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A THOUGHT

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.— I Corinthians 15:21.

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The diamond which shines in the Saviour's crown shall burn in unquenched beauty at last on the forehead of every human soul.—Theodore Parker.

Entitled to Know

THE new secretary of defense, Louis Johnson, may know what he's doing in cancelling work on that new 65,000-ton aircraft carrier for which the keel had just been laid.

But two questions arise that derserve an answer:

First, how did the navy happen to get so far along on the project without someone in the higher official family finding out? Who should have determined beforehand the need or lack of need for the craft? Drawings by the trunkful are needed for such a ship, and we taxpayers have footed the bill for those drawings. A keel is not laid until a considerable quantity of additional material is at hand, and more ordered. We taxpayers are footing the bill for the preparations already undertaken, and for the materials purchased. Didn't anyone else know what the navy was doing?

Second, does the cancellation result from army pressure, from air force pressure, or from the fact that President Truman wasn't invited to the keel-laying ceremony? Pressure from army, even though that was President Truman's section of the services, or from the air force, should not be permitted to decide a matter of strategy and national defense. Neither should personal pique be permitted to influence a decision, and we are assuming that it didn't although we'd like to be reassured on the point.

Final question: when are the army, navy and air force going to get together and map out a coordinated policy of national defense that the American people can depend upon? When does unified defense come?

Out in California two endurance flyers, after six weeks up in the air, have just come to earth. Down in Washington no landing has yet been made.

For What Purpose?

MONTHS ago President Truman appointed the Hoover commission with the announced intention of making a study of government so that economies and greater efficiency might be introduced.

As of this date nothing, aside from the acceptance of the report, has been done. Could it be that the commission was appointed for campaign purposes only? We assumed when the commission was appointed that all was in good faith. We want to continue in that belief but feel that the time for action is now, before new appropriations are made.

The federal government today has heavy charges against it, cash outlays that may not be changed, such as interest on the public debt and other items of a similar nature. Aside from these, says Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, there is not a single department that might not be cut ten percent or more without loss of effectiveness.

Spending is popular with many groups, especially when they are recipients of government largess. Congressmen like to secure appropriations that place money in their districts. Only when a few men with courage insist that government expenses be cut, forgetting the effect on the vote at the next election, will reductions be made.

If the work of the Hoover commission is not to go for naught, congress should at once begin a study of the report so as to make use of helpful suggestions. If this is not done, the effort will be a complete loss and taxpayers will remain at the mercy of the spenders.

Reading our own front page last week, we were unhappily surprised to discover 13 errors of the kind we usually expect to catch and correct, proving once again that hindsight is far better than foresight.

Really Isn't Mysterious

SENATORS are in disagreement. They vary by four to six billion dollars in estimating the federal budget. If the men who must study government expenses in order to assist them in setting the budget cannot agree as to what it is, then it must be a highly complicated instrument. But there is a remedy, one, however, that is not likely to be taken. Let no more appropriations be made until the budget is placed in a sufficiently simple form that members of the congress may understand it. Is that expecting too much? There really is no mystery about government or government accounting methods, except as they are made that way. Let's remove such mysteries as have been allowed to creep in and find an understanding before congressmen attempt to agree on the budget itself.

When Secretary of State Acheson put so low a price tag on armament aid to Europe compared with our other expenditures abroad, it sounded suspiciously like he confusedly was quoting a down payment figure rather than the total price.

PETER EDSON'S COLUMN

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—The possibility of tacking some American "reservations" onto U. S. senate ratification of the North Atlantic pact has been raised by Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio. Taft's idea, first given utterance in a television "Meet the Press" interview, is reminiscent of post-World War I days, when senate GOP irreconcilables forced their reservations on U. S. adherence to the League of Nations and the Versailles treaty of peace. These reservations may ultimately have killed both.

Senator Taft is for the Atlantic pact on general principles. But he believes such points as the sole right of congress to declare war for the United States should be spelled out more clearly. Senator Taft also indicates he is opposed to rearming Europe, believing that will force Russia to go to war, instead of bringing peace.

Taft believes the senate foreign relations committee may take three or four weeks for public hearings on the pact. Senate floor debate may take two or three weeks more. That means no ratification—with or without reservations—before June.

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Postcard from McDonough, Ga.: "Dear Sir—Just a short time off—1952. A lot of good 'Cracker State' Democrats want to see Hon. Clinton P. Anderson, senator from New Mexico, get the 1952 Democratic presidential nomination. Believe he can weld the party together, solid. (Signed) M. B. Rodgers."

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National Defense Secretary Louis Johnson also has a claque promoting his name for democratic presidential candidate in 1952. One of Johnson's great drawbacks is lack of hair. The United States has had only one bald president—John Quincy Adams—unless you rate the early presidents like Washington and Jefferson, who wore wigs, as baldpates.

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Senate wives are up in arms over the heavy schedule of night sessions held just before the Easter recess. "I got to see my husband almost every day," says Mrs. Claude Pepper somewhat philosophically. "It used to be that a night session meant something extra and was quite impressive," says Mrs. Robert A. Taft. "Now they hold night sessions for just anything—like that Tennessee steam plant."

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Representatives of United World Federalists—young Cord Meyer's outfit—have been buttonholing congressmen. They want a resolution introduced calling on President Truman to summon a new conference of nations to revise the U. N. charter. Ultimate aim is to pave the way for creation of a real world government.

Three state legislatures — California, New Jersey and Maine — have already passed resolutions memorializing congress to call a U. S. constitutional convention to consider a world government amendment. The idea is to have the U. S. constitution revised so that the United States can join a world government, once it is set up.

France, Italy and India already have such provisions in their constitutions. Twenty-two state legislatures in the U. S. have resolutions on world government pending. Connecticut in 1948 elections approved world government by 11 to 1, in a popular referendum ballot. Massachusetts voters approved such a resolution nine to one in 1946.

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Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall and his advisers are now studying a new report on progress in breaking up big business cartels in Germany. The report is still classified secret. No decision has been made on whether to release it. Big question is whether the report will be critical or whitewash Gen. Lucius D. Clay's military government administration of cartels.

The new investigation and report were made by a three-man mission appointed by Secretary Royall last December. On it were Garland S. Ferguson of federal trade commission, Samuel S. Isseks, ex-department of justice anti-trust lawyer, and Andrew T. Kearney, Chicago businessman. Kearney is understood to have approved the German decartelization program as carried out. Isseks was critical. The report is believed to be mildly critical.

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American Medical association has hired the California public relations firm of Whittaker and Baxter. Its job is to handle the publicity for the AMA fight against national health insurance. The Whittaker and Baxter firm has registered with congress as a lobby, though it has set up headquarters in Chicago.

It has organized a committee of 56, with one doctor in every state and territory to direct operations. The old AMA National Physicians committee has been disbanded. It was originally set up uotside the AMA organization to handle the anti-health insurance campaign. The AMA directors then thought they shouldn't get involved in such campaigns, for reasons of ethics. Now they're operating out in the open, with even a public relations firm.

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United Nations headquarters planners have begun to worry about their future tourist business. In the face of rising building costs, plans for the new U. N. buildings in New York have been cut down to fit their $65,000,000 budget. Biggest auditorium planned for general assembly sessions will seat only 1,000 visitors. Crowds visiting temporary U. N. buildings at Lake Success and Flushing Meadows have already passed that mark.

If the new U. N. headquarters right in the heart of the country's biggest city becomes a major tourist attraction easy to get at, there will be no provision for taking care of the crowds.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—Does salt ever lose its flavor?

A—No. Common salt is a definite chemical combination of two elements, sodium and chlorine, and it cannot lose any of its properties, not even its flavor. However, it can be rendered useless by mixing it with foreign matter.

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Q—What is the oldest book known?

A—The Book of the Dead is probably the oldest book in the world. It consists of religious texts which, according to old Egyptian faith, were designed to guide and protect the dead as they wandered through the lower regions.

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Q—Did Napoleon Bonaparte have any lienal descendants?

A—Bonaparte's only legitimate son died childless and therefore Napoleon had only one lineal descendant, but he had brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, and other collateral ancestors, and consequently he has many collateral descendants.

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Q—What is the middle chapter of the Bible?

A—According to the King James version, the 17th Psalm is the middle chapter of the Bible. It is an interesting fact that this chapter is also the shortest chapter in the Bible.

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Q—Where was the first pure nickel coin issued?

A—The first pure nickel coin ever issued was a 20-centime piece issued in Switzerland in 1881.

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Q—How should the American flag be flown on Armistic day?

A—It should be flown at full staff from sunrise until sunset.

We Don't Believe It Can Be Done

ROGER THE LODGER

By Elizabeth R. Roberts

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I MADE it clear to Roger that I expected him to take hold and do his part with his family.

Rob, noting Roger's apparent change of heart, said it was as unnatural as a kitten with insomnia and we could expect it to last about as long as flavoring extract in a sheep-shearing camp.

However, Roger became every inch a wage-earner and surprised us all. I believe he rather fancied himself in this new role; certainly he'd worn all of the others mighty thin.

When the entire houseful gave at the same time, the walls billowed like an accordion. I concluded it was plumbing that saved the day. Given enough inlets and outlets, people can live together in more or less civilized fashion. Instead of taking every other turn in the kitchen, Claudia and Mary and I each took one in three; it was like going to a party two nights in succession.

V-J Day found us living a community life of domesticity, contentment, and moderation. "It's funny," Mickey observed, "I've always thought I'd get drunk when today came. Seemed like the way to celebrate. But now it's here, I don't want to. Going to church seems more like the deal."

"I want to play Tschaikowsky's 1812 Overture," I said. "I want to hear bells peal and music swell and loud noises of rejoicing." (We'd had an airmail letter from Bill dated four days before, and there had been no subsequent news of action in his sector; I had reason to believe he was safe.)

"I feel like crying," the usually blithe Claudia surprised us. "Somehow, it isn't like winning at all. It's like a new, terrible responsibility we have to shoulder."

"No one wins wars," Robbie joined in the discussion. "All you win is the right to hit yourself over the head instead of having to let the other guy do it. For hit over the head is what you surely get. Taxes are going to get tiresome."

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"LET'S go to church," Mary proposed. "Couldn't we get someone in, just this once, to stay with all the children?"

"I'll stay," Nancy offered, overhearing the conversation.

"Thanks," Roger said, "but I don't want to go to church. I'll tell you what I think would be the ticket. Mary and I could take Rob and Lee to the Club to dinner—there'll be doings up there—and then I'll stay with the children while the rest of you go to church."

"And I'll keep you company," Rob said. "With a cribbage board. Don't want you to leave town with quite so much of my money. And what's more, I'll break out with the last of the Highland Nectar for all of you when you get home."

Not in the spirit of hilarity nearly as much as of rendering unto Caesar, we went to the Field to dinner. "The convertible?" Roger asked as we stood ready to go.

"Okay, if it means that much to you," Rob agreed. "But I'll drive."

We found at the Club that the recent rain had, as always, left a bog. "Look," Roger said, "don't make everybody walk through that mud. Drop the girls off at the entrance and I'll park the car. My boots are used to this gumbo."

Rob must have had a new shine or else he was caught in the Spirit of the Day, for he slid out from behind the wheel and left the car for Roger to park.

We ate dinner hurriedly, our minds on going to church, and it was still bright daylight when we left the Club. Roger ran ahead to bring the car around.

He reappeared chauffeuring a lopsided jalopy.

Rob groaned as he saw what shape his car was in. "Fifty feet to go and you bust the darn thing wide open!"

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ROGER'S usually swarthy face was greenish; he looked like a seasick Mexican. "I didn't do it," he expostulated. "That's how I found it."

"Where had you parked it?" Mary asked in her practical manner.

"Behind that row of cars," Roger said, pointing to a space which held cars parked parallel to each other.

"You mean you parked it broadside behind that row?"

Roger nodded, suspecting, no doubt, a suggestion of criticism. "I was at least thirty feet from them. Any goof ought to be able to back up and turn in that distance."

Rob, stricken into silence, walked into the mud and around his car surveying the damage. The fender, door, and top on one side were crushed.

Roger trotted along by Rob's side, half a pace behind. When he had completed the circle, he moved on again to the damaged side. He stroked the raw edges of the fender, ran his finger in the deep crease in the smooth plane of the car door, patted the bashed-in bow of the top. "Must have been a truck," he said admiringly, "to have done that amount of damage."

Rob looked up sharply. He seemed about to say something. Then, obviously aware of the futility of mere words to reach a brain geared like Roger's, he buttoned his lips severely. He motioned us to climb in the car.

Rob drove, I noticed, hunched over like a man who'd suffered a mortal wound. Every few minutes he glanced at the crumpled side of his beloved roadster and then slowly shook his head as though it were impossible to believe it.

He said not a word. I admired his restraint under the provocation—if I'd wrecked his car, he'd have been talking yet—but I wished he'd let off steam, for this way I expected any minute he'd explode into hamburger.

The measure of his despair was that he went to church with Mickey and Claudia and Mary and me instead of playing cribbage with Roger.

THE END

HOLLYWOOD

By ERSKINE JOHNSON

Cafe with a heart: Abbott's Backstage is the only restaurant in America where the owner gets clipped every day. The owner is comic Bud Abbott, who has been losing money on it ever since it opened.

Reason he's lost money is that any old-time friend who comes into town needing a job is put on the payroll as assistant manager.

"At times I've had more assistant managers working in the place than we've had customers," he says.

He's had several chances to sell out at a profit. "I'll never sell it," he said. "I want the place so I can walk in any time I feel like it and get a free meal. I want a place I can give a man a job any time I feel like it. I want to remember the guys who gave me a meal when I couldn't buy one of my own."

Aside to pedestrians: Pioneertown, the new Hollywood for western films near Palm Springs, has a law set down by movie star president Russell Hayden. You can't drive your car on the main street. It's unpaved, will remain that way, and is only for horses and people.

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The Houston confusion continues: While in Houston for the premiere of "The Green Promise," Bob Paige, the producer - star, gave Glenn McCarthy a letter from Walter Wanger in which Wanger raved about the picture.

McCarthy showed it around, thanked Bob for bringing it to Houston ,then put it in his pocket. Other day Bob received a note from Glenn's secretary in which he enclosed Wagner's letter. The note to Bob read:

"Here's a wonderful letter I think you should read."

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A movie deal for Andy Russell is warming up at M-G-M. There's talk of teaming the crooner with opera star Mario Lanza in a Joe Pasternak super-musical.

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The harness racing enthusiast, 71-year-old Charles Coburn, was asked by Linda Darnell if the sulky sport sometimes didn't prove a little too strenuous.

Coburn assumed a patronizing air, looked Linda squarely in the eye and without a trace of a smile volunteered:

"Young lady, in the harness racing circuit they refer to me as 'that young-un.'"

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It's a new contract, with a big raise, for Susan Hayward. She's under personal contract to Walter Wanger. . . . Ken Murray was interviewing members of his "Blackouts" audience. One customer said he saw the show six years ago when he was a GI on his way to the Pacific. "Do you notice anything new?" beamed Ken.

"Yes," said the ex-GI, "you're grayer."

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Nice story behind Hollywood's new Blue Danube Restaurant. Mrs. Joe May, wife of the film director, was such a good cook at home that two dozen filmtown friends decided she should be in the restaurant business. She put up her cook books, they put up the money.

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Lucille Ball is talking to Columbia about buying Leland Laurence's satire, "The Promotion of Miss Pringle."

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Scotty Beckett, Jane Powell's teen-age friend in "A Date With Judy," gets his first grown-up role in M-G-M's "Battleground," in which he'll play a GI. It's a twist because he was considered "too old" for a role with Clark Gable in "Any Number Can Play."

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Stan Kaplan says he knows a movie doll who is so padded her studio insured her against injury, illness and moths.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith

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"Certainly that was a fast ball—but I don't want to cut loose with all my speed till the weather gets warmer!"

DAILY BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

America's Card Authority

Written for NEA Service

My partner in a recent bridge game was Lanny Ross. I have always been an admirer of Lanny's since the days of his "Show Boat" radio show. The war interrupted his singing career for three or four years, but right after the war he started again with the "Lanny Ross Show."

Ross graduated from Yale university and then took up law, but before he could get a chance to pass his examinations for the bar,

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Opening—♦ 10

somebody offered him a nice contract on radio. Today he is enthusiastic about his new television show.

I have a date with Lanny to go up to his farm on "Catfish Derby" day, when he and his wife take 50 children up from New York with a guarantee that every one gets a fish. That's the kind of fishing I like.

In today's hand he had to do some fishing around for the queen of spades to make his contract. West's opening lead of the ten of diamonds was won in dummy with the queen. A small club was led and the jack finessed, losing to West's king. West returned a small diamond, which Ross won with the king.

Now the contract depended upon finding the location of the queen of spades. Ross cashed the ace of diamonds, followed by three rounds of clubs and the ace, king and queen of hearts—and at this point he had "fished out" the queen of spades. When East showed out on the second diamond lead, West was marked with six diamonds. West had followed to three rounds of hearts and three rounds of clubs. Therefore, he had only one spade.

So Ross laid down dummy's ace of spades. When the queen did not fall from the West hand, he was safe in finessing the ten of spades.

The People's Column

Contributions, limited to 300 words, are solicited. Names must be signed, not typed. They will be used at discretion of editor, and will be used when contributions are on controversial subjects. The News reserves the right to print all or any part of each contribution. Please give full address.

Editor, The News:

War again in old China, which invented gun powder and has been imitating a keg of same ever since.

We reckon there's really no use in worrying yet about a Chinese war half way around the world. History teaches that eventually, these things come closer to home.

Mr. Hoover seems to think there is a lot of waste in the armed services now. It sure was not that way in the first world war when a supply officer would follow a soldier all over France to ask how come he lost a 6-inch tent pin.

Well, what do you know? Here's good news. It says in the paper that it is quite as safe to leave food in an open tin can as it is to leave it anywhere, that is, if it is safe to leave food anywhere, with prices so high. If this is true, away goes another old tradition. Not so long ago every housewife thought that the sooner you got food out of a tin can the better chance you had of living. If you left it overnight and ate it the next day it would kill you. What the cause of change was, we never knew. We never knew of anybody who died or even got sick from this cause. But we believed it as did our mothers and grandmothers, back in the third and fourth generation. Before that, there was no danger because there were no tin cans. Life is getting safer, no doubt and we are thankful for it.

The poison tin can may never have been and we are glad to hear that if it ever was, it is no more. But a little scare adds a taste to food and its cooking.

Mushrooms would not be half as good, if some of them were not poison.

With social security, unemployment insurance, compensation payments, pensions and other things to come, many folks are finding out the easiest way to dodge taxes, is not to earn any money.

Uncle Bill thinks the government might try his plan, for keeping from going farther in debt.

Uncle Bill, just spends less.

Yours,

ART GIST.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By DeWITT MACKENZIE

(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

A FURTHER American-Russian conference in New York Friday over lifting the Berlin blockade brought the unembellished but pleasing announcement that the talks "are proceeding satisfactorily."

This report was taken in United Nations circles as a sign that east and west were moving slowly towards an agreement on this question. One is reminded that President Truman on Thursday expressed the belief that the Soviets were acting in good faith in negotiations to lift the blockade.

We can accept this viewpoint of good faith without indulging in the wishful thinking which is a dangerous pastime at this stage in the cold war. It doesn't, and shouldn't, commit our hopes to anything more than appears on the surface. That is the lifting of the obnoxious and costly Soviet blockade, in exchange for the raising of the allied counter-blockade, and a meeting of the long dormant four-power council of foreign ministers to consider the whole German question.

We don't need to venture further in an effort to decide whether the Russians have some deep ulterior purpose in this offer, such as scuttling the formation of the German republic out of the three western zones. Even if there is such an ulterior purpose, we can content ourselves with this perfectly obvious explanation:

The Russian blockade has failed of its purpose because of the allied air-lift. It is hurting its instigators more than it is the western powers. Moreover, western Europe is rapidly recovering strength. The communist offensive has bogged down.

The democracies have nothing to lose, and perhaps have something to gain, negotiating on the Moscow proposal.

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THE CRUCIAL moment will arrive if and when the blockade is lifted and the major question on the unification and joint control of all Germany comes under consideration. Diplomatic officials in Washington say great difficulties face a conference on these problems. The consensus is that unless Russia changes its current policies, an accord can't be reached.

Secretary of State Acheson has pledged his word that America will do everything she can, if negotiations are resumed, to effect a German settlement that is fair to all. There will be no bargaining away of the rights of Germans, or of the rest of Europe. He told the annual dinner of the American Newspaper association in New York that the United States wants to see an integrated German people, or as large a part of them as possible, qualify for a place in "a new common structure of the free peoples of Europe."

In other words, the western allies stand pat in their determination to create a new German government which they hope will include the soviet zone, but in any event will comprise the three western parts. Russia's cooperation is earnestly desired but she will not be permitted to interfere with the creation of the new Germany.

The western allies are proceeding with their eyes fully open. Assistant Secretary of State John E. Peurifoy summed the situation up in a speech Friday in Farmville, N. C., when he declared that soviet feelers for ending the Berlin crisis provide no evidence of any basic change in Russia's attitude towards the cold war. He said he thought most people are going to approach this latest effort with caution and won't be deceived if the effort isn't a real interest in furthering world peace.

As I have emphasized in previous columns, of one thing we may be dead sure: the world revolution for the establishment of communism will go on until either it succeeds or is smashed.

Garden Thoughts

By MRS. DELBERT CARLILE

HERE'S a tip! You'll be missing something very colorful and very beautiful if you do not attend the spring tulip show sponsored by the Ponca City Garden club Monday and Tuesday. The Red Rose unit is responsible for the setting or staging of the show with the help of the Chrysanthemum unit. The efforts of the latter group have made the show possible this year.

Dutch shoes, windmills and everything in Holland style will be accented in presenting the flower show. Delia Castor is to be commended for her brilliant efforts to organize all working committees composed of garden club units.

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Back to gardening, most of us are up to our ears in combating pests of all descriptions. Here is a spray dilution chart for horticultural crops put out by the Oklahoma A. & M. college and written by E. L. Whitehead, extension horticulturist. For one gallon spray mixture, lead arsenate, use 1 tablespoon; double strength lead arsenate, 2 tablespoons; hydrated lime, 3 tablespoons; 50% wettable DDT powder, 3 tablespoons; wettable sulfur, 5 tablespoons; low-soluable copper, 4 tablespoons; zinc sulfate, 3 tablespoons; Bordeaux (powdered), ¾ cup; liquid lime sulfur (summer), 4 tablespoons; dormant spray oil, ½ cup; nicotine sulfate (Blackleaf 40), 1 teaspoon; and slop, 2 tablespoons.

If your husband is like mine, he won't know a tablespoon from a teaspoon, so watch him! I am getting even with him because he would never tell me what the difference between a flower and a weed was and I had to join the Garden club to find out in self-defense.

Magnesium sulphate or epsom salts is the key to the chlorophyl structure of your plant leaves. If broadleaved evergreen or roses need greening, mix four ounces of epsom salts to each three gallons of spray and spray plants now. The foliage will pick up the salts and will take on a deep green color.

If you notice mottling of rose leaves, that is the veins are dark blue-green areas between pale green, yellow white ground, then a soil low in iron is indicated.

The site selected for planting dahlia tubers should be a well-drained one, having a loamy soil, containing quantities of humus as well as decayed leaf mold. Since the tubers contain moisture they should not be watered when first planted. Too much watering causes rot.

When the plants are one foot high, pinch out the tips, leaving two leaves each to develop larger varieties. If you want lots of small blooms, do not disbud the plant.

SO THEY SAY

Europe is used up—an economic liability. But this (the Pacific) is a virgin region, with unmeasured resources and people who are eager to take advantage of the blessings offered by democracy.—President Elpidio Quirino, of the Philippine Republic.

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The current Soviet hysteria against the so-called Marshall plan is the most eloquent testimony to its success. It has been fresh air in the lungs of liberty, and has driven despair from the souls of men.—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenburg (R) of Mich.

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In these matters (taxation and financial relations), as in so many others, the three types of government—federal, state and local—must act together in a spirit of cooperation for the common good.—President Truman.