

Kiser and Turner Are Busy Men These Days

As in the closing days of 1939, when Hill Kiser became business agent of the Building Trades Council, and John S. Turner came into our midst as a representative of the Hod Carriers and Common Laborers organizational work, 1940 is bringing new success, membership in all organizations in this line growing by leaps and bounds; new agreements being reached that brings organized workers more and more into the construction lines, despite opposition from many sources.

Brother Turner informs us that the past three months has seen more than three million dollars in union contracts signed for construction work in this territory.

Both Brother Kiser and Brother Turner, are live wires and have made, and are making the A. F. of L. in this territory a factor to be reckoned with in construction work, and, with the outlook for greater building activity bright, there is much work

ahead of them, but with organized labor's part in this forward movement in the hands of two such capable labor men there is nothing to be worried about.

Brother Kiser is one of the best known men in labor in this section, being first vice president of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor; president of the Plumbers and Steamfitters local; a past president of Central Labor Union; president of the Charlotte Building Trades Council, "etc., etc."

Brother Turner came to us unknown and unsung, from Sheffield, Ala., looked the situation over, and saw an opportunity for organizational work, and between periods that he was not called away on government projects, where thousands of his organization members were employed, to say nothing of private construction, he has worked for organization in this territory at all times.

Roosevelt Boy Is an Explorer

Quentin, Grandson of T. R., Brings Importar' Data on Tibet.

NEW YORK.—Another Roosevelt has won his spurs in the exploring game—with a cargo of treasure and the ability to eat caterpillars to show for his pains. He is Quentin Roosevelt, 19 years old, grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt, son of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, senior in Harvard university, veteran of two expeditions to Asia's interior.

Quentin has returned to Harvard after a trip of six months during which he traveled 13,000 miles through the recesses of China and Tibet in search of relics of the ancient Nashi tribes.

He found no lost river as did his Grand-dad Teddy and his Uncle Kermit when they explored in Brazil before Quentin was born. But he came across about 2,000 old manuscripts and scrolls which he believes may be missing links between the Asiatic civilization of the present day and life there around 700 B. C.

Exciting Experiences.

He can't tell of being caught in a Himalayan avalanche as was his father, Theodore Roosevelt Jr., while following the ancient trail of Marco Polo in Chinese Turkestan in 1924. But he can tell of ducking Japanese bombs in central China, and of being in a Chinese army pay roll plane which outmaneuvered pursuing enemy craft.

It was his second long trek through China. Two years ago he accompanied his mother through the provinces of Szechwan, Anwei, Chekiang, Honan, Hopeh, and Kiangsu.

During his six-months' journey, Roosevelt said, climate varied from 20 degrees in the high Tibetan plateau to 117 degrees in Indo-China.

One hundred tough horsemen of the Chinese army, armed with modern rifles and boasting a few machine guns, formed his escort as he pushed on from central China to the southeast, and the land of the Nashis.

Roosevelt said his caravan was attacked several times by bandits in the back country. However, he found most of the natives friendly and willing to aid him.

It was to match an ancient funeral scroll found by his father that Quentin started the journey which took him through wild and mountainous country.

Finds Ancient Scrolls.

In crumbling temples and ancient chests, he found scrolls—six of them—together with other centuries-old writings of a people who still "chase" devils and have remained "unchanged by fire and famine." The scrolls, 40 feet long and eight inches wide, contain what the Nashi believe are markings on the road to heaven and to hell.

They list all the virtues a man can have, and all the sins he can commit, and when a native dies, a priest reads his particular story—good or bad—over his funeral bier.

For less than \$200 in American money—"with a kitchen stove or a rain helmet included here and there"—Roosevelt obtained all the treasure he wanted.

Before heading back to America to translate the Nashi scrolls and manuscripts, Roosevelt pushed on to Tibet, picking up beautiful banners and a pair of solid silver sword sheaths which now rest on a fireplace.

Much of the material in the 20 crates he brought home was for museums. For Harvard's zoological laboratories, there were specimens of some rare insects of the Nashi and Tibetan countries.

Teamsters Signing Agreements With Trucking Concerns

H. L. McCrorie, business agent for the Teamsters and Chauffeurs, local No. 71, reports that progress is being made in the wage and hour agreements between his local and the 12 trucking concerns working under closed shop agreement. This week he reports that a gain of nearly \$6,000 a year in pay for drivers has been secured with one of the companies and a reduction in hours was also agreed to. These agreements will become effective on February 5th, and will amount to great gains to the members of the Teamsters in every way.

Organizing activities of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs are reported bright, and the endeavor of this organization is to reach the 1,000 mark before 1940 has passed into the discard.

Dog's Weather Forecasts

Are Faster Than Bureau's HARTFORD, CONN.—Imagine Meteorologist Henry E. Hathaway's embarrassment when he learned that one of his co-operative observers was forecasting the arrival of thunderstorms by watching his dog's ears.

The observer's report of a thunderstorm usually was at least five minutes ahead of the weather bureau's observation. Hathaway made inquiries and discovered that the dog's hearing was so acute it picked up the distant rumblings before they were audible to the human ear. Whenever the dog dashed into the house and hid under the bed, the observer telephoned the bureau a thunderstorm was on the way.

Old Harvard Buildings.

Landmark, Is Modernized CAMBRIDGE, MASS.—Massachusetts hall, the oldest college building in the United States, is being modernized for use of Harvard officials.

President James B. Conant and his aides will move into the ivy-covered building as soon as inter-office communicating systems and other modern equipment are installed.

Built in 1720, the structure has been used as a dormitory since the Revolution when American soldiers were billeted there. Despite the modern touch, the hall still retains some of its Colonial architectural atmosphere.

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That Luscious Lima Bean



By BETTY BARCLAY

We force ourselves to eat many foods because we are told they contain some vitamin or mineral we need. So far as Lima beans are concerned, we eat them because we like them—a mighty good reason for eating any food. Check the orders in your favorite restaurant when Lima are listed with the vegetables, and see how consistently they are ordered.

Yet that luscious Lima bean is far more than an enjoyable food. It tops the list of alkaline-reaction foods that are needed to offset acidity. It contains more calcium than lean beef or eggs; more phosphorus than milk or lean beef; more calcium than milk or potatoes; and more iron than any of these other foods. It's an excellent source of those minerals so necessary to perfect health.

Now that cooked dried Limas are available anywhere in cans and hot nutritious dishes are particularly desirable to protect the body from cold, the following recipes for Baked Limas with Marshmallows (see illustration) and Lima Chowder, are presented to you as tasty treats for nineteen forty.

Baked Limas with Marshmallows
3 cups cooked dried Limas
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 tablespoons butter

3 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup hot water
2 strips bacon
3 to 6 marshmallows

Put Limas in a buttered casserole dish, adding water and stirring in salt, butter and brown sugar. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) for about 30 minutes (until thoroughly heated). Then place bacon strips over top. Dot with marshmallows and place under broiler flame until toasted a golden brown.

Lima Chowder
3 cups cooked Limas
3 cups sliced potatoes
3 slices fat salt pork
1 small onion, sliced
1 cup boiling water
4 tablespoons butter
3 cups hot milk
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Get salt pork into thin slices in a saucepan and cook 5 minutes; add onion and cook until just turning yellow, then add potatoes and boiling water. Cook until potatoes are tender, then add Limas. Melt butter, add flour, stir until smooth, then add hot milk; cook, stirring constantly, until slightly thickened, then add Lima mixture and seasonings.

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Average Baby Knows Three Words at Year-Old Stage

IOWA CITY.—Research by a child welfare expert at the University of Iowa revealed that the average baby cannot speak at the age of eight months and utters a single word at 10 months.

On the average the language-learning process progresses from the first sentence after the fifteenth month to 1,500 words at four years, according to Dr. Orvis C. Irwin.

Dr. Irwin's research showed that the child at a year usually has a vocabulary of three words and after another six months has increased it to 20 words.

"During the next three months it will jump to more than 100 and at two years it may contain as many as 250 words," Dr. Irwin said.

"From the second year on the words will be added at a reduced rate so that at three there will be some 900 words and at four about 1,500."

The 10 most frequently used words in constructing a sentence, according to Dr. Irwin, are: I, is, it, you, that, do, a, this, not and the.

Nouns and verbs are used more frequently than adjectives and connectives. The research expert said. Declarative sentences predominate during the first five years, he added.

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