

# NO PLACE for WOMEN

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CHAPTER THIRTY-TWO  
Little lines of amusement had formed about Dr. Norman's eyes. "You and Vicente play rough," he said, and his lips parted, showing strong white teeth.

"How did I get here?" Cliff asked faintly.

"I brought you, with the help of two of my boys. You've only been here an hour. How do you feel?"

"Sore."

"You should. But you're a very strong man. So is Vicente."

"Vicente!" Cliff sat bolt upright. "Where is he?"

"In the other room. He does not feel quite as well as you. He swallowed too much swamp water." Again Norman smiled. "I've been trying to persuade him it is not absolutely necessary to tear you to bits as soon as he recovers." Then the little lines of amusement vanished, and he asked, "Why did you come here?"

"To see you."

"What do you want with me?"

"I want to know why your men are getting ready to raid my camp and plantations."

The gray eyes showed sudden interest. "Did Madison tell you that?"

"Yes."

"I thought so." Norman straightened a fold in Cliff's bandage. "That's better, isn't it? Madison," he added as an afterthought, "is a liar. If I wanted

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## MONROEY THINKS ACT WILL STAND

### Co-Author Of Reorganization Law Believes It Will Survive Acid Test

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Rep. Monroey (D-Okla.), co-author of the Congressional Reorganization act, cocked an ear at the fussing over the budget today and concluded it proves the law a good one.

After nearly two months of Congressional operations under the act, Monroey said he sees no reason for any important changes in it.

There has been some sniping at the provision requiring Congress to take the President's budget and then figure out a budget itself, computing expenses and income. Some members say Congress can do little better than make a guess.

"But the legislative budget process has proved its worth," Monroey told an interviewer. "There has been more discussion and thought so far on income and outgo than in a whole session heretofore. And this has held off hasty action on tax reductions until we see how much the government is going to spend."

Present efforts of Senate and House to work out a government budget, he said, are in the nature of an experiment. Next year, he forecast, Congress will have experts at work on the subject probably by July. They could cooperate closely with the Budget bureau, which prepares the Presidential budget, and be ready to suggest to Congress as soon as it meets what items might be trimmed.

## Male Jury Choice



One of the entrants in a national magazine's "Male Tested" fashion show at a New York City night club. Joanne Jaap is shown displaying a 1947 bathing suit. A male jury has the pleasant task of judging the latest in different bathing fashions each month. (International)

## WEATHER DAMAGE SMALL IN BLADEN

### County Agent Reports Farmers Well Ahead In Land Preparation

(Special to The Star)  
ELIZABETHTOWN, Feb. 23—The farmers over Bladen county are further ahead in land preparation this year than they have been in several years, declared R. B. Harper, county farm agent, after making a survey of the progress of the crops throughout the county.

The majority of the tobacco plants survived the cold wave, Harper said, and with the labor situation over the county slightly improved, approximately 10,000 acres of tobacco are expected to be set this year. The small grain was damaged only slightly by the freezing temperatures and the autumn winter peas are in very good shape, Harper reported.

**Wilmington Sponsorship**  
The 1,000 baby chicks for the 4-H club project sponsored by the Sears Roebuck company, through the Wilmington store, were received and delivered this week to the five girls and five boys who will carry out the project. Arrangements were also made during the week for eight registered gilt female pigs to be given for a similar project by the Sears stores in Fayetteville.

The Bank of Elizabethtown will give five pigs for the project and 4-H girls and boys will participate.

**School Held**  
The annual Bladen county tobacco school, halted during the war, was held last week in Elizabethtown.

Howard R. Garris, extension plant pathologist; James T. Conner, Jr., extension entomologist; and Roy R. Bennett, extension tobacco specialist, spoke to the 500 farmers present on planting, harvesting and cultivation of various varieties of tobacco. They also spoke on plant diseases, how farmers can identify and control the damaging insects.

Approximately 30 home demonstration club women attended the training school for project leaders held in Lumberton last week.

**Blasting Demonstration**  
Forty-two veteran farmers, along with several other Bladen county farmers, attended a ditch blasting demonstration conducted on the farm of E. B. Graham, Lake Creek Township, conducted by H. M. Ellis, Extension Agricultural Engineer.

Ellis explained the dangers as well as the benefits that result from the use of dynamite, Harper reported.

## SOUND DIPLOMACY SOLVING PROBLEM

### Summer Wells Says Ambassador Messersmith Scoring In Argentina

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Former Undersecretary of State Summer Wells declared tonight that the differences between the United States and Argentina are now being solved by the "intelligent diplomacy" of Ambassador George Messersmith.

Wells said in his weekly broadcast that they would have been solved long ago had Messersmith "been able freely to carry out the policies in which he believes, and which are based on full respect for the sovereign rights of the Argentine people and of their freely elected and constitutional government rather than the policies of browbeating and of attempted unilateral imposition which the Department of state has so mistakenly and so unsuccessfully been trying to put over."

## TAX DEPUTY CITES FILING PROCEDURE

### Many Withhold Proper Information Chief Zone Deputy Reveals

Many taxpayers in the case of man and wife are filing income tax returns without proper information, which results in a condition prejudicial to themselves, Raymond D. Christian, chief zone deputy of the Wilmington internal revenue district, warned yesterday.

He cautioned that these persons should acquaint themselves with the regulations before finally submitting their forms W-2 as their final return or in filing form 1040.

As an example, Christian stated that a great many married women who have been employed only part of the year 1946 and whose income resulted in less than \$500, are filing separate returns from those of their husbands in order to secure a refund of their withholding tax.

The husband then takes credit for his wife on his return and gets \$300 surtax exemption. Thus when the returns are received in Greensboro and matched up, the bureau refuses to allow surtax exemption to the husband for his wife.

In the matter, Christian said, as the couple filed separate returns.

Therefore, should the husband have an income of \$2,500 and the wife have an income of \$250, from which there was withholding tax amounting to \$35, she received that amount back.

On that basis, her husband's income tax is raised to exactly \$100; resulting in the husband's losing exactly \$100 for the privilege of his wife's securing a refund of her tax.

Where the income of either spouse, said Christian, "is less than \$500, the law requires that a joint return, incorporating both incomes into one, be made, which, as can be readily seen, is advantageous to both."

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS  
**DANCE MEMORANDA**, by Merle Armitage, edited by Edwin Corle (Doubleday, \$7.50); **THE DANCE**, by John Martin (Tudor, \$3.75).

The growing popularity of the dance, with at least four major companies on tour most of the time and returning to New York to play a total of several months a year to well-filled houses, should assure a wide circle of readers for these books.

Armitage, whose personal recollections go back easily to Duncan, supplies rather an appreciation than an interpretation; his brief text sprinkled with interesting anecdotes, is illustrated by about 275 reproductions of photos, paintings and sketches of dancers present and past in this and other lands.

Martin, the Times critic, is more informative, though he stays comfortably clear of technicalities, and his 266 photos supplement his longer text more specifically rather as illustrations than as art.

Both commentators begin their stories in primitive times, and carry them up through Martha Graham as the most advanced and important figure in the contemporary scene. The dance lover will cherish one or both of these volumes.

## MISSIONARY MEET SET WEDNESDAY AT WRIGHTSBORO

A study of the mission book ("Shining Like the Stars," will be held in the Wrightsboro Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. It was announced last night.

The meeting will be held by the Woman's Missionary Society of the church. The book will be taught by Mrs. C. M. Coker.

## WINE PIPELINE

PARIS, Feb. 23 (AP)—The French press agency said today work would start soon in Algiers on the construction of an underground wine pipeline between wine-producing plants of that city and its harbor.

Some of the words in the English language are derived from the slang used by Roman soldiers 20 centuries ago.

## THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

anonymous, preface by T. S. Eliot (Scribner's, \$2.75).

Some of the most harrowing stories I have read are related in this book about the experiences of the Poles under Red rule from 1939 on.

The author, for whom Sikorski's widow vouches, had access to personal accounts of the sufferings and hardships of the Polish people living in the area absorbed by Russia. Thousands were transported in filthy, unheated, packed trains; they froze in winter, were crippled by disease and died, endured the brutality of soldiers and secret police.

These wretched accounts have the ring of truth, and the book may be popular. But the author's case is weakened seriously, some readers will think, not only by the peculiarly inadequate introduction and conclusion, but primarily by the invariable anonymity. Not a single one of the many quoted witnesses to the new charges against Russia, not even the Englishman who wrote the epilogue, is identified.

## Denies Speculation

MANILA, Feb. 23. (AP)—A spokesman for Ambassador Paul V. McNutt tonight denied speculation from Shanghai that he might become Ambassador to China.

"It is not so," he said, reiterating that McNutt, who plans to resign soon, will resume private law practice in the United States.

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With a little sign, Cliff picked up the reins. "I'll probably end by having Madison and Norman both against me," he murmured. And as he rode, his thoughts turned to the riddle of the grizzle-haired doctor. Why had he deliberately let the world think he was dead? Why had he left New Dixie, where he was loved and respected, to become the outlaw leader of an obscure cause? Most unanswerable of all, why, for two years, had he let Janet endure the anguish of believing him drowned?

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