



BOONE DESCENDANTS . . . Cecil, Woodrow and J. C. Boone, all claiming direct descent from Daniel Boone, serenade Senator Clyde C. Hoey of North Carolina at the capitol in Washington. The Boone boys live in the Great Smoky Mountains.

In These United States

Farm Toys Replace Guns As Post-War Playthings

NEW YORK CITY.—A back-to-the-farm boom, in playthings at least, was seen at the fair sponsored by the toy manufacturers of the United States and held here recently. Miniature tractors and other farm implements will replace tanks, guns and heavy artillery next Christmas.

In several respects, children will fare better with "realistic" toys than adults with the real thing, it was said. Of doll houses there will be plenty—all sorts of construction sets will be featured. Toy house-keeping appliances, such as model kitchen stoves, will be back.

Tiny street scenes, filling stations will be made of metal or plastic—not of wood! And dolls will again move their eyes and "talk."

Science will be well represented in new play equipment. There will be chemistry sets, utilizing many harmless compounds that were hard to get during the war, and kits on such themes as "fun with electricity." There was no indication, it was said, that any toys will involve puttering with atoms.

New games, particularly some that require a good deal of paper stage money, are being planned, and, despite the fabric shortage, costumes for dolls and for children may be somewhat extravagant.

NUBBINS HAS CHECKUP

CHEYENNE, WYO. — Forrest ("Nubbins") Hoffman, who was recently taken to Denver for an internal checkup, was found to be suffering from nothing more than a cold. Hospital physicians who examined him found "Nubbins" within one-half inch of normal height and less than one-half pound underweight. The lad attracted nationwide sympathy two years ago when he celebrated his fourth Christmas several weeks early because it was believed he could not survive a bladder ailment.

DAY FOR ARCHERS

At Trenton, N. J., a special hunting season for archers who want to hunt deer with bows and arrows may be granted by the New Jersey state legislature. The archers may be permitted to hunt deer November 5 to 9, while others would wait for the regular season, December 17 to 21.

Lloyd Beebe, Sequim cougar hunter, killed a big cougar with two arrows from his 60-pound bow after his three hounds had treed the cat, says a report from Port Angeles, Wash.

VET'S HOME A BARREL

DEVIL'S LAKE, N. D.—Ardell Hagen, his wife and small daughter have set up housekeeping in a barrel. The barrel, however, is a huge one formerly used as a hamburger stand. The family will live in the upper half of the barrel, in which Hagen has installed an electric cooking stove, running water, cupboards and sink. An oil furnace in the lower half will do the heating.

STRING IN STOMACH

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—A local doctor had to pull strings recently when he operated on Clarence Kimball. Nearly 1,000 yards of fine string were found in Kimball's stomach. The patient previously had been treated for a narrowing esophagus and in this treatment the first step was to swallow string which introduced steel balls into the gullet to stretch the food channel.

TWO TIMES TWO

CORAPEAKE, N. C.—The most prolific cow in Gates county is owned by George Kittrell of Corapeake, who points out this record as proof:

On December 24, 1944, the cow, a registered Guernsey, gave birth to purebred twin calves, a male and a female.

Less than a year later, on December 11, 1945, another blessed event occurred at the Kittrells', this time it was twins again—two lively bull calves.



PURELY PERSONAL

Some readers have asked whether or not the editor of "Off We Go" is a pilot. Well, we ain't! We might be called a flying reporter, or excess baggage, or something, but we're not a pilot. We took our first airplane ride a score of years ago in an Eaglerock biplane. Remember that plane? It was a two-seater, one behind the other, open cockpit, etc. Later on we took more flights, including a ride with the veteran pilot Clyde Ice in a Ford trimotor job. During World War II we spent three years with the Air Transport Command in various capacities. We were successful in keeping ferry pilots from getting us into hot ships, but we did have a few rides that were full of thrills and chills.

Back to the Eaglerock for a moment: We used a 40-acre field as our airport. Telephone lines, buildings, grain elevators, and a dozen other hazards made flying a little tough. A group of us finally got the city fathers to purchase a quarter-section, 160 acres, for a municipal airport. Most people thought it was far too large then.

Jose Iturbi Nervous

Still personal: One time while we were in the ATC, we flew to Kansas City in a C-47 (military version of the DC-3) to meet Jose Iturbi, the famed pianist. As we started back to the field where he was to give a concert for the G.I.s, we noticed he was jittery and didn't seem satisfied to sit still. At first we thought he was a little scared, but he soon let us know that he'd like to go into the cabin with the pilot and co-pilot. Jose, the rascal, is a pilot himself, and he likes to be where the action is! He had something like 800 hours pilot time, we learned. His wish was granted.

MADISON AIRPORT

Lt. Col. E. O. ("Gene") Strouse has been chosen temporary manager of the Madison municipal airport. Strouse, recently discharged from the AAF, served in the RCAF also during World War II. He piloted a B-29 over Tokyo on raids in the Pacific war, and before the war operated a plane at Muscoda airport. —Muscoda (Wis.) Progressive.

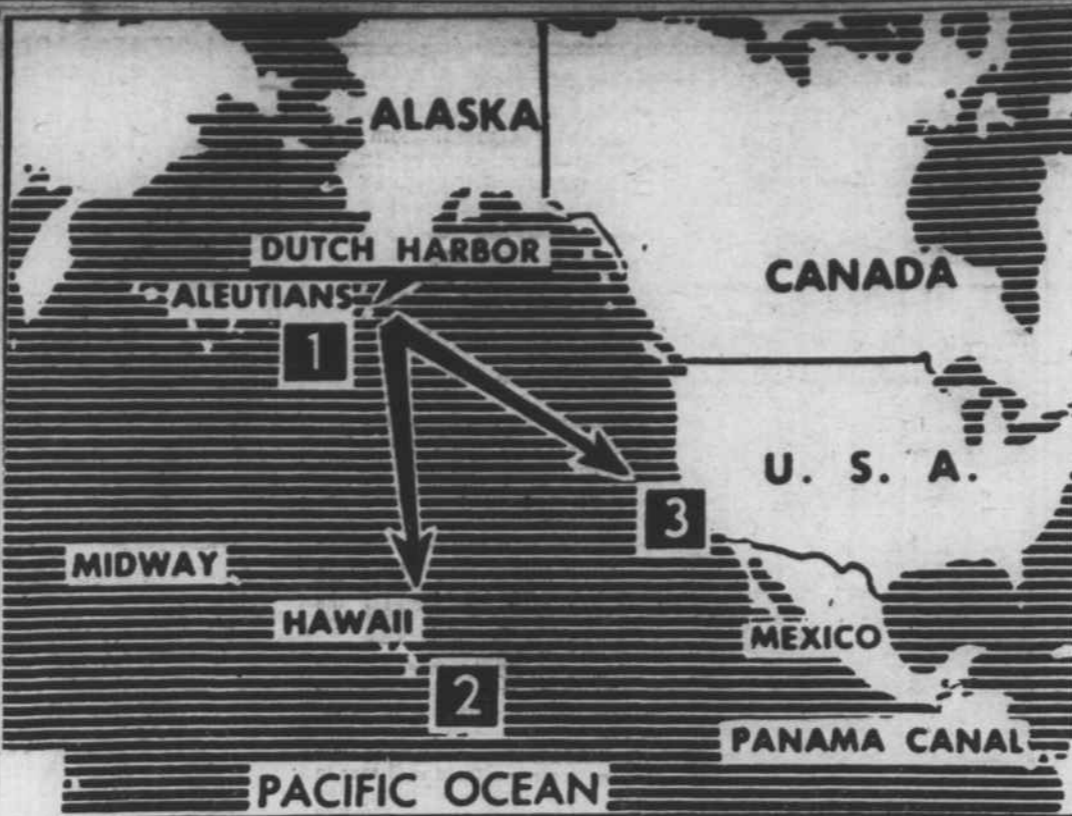


AERONCA CHAMPION . . . Tandem, two-seater with 65 h.p. engine; cruising speed, 90 mph; landing speed, 33 mph.

Edgar Bergen, radio comic, flies all over California—with Charlie McCarthy a mere profile painted on the side of the plane!

More Private Flying, Says Hogan

States from the Mississippi to the Pacific coast will have the biggest boom in private plane flying, according to Everett Hogan, veteran pilot and operator of a Mitchell, Neb., airport. His prediction is based on the more favorable weather and "wide open spaces" where fast flying is easier. Hogan estimated that for the plane owner who rents space, the hangar cost for a year runs from \$400 to \$500. Gasoline on the smaller planes is about the same as for an automobile.



HEAVY TOLL FROM TIDAL WAVE IN PACIFIC . . . Claiming at least three hundred lives and untold millions of dollars worth of damage, map shows how the tidal wave started in sea somewhere off Dutch Harbor, Alaska, to race over Pacific at 300 miles an hour and hit Hawaiian Islands and west coast of North America. Sudden drop of ocean floor is believed to have started mammoth hills of water rolling.



HIGH COST OF LIVING IN A CHICKEN HOUSE . . . A few weeks ago this was a chicken coop on the farm of Herbert Studebaker, Waterloo, Iowa. Today it is converted into eight one-room kitchenette apartments, with a utility room for use of all tenants. There were more takers at \$52.50 a room per month than the Studebakers could handle on their poultry farm. More revenue from renting than raising chickens!



AND STRIKES STILL CONTINUE . . . Maklin ("Porky") Hall, former child star, is beaten and mauled as he breaks through picket line during the earlier Warner Brothers' strike in Hollywood. Los Angeles Daily News photographer, Gib Brush, who took the shot, was awarded first prize in the Encyclopaedia Britannica annual news photograph contest for 1945 in the class of nonwar spot news.



UNEARTH FOSSILS ON FARM . . . On the Arthur Anholt farm, near Cedarburg, Wis., three perfectly preserved teeth and a jawbone fragment of huge mastodon was recently found. At least 10,000 years before humans appeared upon the earth these huge mastodons roamed over Wisconsin land. Photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Anholt and Elmer E. Nelson, right, Milwaukee museum, examining fossil items.



VICTORY MEDAL . . . The World War II Victory medal, to be awarded to all members of the armed forces of the United States who served honorably on active duty at any time since Dec. 7, 1941.



BELGIUM PREMIER . . . Achille Van Acker, Socialist, who recently took oath of office as premier of Belgium. He will head moderate government of left to bring an expected end to crisis.

Kathleen Norris Says:

To Learn How to Stay Married

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



"With the material you have right at hand you can make a real success of your wifehood and motherhood, and save one more marriage from the rocks."

By **KATHLEEN NORRIS**

"**WE** HAVE been married seven years," writes a Montana woman, "and now my husband wants to take a course in marriage, and have me take it with him! Of all the idiotic notions to make a fool of him and me too, this is the worst! They are going to give this course in the evenings, at the junior college, and you can imagine how our friends would enjoy the idea of our meekly sitting there among a lot of youngsters, being told how to preserve our marriage.

"I don't deny," the letter continues, "that we are going through a very hard time of readjustment, the long war years having pretty well demoralized us. Paul's pay was trebled in those years, and at one time my earnings ran to more than \$300 a month. Our two children stayed with my mother and Paul and I lived with friends near the plant in California.

"We made more money than we ever dreamed of making, of course, but didn't save a great deal. Our friends were very convivial, and a lot was wasted. I don't grudge this, for we had a good time, and I have my fur coat out of it, and Paul his gun—and so on. But now we are going back to civilian days and high prices, and the little we have saved we want to put into a home. Here's where the trouble starts.

Wants to Take 'Marriage Course.'

"I want a two-family house that will insure me a rental income, and Paul wants a place out in the country, to which we will have quite a lot to do. Painting, a bathroom, electricity and so on. The place in town will cost \$17,000, against which a \$55 rent immediately will count. The country place is only \$4,500, but as I say much must be done to it. This point, and matters of the children's training, and a lot of other smaller things, have caused a good deal of criticizing between us, and now Paul suggests a course in marriage. I have refused to consider this, and he says he will go alone, which will make me even more ridiculous.

"He spoils the children, resents my mother's possessive attitude toward them, tells them of the fun they'll have in the country, and seems to delight in setting them against me. I hate to think that my husband thought more of me when I was making money, but certainly he is taking a funny attitude now. I would go back to the plant, except that it is closed, and hundreds of us who made big wartime pay are unemployed. Please telegraph me at my expense which one of us you think is right, and what you think of marriage courses. And she signs it, "disconsolately, Selma."

In answer I telegraphed "approve country house, disapprove marriage course in night school." But to expand that a little I would like to say to Selma that actual material adjustments to civilian living, after the convulsion of war, are not half as hard as the mental and spiritual adjustments. Make that adjustment—think out that conversion in your own mind, and you will have no trouble with the details.

You have a husband who loves his children, who wants a country home, and will keep that home supplied with comfort. You are therefore among the luckiest women in the entire world. Too many men

GIVE AND TAKE

A woman who has been married seven years writes to Miss Norris, asking for some unusual advice. It seems her husband wants her to go with him to night school to take a "marriage course." Their difficulties began when their war jobs ended. The main problem right now is the choice of a home.

She wants to purchase a two-flat in town, while he wants a country house. Their savings are adequate to buy what they wish. It is just a question of choice. Other points of disagreement are trivial; he "spoils" the children, resents his mother-in-law's possessive attitude toward them, tells them how much fun they would have in the country, and so forth. On the other hand, he is affectionate, generous, hard-working and kind.

Miss Norris replies that a course in marriage would do these people no good. They both know what the real reasons for disagreement are. No course can change the thinking of two people who are set in their ways. The only solution is tolerance and intelligence, mixed with affectionate regard for each other's opinions and desires.

have awakened from the war dream in an ugly and dissatisfied mood, harsh with their children, unhappy at home, wanting another woman, another sort of life.

Has Excellent Qualities.

Your man, as you tell me in parts of the letter I did not have room to quote, is generous, affectionate, companionable, popular. He is steady, ambitious, and anxious to make a go of your marriage. He proves that by his willingness to take advice that will help him save it. With the material you have right to hand you can make a real success of your wifehood and motherhood, and save one more marriage from the rocks.

My advice against the marriage course is for two reasons. One you feel very strongly, that it would cause comment and amusement among your friends and so it would. The second reason is that in your own heart, and in his, you know what makes or unmake a marriage; you don't have to go to school for that. You know that a marriage to be happy needs many surface qualities; consideration, gentleness, patience, intelligent change. And it also needs many deep interior things; philosophy, courage to face small disappointments and differences, belief that the true confidence with which you two started in seven years ago was not misplaced, that the right qualities are there to build upon.

No college course can teach you to grow up to be sensible human beings. Let time, silence, faith settle the differences between you and smooth them away. Make that country home a real home, in which Dad spoils the children a little and Granny makes up by a little extra discipline, and Mother is the guide and inspiration of them all.

Honor Belgian Heroine

Miss Andree de Jongh, 25, of Belgium has been awarded the George Medal, Britain's highest civilian decoration. She risked her life repeatedly to help downed Allied airmen through enemy lines. When captured she refused to reveal her underground contacts despite Nazi "third degree" pressure. "From 1941 to 1943," the citation reads, "she organized the dispatch of these Allied personnel, crossing mountains in all weather and swimming the Somme river 20 times."



The children will enjoy the country . . .