

## Country Flavor

THE PROMISE

There is something about February that sets it apart. When a man tears the first sheet from the colorful Feed Store calendar it is still the heart of winter. Snow is deep on the land; Earth is in its deep sleep; pasture brooks and meadow creeks run slowly beneath the ice. Twice in the annual cycle of seasons a hushed expectancy broods over the country-side. In February and again in August, before the major climatic changes, Nature calls a pause. When the second month arrives, man's heart lifts to the promise of Him who ordains the never-failing miracle when warmth shall return to the land.

The sun takes a noticeably higher arc now as it climbs toward the pole of the horizon. Dusk still drops in the valleys like a gigantic blanket suddenly dividing day from night; but twilight lingers a few minutes on the hillsides; mountain peaks flame for poignant interludes in the sunset after-glow. There comes a morning this month when a man pauses on his way to the barn with the milkpail on his arm. He stops and sniffs the clear, crisp air. Yes, the wind is swinging into the south and a thaw is on the way to loosen winter-taut cold chains.

By noon, water is dripping stead-

ily from the eaves and little rivulets poke down the curving sled tracks that wind from the woodlot.

As February works along the signs are increasingly definite. Days grow longer. Brief, intermittent cold snaps may suddenly lock the land in an icy grip. But the spells are shorter now; King Winter has had his heyday. Go out on the snow-covered land and you can read the message. Listen to the brooks after a thaw; that crescendoing music is the introductory movement to Spring's swelling symphony. Listen to the chickadees chant in the orchard and the blue jays bugling from the sugar grove. Toward month's end in an average season you will see the pointed green nose of a skunk cabbage lifting above the shrunken snow at swamp's edge. The buds on the red maples show first signs of cracking and lilac buds by the ell door have begun to break their imbricated stitching. Stand in a grove of evergreens and you can hear the murmuring excitement of their whispering. Nature's scouting patrols are out on the land. This is the time of promise. Day by day Winter's strength wanes and its forces are pushed back to the northern tundras. Man knows that Spring is on the way.

## SAFETY VALVE . . .

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pompous talk and suave assurances talk of establishing a federal district here, it is not for erosion control, but for more political jobs.

Governmental waste of your own substance must stop sometime but the political vampires are joyously unable to see any immediate end. When it does come it will be a sad day for several million leeches who will have to go to work for a living, but it will not come unless you do something about it. If government spending and waste is not stopped, the economic system our forefathers have so carefully founded will be smashed.

This Wednesday evening a meeting at Hotel Redington will bring this issue of erosion control to the public. If you wish to repudiate the vicious policy of governmental waste, be there. If you wish to let County Agent Jim Hutchison know you think he is one of the finest, most efficient and loyal public servants you can hope to have,

be there. The time is 8 P. M. If you do not care; if you are indifferent as your nation is being rapidly catapulted into totalitarianism; if you can remain unstirred as your take-home pay is shaved for governmental gluttony until you may eventually be working for the government Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, sit at home that night. Dale Warmouth

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## The Bookworm

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exactly the right books to whet the reading appetite of any "green thumb". Try Miller's "Bulbs for Beauty" or to find the answer to any flower gardener's problems, "Woman's Home Companion Garden Book" edited by Nister, a compilation from the pens of the best brains in the business.

For pure recreational reading in the gardeners' vein any of David Fairchild's works, and truly you've missed much if you don't know "Pleasant Valley" and "Malabar Farm" by Louis Bromfield.

## Repairing Church Roof

Repairs to the roof of Huntsville Christian Church began this week as members of the congregation removed pews and auditorium furniture. While work is being done church services will be held in the Sunday school rooms.

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## Dr. J. Franklin Robinson To Talk At Trucksville

Trucksville Elementary School Parent Teacher Association will meet Monday evening at the Trucksville Fire Hall and hear Dr. J. Franklin Robinson talk on Child Psychology.

Plans have been completed for the Farmer Dance to be held in Kingston Township High School March 11. Members of the community are urged to attend as the proceeds will be used for a school project.

## To Sponsor Reading

Friendship Class of Trucksville Methodist Church will present Mrs. Howard Murphey Sunday night, March 6 at 8 p.m. who will read "The Big Fisherman" by Lloyd Douglas. All are invited. There will be a silver offering.

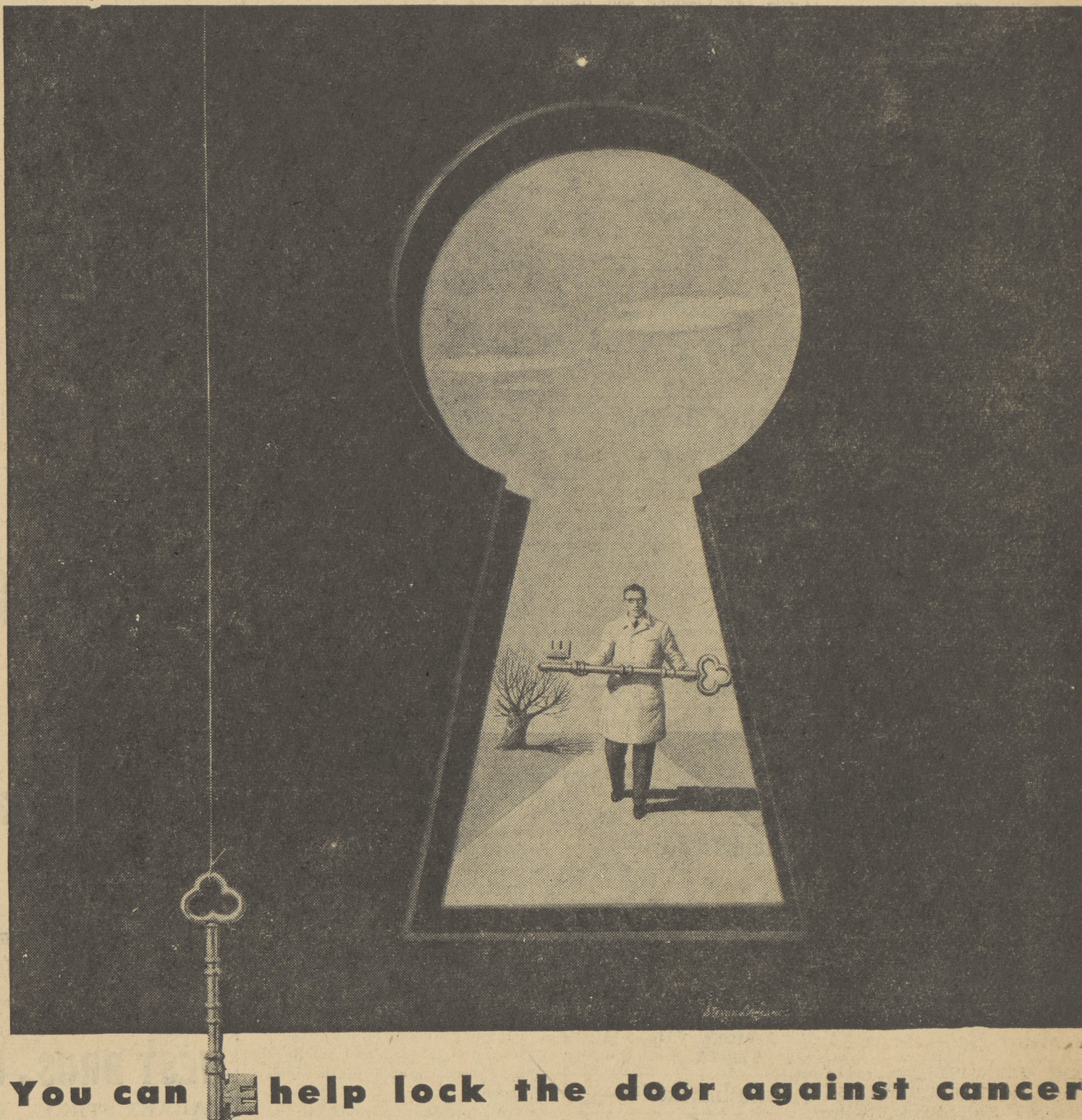
## Missionary To Speak

Rev. Robert Smith, missionary from Africa, will be guest speaker at the Christian Church, Sweet Valley Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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WELL... WHY SHOULDN'T MRS. WORTH DO A LITTLE SHOPPING?  
WHEN A WOMAN... OLD OR YOUNG... SUDDENLY STARTS TAKING AN INTEREST IN CLOTHES, THERE'S A GENTLEMAN IN THE WOODPILE!  
MEANING COLONEL CANFIELD IN THIS CASE?  
YES!... AND... OH, TOM!... I KNOW HE'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR AUNT MARY! DO YOU THINK I SHOULD TALK TO HER ABOUT IT?  
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BUT IF I DIDN' CRY WED HAVE SCOLDED ME AN' I'D HAD TO GO HOME AN' GET A LICKIN' FROM MA BESIDES!