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VIOLET RAYS ON OUR WAYS
 By H. M. Alley

Note: This column is written with malice toward none, but with the common good of all in mind.

Just 15 more days says the calendar. Just 15 more days say a hundred thousand advertisers. Just 15 more days-and the tempo of searching, selecting, buying, and wrapping of gifts rises like flood waters in a turbid stream-filling the pockets of those who sell, and emptying the pockets of those who buy. Just 15 more days and the air of excitement and expectancy mounts in the hearts and gleams from the eyes of boys and girls the world around, wherever the age-old spirit and customs of the Yuletide hold sway. Just 15 more days, and the mails are choked with millions of Greeting Cards and packages going and coming north, south, east, and west. **JUST 15 MORE DAYS!**

The average kid of three to five in this ultra smart age knows more about the real identity of "Santa Claus" than his grandsires did at nine to twelve.

To wit: We heard the other suggested to Pop and Mom

when they were trying to conceal a bulging package: "Why don't you bring that out and show it?"

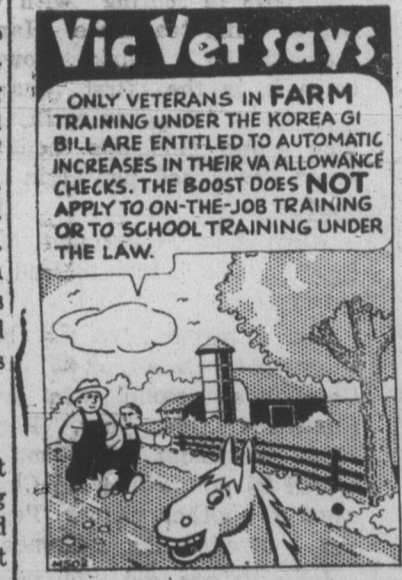
A mother inquired of the Home Department editor of a certain magazine where she might successfully hide a Christmas present from her little Willie was told: "If your little boy is like most, the old family Bible would be the safest place to hide his present!" One wonders if that wouldn't hold just about as true for the adults as for the Juniors.

Little Johnny, wanting to help his mother with the Pre-Christmas house cleaning caught up a large dust-covered book lying on a corner shelf and inquired what he should do with it. "Oh," exclaimed she, "put it back on the shelf, that's God's book." Whereupon the child said: "If it's God's Book I think we should send it back to Him. No one in this huse ever seems to use it."

Then there's the one about the visiting minister asking the mother if she would hand him her Bible that he might read a passage before offering prayer. Calling one of her small children from his play the good woman said, "Sonny, run in the bed room and bring the preacher that dear old Book that you've seen mother read so much." Obediently the little fellow went, and returned with a thumb-worn copy of



CHEESE-CAKE . . . Julie Padulle (Swiss born) helps new Miami Beach hotel publicize opening seated atop huge Swiss cheese, which will be served up as cheesecake.



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Uncle Josh says, "Back endurin the war when everthing was bein rationed, whether hit weré meat er gassylene, me an ole Tom Turner 'sided we'd go up to the counter to see THE Christmas fixins. Not havin no eyar we rid the bus what comes through Cedar Crick, U. S. A., an' landed in due time. Come dinner, we'uns went inter one o them hi-folutin restyrannts an ordered hamburger steaks an Irish taters. Atter we'd et, the waiter come by to leave the price tag an says, sweet like, to ole Tom, says she, 'Mister, I hope y'all found the steak all right.' An ole Tom ketchin the Holiday speerit, says, 'Shore honey. No truble a'tall. I jus moved a piece o' tater, an thar's the steak as plain as anything.'"

Recent news item indicates that the idolized modern impersonator of Davy Crockett losing some of his appeal to the thousands of hero worshipping American boys and girls. Sky-rocketing sales of Davy Crockett hats, T-shirts, toy guns, etc., seem to have reached the zenith and about ready to decline. But even in the Heyday of his glory, there seemed to be fewer worshippers at this Shrine than there were to idolize the fictitious Hoppy-Long-Cassidy whom Davy Crockett supplanted. Of course William Boyd the creator of the modern version of Hoppy, is said to have had five living wives, which doubtless won for him the glamor appeal of thousands of gals from sweet sixteen to sad-sixty.

One wonders who will next be promoted by the imagiative commercial moguls to fire the hero-worshipping instincts of boys and girls. It is safe to say that these money-mad creators of idols could make additional fortunes by resurrecting such infamous characters as John Dillinger or Al Capone, and bedecking them in the glamor of modern advertizing ballyhoo. And of course there would be literally thousands of near-sighted daddys and mamas who would bedeck little juniors from 3 to 15 years with the masquerading togs of the underworld, and think, "Oh, isn't he just too cute!"

Bah! Ye gods! kindly indulge us gullible moderns, as we adopt every silly fad that comes along, and call ourselves a super minded race . . . 'Nuff Sed.

SCIENCE IN YOUR LIFE

Laboratory Earth
 The ancient Greeks pictured the earth as a flat disc floating on the surface of a world ocean. Today, almost any schoolboy can describe the earth's true shape, its dimensions and its major land and sea masses. He can probably tell you something about the other planets in our solar system, too, and about stars and galaxies.

The naive conjectures of antiquity have been displaced by a body of precise knowledge of the earth and its place in the universe. The naive conjectures of antiquity have been displaced by a body of precise knowledge of the earth and its place in the universe.

Beginning in July, 1957, scientists of 39 countries will co-operate in a simultaneous probe into the physical nature of man's environment. They will join in an intensive exploration of the Antarctic. A network of observation sites will be established all over the world. Rockets will be launched to explore heights of 250 miles.

From this mass of concerted observations, scientists expect to gather data to answer many of the unsolved questions in our physical universe. They also hope that the Geophysical Year will provide a common effort on which all nations can agree. The planet Earth is, after all, the one place that all people can claim as "home."

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Civil Service Examinations

Raleigh-- The North Carolina Merit System has announced that Jnury 11, 1956 is the final date on which applications may be submitted in order to be considered for examinations to be given on January 21 for machine operating positions. These positions are located in Raleigh with the Employment Security Commission, State Board of Health, and the State Board of Public Welfare.

Ramsaytown Office May Be Closed

According to a report from Mrs. C. R. Williams who has served as postmistress at Ramsaytown since May, 1937, a statement has been released by Regional Manager H. B. Dean that the post office at Ramsaytown may be discontinued.

Mrs. Williams was the assistant postmaster and clerk for her husband, the late C. R. Williams, for 20 years before she was commissioned postmistress in 1937, after the death of her husband.

Mrs. Williams plans to retire in case the Ramsaytown post office is discontinued. After her retirement, she plans to visit her son, Coy Williams, of South Plainfield, N. J., and also friends in Illinois and Michigan.

Special slippers were created long ago for Oriental potentates who refused to place their feet on uncomfortable uncarpeted floors. This footwear is known today as the carpet slipper.

Shrinks brought into close proximity to man at an early age rarely exhibit belligerence later, except occasionally to strangers.

Examinations will be given for the following positions: addressograph operators II and I; graphotype operators III, II and I; duplicating machine operators III, II and I; bookkeeping machine supervisor (ESC); bookkeeping machine operators (ESC) II and I; duplicating machine operators; I. B. M. supervisors II and I; tabulating equipment operators III, II and I; key punch unit supervisor; key punch operators III, II and I; and reproduction equipment operators II and I.

Applications must be submitted on the official form which may be obtained from the merit System Office, Mtunion Park Building, Raleigh or from any local health, welfare, or employment service office.

Bulletins containing information regarding salaries and duties of the positions may be obtained from the Merit System Office.



WASHINGTON

Q--As a World War II veteran I have a \$10,000 term insurance policy that is nearing the end of its current term. I would like to convert \$3,000 to permanent insurance and drop the other \$5,000. If, at a later date, I want to pick up the insurance I drop, will I be able to do so?

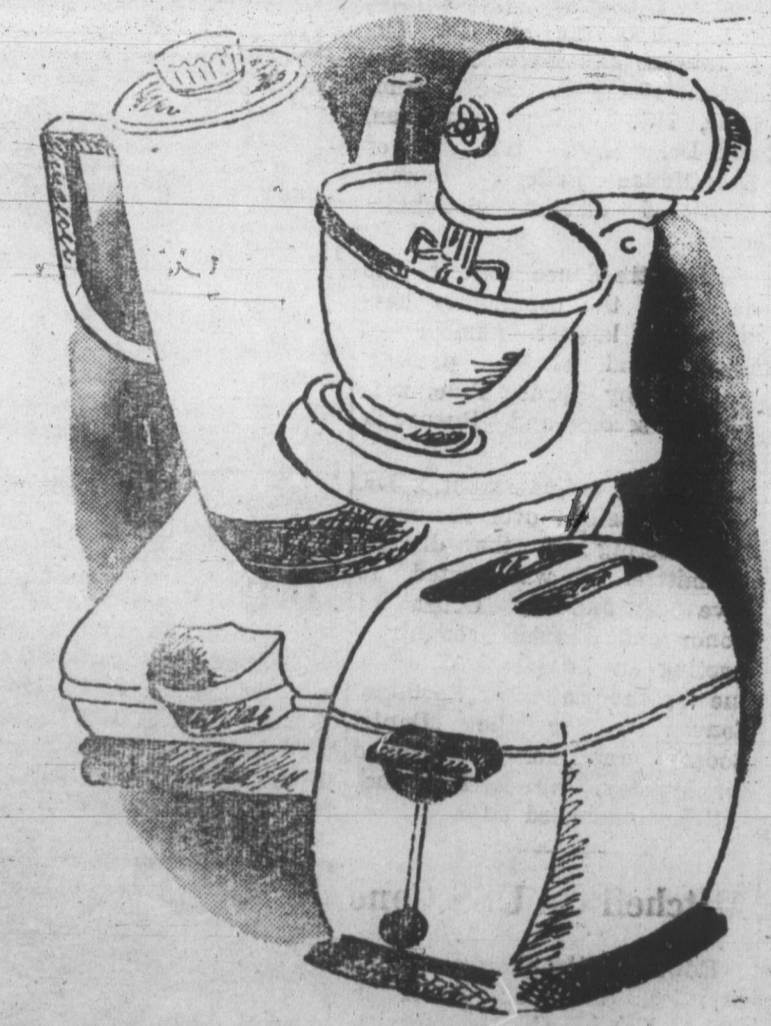
A--No. Under the law, once a World War II GI term insurance policy is allowed to expire, it may not be reinstated. A term policy expires when you allow it to pass the end of its term without renewing it for another term, or converting it.

Q--Have there been proposals for flood control in the New England states, for instance on the Mad, the Naugatuck, the Housatonic and the Norwalk rivers? If so what happened to them?

A--Yes, there have been three complete programs advanced by the Corps of Army engineers for New England flood control. These proposals were made in 1936, in 1944 and in 1950. After the 1936 flood the New England states negotiated an interstate compact covering the Connecticut basin, in which they agreed to transfer the lands for flood control reservoirs to the federal government, but the right to develop hydro-electric power to private companies was reserved to the states. Congress refused to go along. In 1944, the Flood Control bill included a complete combination of flood control and power projects, but New England members of the Congress voted to strike it from the bill. In 1950 by direction of President Truman a New York-New England Inter Agency committee was established to report on best use of natural resources for the area. Until 1952, the committee favored both flood control and power development multi-purpose programs. New Hampshire, however, led a fight to separate flood control and power development and the plan has not matured.

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