in May. New Zealand spinach should be in every home garden for the summer supply of greens. It should be planted by June 1. It is not too late to sow Swiss chard. Plantings of lettuce, kohlrabi, carrots, beets and radishes can be made this month for summer use. Witloof chicory or French endive should be planted about June 1. This crop will come in handy next winter when no other salad crops are available, say State College vegetable gardeners. Remove the roosters from the laying flock as soon as the season for producing hatching eggs is past, for infertile eggs will keep longer and, therefore, are more desirable in warm weather. During the course of twelve months a high-laying hen will produce from 18 to 25 or more pounds of eggs—or from four to seven or more times her own body weight, depending upon the weight of the hen. And it is a well-known fact that eggs are high in percentage of protein. Logically, therefore, it follows that laying hens must be fed a ration which is rich in protein if they are to turn out this amount of protein-rich product and still maintain the muscle, sinew and blood in their own bodies. Home-grown grains, such as wheat, oats, barley and corn, while they all contain a certain proportion of protein, all rank as carbohydrate-rich feeds, necessary to maintain body feeds and provide heat and energy, but lacking in sufficient proportion of protein to meet the requirements of the heavy production. Milfeeds, such as bran and shorts, contain proportionately more protein than do whole grains, but they, likewise, fail to supply the needed amount. If the ration fed to laying hens contains these feeds only, without the addition of some protein-rich supplement, the feeder cannot expect high egg production; the hen simply cannot produce eggs, but can only turn the carbohydrates into surplus body fat. Care used in the mating of poultry and in the selection of hatching eggs will in a short time develop a flock that produces practically no inferior eggs, says L. M. Black, extension specialist in poultry husbandry, at the college of agriculture of Rutgers university. Experiment has shown that certain characters are transmitted to future layers through the egg. The pullet that is hatched from any particular egg tends to lay the same type egg as that from which she came. Successful poultrymen take advantage of this fact and select only typical, large, uniformly colored eggs when setting the incubator. Since sires, too, exert an influence upon the type of egg laid by the pullets, males selected for the breeding pens are from ancestors that were noted for their heavy production of large, uniformly colored and shaped eggs.

State Police Check on 1482 Criminals.

The criminal identification bureau of Pennsylvania State Police operating with all police departments received 1482 fingerprints and photographs of persons charged with various crimes during the month of March, 1928. Of this number 11 per cent were identified as having previous criminal records.

Hysterical Women Get Blame for Unseating of Prince of Wales.

Hysterical women who crowd at the jumps at point-to-point meetings at which the Prince of Wales rides are blamed for many of his recent falls. "The thoughtless and unsporting manner in which these women utter shrill cries of welcome when the Prince is about to take a jump are the chief cause of his recent falls," said a member of a prominent hunt committee. "Horses are easily frightened, and it is astonishing that the Prince is able to manage his mounts so well in the circumstances."

—The Watchman gives all the news while it is news.