

### Soy Bean At Bottom Of War Menace In China's Manchuria

Lowly Soy Bean Plays Important Part In Economic Structure.

Washington, D. C.—One of the basic reasons for the trouble between Japanese and Chinese in Manchuria is the unattractive but quite useful little soy bean.

The "Battle of the Bean," as this dispute between the two nations might be termed, is being waged for control of the most productive soy bean land in the world. This section is made up of 365,000 square miles in Manchuria, in the area north of Mukden and west of Harbin, where the fighting has been going on.

To China and Japan the soy bean industry is as important as wheat and cotton are in the United States. In the Manchurian section 80 per cent of the soy beans of the world are grown. About 75 per cent of the annual crop of 6,000,000 tons of beans and bean products, grown largely by Chinese on Manchurian soil, is shipped out of this section.

While most of the beans are grown by Chinese farmers, Japanese business men handle the majority of the exportation and commercial utilization of the crop. Some Russians are interested in the trade also.

Railroad Is Key To Control Because of this situation, the South Manchurian railway, the main means of transporting the beans out of Manchuria, is the line along which both nations are struggling.

At present Japan controls the railway, which runs north from Dairen in the Kwantung Peninsula into the heart of Manchuria. The only other method of transportation is the Chinese Eastern railway, controlled by Russian interests, and part of the Trans-Siberian system, which crosses Central Manchuria to reach Vladivostok on the Pacific coast.

During the last 20 years whole families of Chinese farmers have swarmed into the region between the Liao, Nonni and the Sungari Rivers because of the rich agricultural resources of the territory. In 1927 alone more than 1,175,000 people migrated into Manchuria from Northern and Central China.

A few Japanese have also taken residence in this section, but they are for the most part business men and control the marketing of the beans.

The bean is important because of its high food value. The plants themselves are used for stock feed and for fertilizer. Meal from the bean makes breakfast food, macaroni, crackers and flour.

They contain from 15 to 18 per cent oil, which is used for making soaps, explosives, glycerin, enamals, paints, varnishes, toilet powders, linoleum, celluloid, inks and many other products.

The dried beans are often processed for various forms of food, such as soups, coffee substitute, baked beans and soy sauce. They produce a vegetable milk that is sold in bottle in China, and are sometimes made into cheese and candy. The green beans themselves are an excellent vegetable.

There are hundreds of varieties of the bean, but for commercial use the yellow is the most important in Manchuria. Among all of China's exports in 1929, beans and bean products ranked first, being valued at more than \$145,000,000 and comprising 18 per cent of the total exports of the country.

Throughout Manchuria oil mills are found in almost every town. Old crush-stone mills are common, but they are being supplanted by hydraulic, steam and gasoline plants with much of their equipment being made in the United States.

Waste for Fertilizer. When the oil has been extracted from the beans the residue is pressed into large, round, flat bean cakes, which are used for fodder and fertilizer. About 85 per cent of the bean cakes made in Manchuria are shipped to Japan to fertilize rice and mulberry fields. Most of the remaining cakes go to Russia.

Japanese in Manchuria have developed special facilities for handling the bean trade. The South Manchurian railway has for years been fostering agricultural experiments stations to find new uses for the beans.

The railway operates warehouses for storage and modern oil mills for refining the products. At Dairen, the southern terminal of the road, special wharves have been constructed. Most of the Manchurian beans for export move in this direction.

Comparatively small amounts of the Manchurian soy beans or their products reach the United States, owing to the increased value of that crop in this country. Yet to Manchuria, China, Japan and Russia, soy beans are a vital part of the economic structure—vital enough, it seems, to fight about.

### No. 1 Township News Of Interest

(Special To The Star.) No. 1 Township, Nov. 19.—This

community was greatly saddened by the death of Mr. Sewell Byars of Great Falls. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Byars of this place. Funeral services were conducted at Zion Hill Baptist church near Converse. Those attending from this community were Mr. W. P. Byars and family Mrs. J. D. Byars, Mrs. Blaine Davis and little son H. B., Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Byars, Emmitt Byars, Mr. L. I. Scruggs and Mr. Frank Bailey and family.

Mr. Newton Jones is reported to be in a critical condition after having the misfortune of a tree falling across his body while he was chopping.

Miss Eloise Hamrick spent Saturday night with Miss Wilma Horton of the Ashworth community.

Miss Lois Abernethy visited Miss Exie Humphries Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Jap Dayberry of Shelby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Hopper.

## Around Our TOWN

OR

### Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

#### IT MUST BE A FAIRY STORY

Shelby is all split-up over the proposed sale of the municipal light plant. The citizens are divided into several different camps, and the group with which this corner is inclined to affiliate is that which gives the matter little heed because it doesn't believe there is as much as a million dollars in existence.

This department is inclined, too, to let the others argue it out, but a year from now, no matter who owns the plant, we hope that it will not be necessary to strike a match on one of the whiteway posts after dark in order not to fall over a court square bench or the street curb.

#### STEALS BOY'S GIRL, BURNS HIS GAS

This is the column from a feminine reader:

"An ludicrous incident happened the other night in Shelby. A young local salesman was parked in front of one of our drugstores with one of his many (?) girls. (He isn't a gigolo, travelling salesman or sailor). In his excitement at being with the sweet young thing he couldn't get his car started. Strange at it was, who should drive up but another suitor of the same girl. The newcomer offered assistance (likely with honorable intentions) and the moment he stepped on the starter the car started. But, instead of getting out and letting Suitor No. One back in the car, he backed out from the curb and drove away, taking girl and auto. Adjectives run woefully short in describing the expression and feelings of the tricked young salesman. In a fury, he found a friend and in the friend's car they sought the young couple. They, however, failed to travel Highway 18—south—and never located the other car. While the search was on the girl and Suitor No. Two were driving along below town very peacefully, probably discussing the weather. Finally Suitor No. Two noticed that the gas in Suitor No. One's car was running low, and it was about time for him to be back at the drug store, so they drove back in. After so long a time the proper explanation, etc., were made and the "triangle" is harmonious once again. Both boys, 'tis said, belong to the same church and may occupy the same pew."

The moral, we suppose, is: "What's a girl between friends?"

#### ANOTHER QUERY FROM THE MAIL BAG

This communication comes from one who designates herself as "Grandma":

"I enjoy your column, particularly the references to Shelby people, events and customs of bygone days. As I sit in the corner with my knitting and my thoughts, however, there is one thing I wonder about. In the old days when I was a girl we heard much about love at first sight. For 10 or 12 years I haven't heard a thing about it. The peculiarity of it is, it seems to me, that there should be many more cases of love-at-first-sight these days than in my day—for, if you haven't guessed the reason, the styles are such that the young swain can see far more at one glimpse these days than he could in a year of sparking 15 years ago. So I wonder why?"

Maybe it's because the boys see so much at first sight that they go back to make sure they were not dreaming—or something.

#### A SHELBY MYSTERY OF OTHER DAYS

There is a saying that murder will out. Usually it does. But many years ago, we are told, a man was found murdered near Shelby and to this day the mystery of his death hasn't been solved.

The story, as told to us, was not very definite, yet some of the older folks should remember it and relate it here. As we heard it a man travelling by wagon was camped for the night just west of Shelby, near the present location of the Dover village. The next morning he was found brutally murdered and robbed. There was not a single clue. Every attempt to solve the mystery met with failure. Wonder who remembers the name of the man, the year of the murder and other details.

#### A BOYISH ESCAPE IN SHELBY'S PAST

A number of years ago there lived in Shelby a certain man who always had a patch of watermelons, apples, vegetable and other things that mischievous boys are fond of snitching. The owner of the patch had tried hard to get hard to get his hands on some of the "pesky youngsters" but had been unable to do so. They would always sight him as he approached them in the midst of their thievery and get away before he could catch them.

Finally, he decided upon a shrewd scheme. He took an old barrel near the patch and crawled in it, intending to hide there until the boys came and then jump out and grab them. Somehow one or two of the boys in the gang learned of the trick. One of them carried his .32 rifle as the gang visited the patch. As they approached the majority of the boys paid no particular attention to the barrel. They had no idea anyone was in it. One of the two who did know, however, raised his rifle to his shoulder and said to the other who knew: "Bet I can hit the bung-hole in that barrel." The other replied: "Bet you can't." Up went the rifle, and tumbling out of the barrel came the owner of the patch. The joke had turned on him and the fleeing youths made the most of it as they yelled back over their shoulders.

#### UNTANGLE THIS ONE, PLEASE

Readers of other columns, particularly those fond of cross-word puzzles and such get considerable kick out of pied name puzzles. "Pied" in newspaper parlance means tangled-up. For instance:

DAWEBUCLEB

The letters when properly arranged form the name of Claude Webb. Now figure this one out for yourself—he or she may hold an official position in Shelby:

KHONSCENJOH

#### SHELBY SHORTS:

It was ten year ago this week (or next week?) that a Shelby high football eleven surprised the State by defeating the strong Asheville eleven, Chakales and all. Doesn't time pass? Some of the boys on that eleven, which made Shelby gridiron history, are married and have children of their own; others are dead. . . . Who were the drivers of two Shelby autos which wrecked coming back from the next game at Winston-Salem? . . . A Shelby business firm (it's out on highway 20 toward the fairgrounds) was mentioned in a national radio broadcast recently as one of the firms in the United States which had a fine increase in business this year. . . . From L. T.: "The Shelby hospital has brought several hundreds babies into the world and as yet hasn't lost a single father" . . . If there were as much graft in the proposed light plant sale as one side says, the deal would cost two million instead of one. And if the sale would reduce things as some on the other side contend, they'd be paying us by Christmas after next to live here. . . . The author of Ike's Tale—Q. J. (Quince) Devenney—might have been another Gee McGee could he have persuaded Sal to leave her home section. . . . Not so many people know that there is an instrument or a do-funny of some sort at the Shelby postoffice which is used to measure the daily rainfall here, if any. . . . One admirable Shelby youth, not out of the short-pants age, is supporting his entire family. . . . D. A. Godson, 83, of Morristown, Tenn., has been reading The Star since its birth and hopes to keep reading the paper 20 years or so longer.

"ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT" was a swell picture . . . but see

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