

**SAFETY VALVE . . .**

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and that didn't stay on the ground but about two hours; but this storm has covered California like the dew over Dixie. Thousands have felt and played in this snow that never

before witnessed its falling—even though one can travel to the mountains and find snow most any month. Altogether it has been a great show and these natives have been made both glad and sad in seeing and feeling same. They report this to be the first time in 56 years that such weather has visited Southern California. Believe

me, folks, we will be glad to see the sunshine again—and how! The state laws make it unlawful to use the frozen fruits in any form and state inspectors have been throwing out lemons, oranges, avocados, etc., by the groves and it means millions of dollars to these growers.

Another thing that makes this winter weather hard on local folks—the houses are not made to stand such weather, no weather stripping, etc. like we know in the East, and heat is from natural gas heaters, floor or wall heaters, and all this makes it hard when such weather hits these parts.

At the moment we are having rain and hail—the closing out of the storm, for southern California, anyway—its moving north to old Frisco and other points north.

We hope the season holidays were happy ones for you good folks and that the New Year brings you the best of everything.

Irene and I had a very pleasant Christmas, we visited with friends at Glendale and had a wonderful day. On New Year's Day we visited old Pasadena and viewed the Parade of Roses. This was wonderful to see—some sixty floats and every one made up with fresh cut flowers. The day was mild and everyone enjoyed the usual New Year's Day sunshine.

One just must see this show to appreciate its beauty. We hope someday you good people can and will visit here and take in this yearly show. We promise you a place to sleep and eat if you make the visit. What do you say, folks?

Now a few lines to you, Howard. —About the "Barnyard column" which Al Kistler wrote about missing. Can back him up in his complaints—I also missed it and think you should find space to keep it going. We have talked about your chats—even exhibited the column to our friends. You can tell Kistler that he has voters out here who will back him up on this subject. Am sure that between birds, cats, dogs, chickens, as well as lots of nice people, you can find enough to keep the "Barnyard" going. It's such little things as this column (your writings, of course) and smiles that keep this old world worthwhile to live upon, Howard. God knows we need it—so just don't miss again, ole pal.

From the general news we can see as how Dallas, and the near-by country is growing, and that's good.

Now a few words to Myra—don't let that man of yours forget to chat with us weekly via the "Barnyard" column, and in that way we also hear of and from you now and then. Keep him smiling, Myra, because this darn old world needs such smiles as Howard can pass around. Hope you too, as well as yours, are happy and well and that life is good to all.

Write when the chance comes your way. Remember the key is on the outside and will await your visit westward some day. Why not try it sometime. Must sign off now, best of luck in everything, folks. Bye now,  
Brooke

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**THESE WOMEN!** By d'Alessio



"His name is Jack—He's tall, dark and has some!"

**Country Flavor**

CORN SHELLING

Half a century ago when folks wore long ones in the winter and felt leggings hung on a line behind kitchen stoves in the evening, a 14 year-old was pretty certain of his Saturday job in late December. At the turn of the century good farmers were proud of their strains of field corn. Some of the strains had been passed down the generations. Each year the countryman selected the biggest, best-filled-out ears on the sturdiest stalks. He braided those ears by the husks and hung the traces to dry in the attic near the chimney.

But a young fellow knew he had a job ahead. After the corn was shocked in September, the brown tepees were allowed to dry through autumn weeks. When fall work was caught up the shocks were hauled to the barnyard, ears stripped off, husked and tossed into the corn crib. The pigs ate their corn from the cob; but grain for the hens, horses and cows had to be shelled. Corn shelling wasn't the worst job on the farm but it could become mighty monotonous. The ears went in a hole at the top of the sheller; the corn came out a hole at the bottom into an old battered tin tub; the cobs fell from an opening in the front. But it

all depended on honest muscle power as one turned the crank round and round. According to the catalog, the Acme One-Hole Sheller was guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction and do a good job. "Supplied with a heavy balance wheel and geared low so it is easy to operate." The rag-iron was fastened to one spring and controlled by another. There was a fan so the corn was "cleaned nicely after it has been shelled." Two or three hours on that crank, listening to the gears rip the hard kernels loose, convinced a boy that the term "easy to operate" was definitely a relative one. Naturally, along about ten-thirty and again at two-thirty a future farmer wandered to the kitchen for a drink of water and to see if Mother had a spare chunk of hot gingerbread or a thick slice of crusty, new-baked bread that could be buttered and spread with molasses. And there was always the possibility that in midafternoon Father would look over the barrels of shelled corn and say, "Pretty good work, son. Why don't you call it a day?" That gave a future farmer a chance for a hike up the pasture hill before time to start the evening chores.

**Congdon Obtains New York Programs**

C. L. Congdon last week completed installation of television at Gerald Frantz's Anchor Inn on Overbrook Avenue.

Mr. Congdon says preliminary tests are highly satisfactory and good programs are obtained five nights a week from NBC New York with some programs also coming in from CBS New York.

A 44-foot antenna has been installed.

Congdon has had twenty years communications engineering in the United States Navy and was discharged last year with the rank of lieutenant.

He also had seven months television experience in Washington, D. C.

**Veterans' Field Day**

Approximately 400 veterans in G. I. Agricultural courses in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties will hold an indoor field day program at Lehman High School on Tuesday, March 8. Dairy, Fruit and Poultry experts will address the group. Miles Horst, Secretary of Agriculture, has been invited to attend.

**Gets State Appointment**

Special to the Dallas Post  
Harrisburg, Jan. 27-(pns)-The appointment of Michael P. Sesson, of Noxen, as an instrumentman at a salary of \$1,848 a year has been announced by the State Department of Highways.

**FARM TOPICS**

**Costs are Threat** - High costs of things they must buy, rather than low market prices for their products, can affect farmers unfavorably during periods of recession. That's what happened after World War I in farm costs and prices.

**Plan Hog Pastures** - Farmers now planning pasture crops for next year should include alfalfa for their hogs. Good alfalfa pasture saves 5 to 10 percent of the grain and 30 to 40 percent of the protein supplement needed in producing pork.

**Remove Calves' Horns** - Chemicals can be used to remove horns on calves at an early age. At least one preparation must be used when the calves are less than a week old. Follow directions in using.

**Expect Pork Increase** - The national 1949 spring pig crop is expected to be 15 to 20 percent more than this year.

**Protect Evergreens** - In case of heavy snowfall use a broom to remove it from evergreen shrubs.

**Protect Roses in Winter** - Roses need some protection during the winter. Hill some soil around the individual bushes, place a small screen of chicken wire around each bush, and cover the mounded bush or bushes with leaves from hardwood trees.

**Clip the Cows** - Clipping of cows helps them to produce cleaner milk. Clipping also reduces the labor needed in care of the animals, makes it easier to prepare the cows for milking, and improves the appearance of the herd.

**Broody Coops Save Eggs** - Brood-

ness of hens causes losses, especially when eggs are high-priced. The broody hen, as soon as observed should be placed in a broody coop. This treatment will discourage the hen's brooding instinct.

**Grow out Heifers** - Good feeding and management will enable heifers to develop their inherited capacity for size and production. Every 100 pounds increase in size will result in 500 pounds more milk annually.

**Orchardists To Meet** - The State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania annual meeting will be February 17 to 19 in the Forum of the State Education Building at Harrisburg.

**National 4-H Club Week** - The week of March 5 to 11, designated as National 4-H Club Week, will mark the start of another project year for farm boys and girls enrolled in 4-H agricultural and homemaking activities as part of the educational work of the Agricultural Extension Service.

**Wider Tomato Rows** - Use of wider rows, permitting more and better spray service, was one of several improved practices which contributed to exceptionally good tomato yields on many Pennsylvania farms in 1948.

**Bees "Pack a Lunch"** - When bees swarm they take along enough honey to last until they find a new home, and while this supply holds out, the swarm usually can be handled without difficulty.

**Give Calves Good Start** - Beginning when they are four days old, calves need dry calf starter supplement and by the time they are 3 to 4 weeks old the whole milk ration can be cut gradually over a 10-day period and then eliminated.

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP ROAD BOARD AUDITORS' REPORT 1948**

From First Monday in January 1948 to First Monday in January 1949  
CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR \$ 3,357.34

**RECEIPTS**

Taxes Collected in Cash During Year	\$7,633.79
Taxes Collected on Old Duplicates	8.78
Amount Received from County on Unpaid taxes	803.59
Amount Received from Other Sources	4,670.02
Amount Received from Loans	985.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,101.18</b>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE \$ 17,458.52**

**EXPENDITURES**

General Government	\$1,174.65
Protection to Persons and Property	1,080.00
Highways	8,113.33
Miscellaneous	1,152.89
Debt Service	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,520.87</b>

**CASH BALANCE AT END OF YEAR \$ 4,937.65**

**RESOURCES**

Cash	\$ 4,937.65
Due from Tax Collector	1,577.09
Due from County on Taxes Returned	687.70
Value of Township Machinery & Twp. Buildings	10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,102.44</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Unpaid Bills and Pay Rolls	\$ 271.82
<b>ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>\$ 1,194,275.00</b>

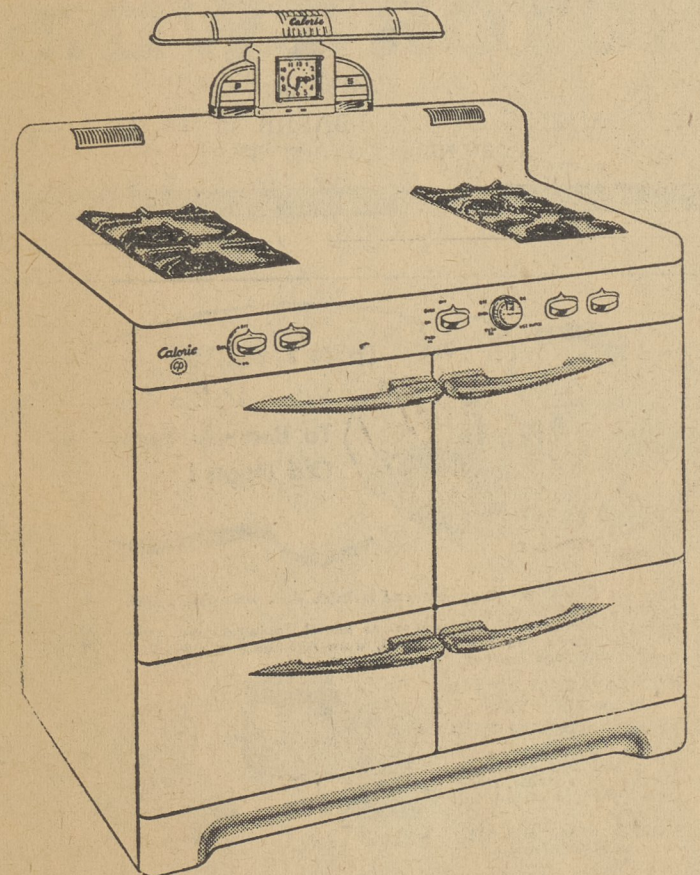
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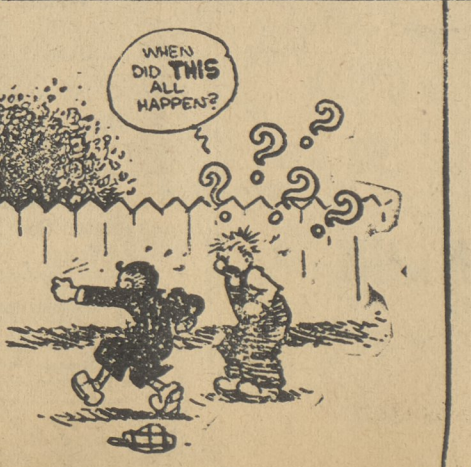
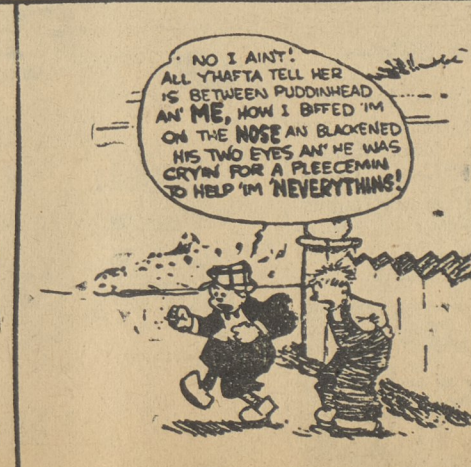
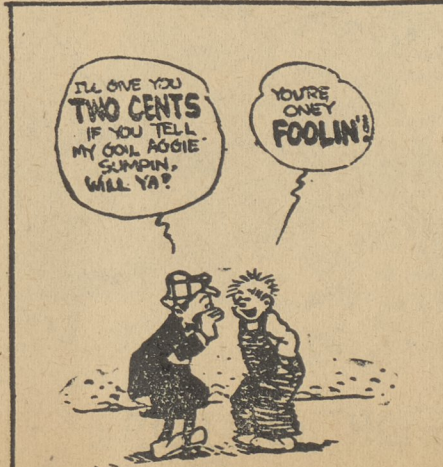
**MARY WORTH'S FAMILY.**



**REG'LAR FELLERS**

Well, It Was A Good Fight Anyhow

By GENE BYRNES



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