

Liars Club Secretary Runs True Telling Tall Tale About 'Reading' Hole in Specs

Contest Entries Previewing

By D. L. Brannon (P)-If the secretary's glasses hold he has chilblains something awful up, the Burlington Liars' club from having to take off his shoe will crown a new world champion all through these cold Dakota pervaricator on New Year's eve. winters every time he wants to pervaricator on New Year's eve. Those spectacles are important because Secretary L. J. Stang does much of the preliminary judging of the year's crop of tall

Stangis working overtime after a brief layoff occasioned by old ones.

As 1940 passes, Stang, President O. C. Hulett and other club officers will make a choice from the 6000 stories entered in the Censors Pass Lie Entries

Few of the entries are based in the war in Europe, but yarn spinners in territory dominated by belligerents are represented, successfully passing through German or British censorship.

lett says, offering these samples: Frank Adamsky of Deroit, tell- following him down the furrow. his uncle in North Dakota, said couple of surgical mistakes.

Well, he sure did a good job to wash gold!"

of sewing, for both took root and BURLINGTON, Wis., Dec. 21- grew, but Uncle complained that blow his nose.'

This One's Bunyanesque

Walter Post of Everett, Wash. wrote of his father's persistance: "Once while he was crossing Arizona, he stumbled into what he thought was a valuable gold the necessity of shopping for new glasses. He said that he had read so many lies he wore holes in his a lake and bring water in by the simple expedient of plowing a furrow and letting the water run

"By some accident he missed every body of water until he hit Yellowstone lake in northwestern Wyoming. He started to plow down through Colorado, New Mexico and finally, two years later, Dad came into camp late one afternoon, his buckskin team pulling hard, his old breaking The lie market is bullish, Hu- plow hitting a deep furrow-and for miles behind there was water Ol' Man Ribber Tired

"Despite the fact he had been the small town doctor made a on the road for two years, and that it was late in the afternoon, 'He sewed Uncle's big toe on Dad wanted to start right in to where his nose should have gone see how rich was his gold find. and then, having the nose left Then came the shock that killed over, he sewed it on where the him-you see, the water wasn't big toe came off," Adamsky re- like Dad, and it had traveled so far that it was too cockeyed tired

Women in Uniform Study Defense Skills

By MAXINE BUREN

are marching. wave radio messages. They will Jess McNeil and drill from Serbe in Uncle Sam's first line of geant Frank Jirak. defense, "if and when" a first | Later they will study auto meline is needed.

There are 23 members of the Motor corps in Salem, with Captain Bertha Ray and First Lieu- tor in home defense in case of tenant Nelle Cox in command.

Service league appearing at left to fight fires. in uniform are, left to right, One of the Carmelite Weddle, Erma Coopthe organization and Leone Teske. The uniforms are of suntan gabardine .-

the World war. It is voluntary Tramp, tramp, tramp the girls and open to any woman over 18. Women of the Salem corps Those women in natty suntan meet every Friday night in the slacks, regulation officers shirts chamber of commerce rooms, to and overseas caps are members learn the intricacies of short-wave of the National Service League radio under the direction of Motor corps, learning to drill, Dwight Mulkey, first aid from Dr. drive ambulances and send short- V. A. Douglas, signaling from

chanics.

Not only do these women expect to become an important facwar, but also they will be ready The National Service League in any emergency or disaster. Motor corps was originated by They will know how to man Harriet Virginia of Santa Monica, trucks and ambulances, give aid Calif., an ambulance driver of to injured, repair motors, will have a working knowledge of ed. Salute! Members of the National short-wave radio and know how

One of the greatest features of the organization is that its memor, Ermel Klein, Barbara Cross, Jean Gardner, Rachael Gardner
The official uniform include The official uniform includes suntan gabardine slacks, a far

> cry from the long skirts of women's service organizations of the as to how this particular custom last World war. Regulation officers' shirts, overseas caps, trench coats and official Girl Scouts shoes complete the uniforms. "Considering that the idea of a dagger. women actually training for home

defense is so new, our member- men are required to salute each ship of 23 is quite good for this other whenever they meet er sized city," said Captain Ray, pass out-of-doors or in roofed Beside these 23 who are already structures used for troop drills.

drill master for the corps talks

Spelling out the initials of their right, Ruth Hunter, Gladys Howe, Evelyn Hebel and First Nelle Cox.-States



The Safety Valve Letters from Statesman Readers

"BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS" This is the time when our spirits are softened to give; Buy Christmas seals that others

may live. The appeal is now sounding, and calling to you, Each one has a pact, this fight to renew.

They ask not for checks of the four-figure style, Yet each seal helps bring someone a smile. penny may seem useless ning a fight:

Remember the widow who gave her mite. The great white plague is steal-thy as a thief at night; victim is not aware of his menacing plight.

must take a test to be

Take a long time rest to affect a cure. Let your pennies help in this hu-

solutely sure,

manitarian need, It costs so little to do this good deed. There will be many more victims near and far;

Join in this crusade in a less war. EDGAR H. HARPER Aumsville, Ore.

THE HOOVER PLAN To the Editor:

Ex-President Hoover and four or more relief organizations have a plan for preventing wholesale starvation this winter in Norway. Holland, Belgium and Poland. Of these people 10 million are chil-

These people are not asking for contributions but for a chance to use their "frozen assets" (of cash) in this country to buy food to be carried over, probably in their own ships.

About the only valid objection we have read is the danger of the Germans taking the food for themselves. But after seeing the restrictions that Hoover insists on and knowing his character and his proven ability in the line of child feeding, it really looks worthwhile to give the plan a fair trial at least. If food was taken by the Germans—shipments would stop and Hitler be held responsible.

Here in Oregon if one child is lost in the woods or one boy lost in the snow of Mt. Hood, hundreds of people will rush to the rescue. Are we to become so calloused to war suffering that we will "pass by on the other side" when millions of youth and children are involved instead of only one?

If this sentiment does not apthere are other more selfish reasons that might register in our thinking. If no help is furnished, an epidemic of contagious disease is likely to develop, which shows no regard for national boundary lines and might sweep over our lines what santy oldest son, is in training with the naval reserves on the west coast. Elliott is on duty in the aviation corps. John can't come down because he has only one day off from his Boston department store in the likely to develop, which shows an outline of the likely to develop the li peal to our national conscience, there are other more selfish rea-

| country worse than the flu in the last war. If the frozen assets of these countries are held here they are

likely to become a source of trou-

ble sooner or later. To this writer, it looks worthwhile to try some plan to turn our surplus crops into cash. While traveling in Iowa last August I noticed most towns had numerous steel cribs of shelled corn, held by the government in an effort to keep the price up to the cost of production. At that time this corn was being treated with chemicals to prevent destruction by weevils. More cribs are now being built and more corn being accumulated -to be used, "dumped" or spoiled. There is also plenty of other

grain, pork, etc., to spare without robbing our own people. Oregon farmers would no doubt approve of this outlet for some

of the surplus prunes. If no food is sent from the US many people in these small countries may feel forced to cooperate with Hitler in order to live. There are quite a number of

our citizens with conscientious scruples against the slaughter and destruction of war, who would be glad to aid in this plan. FRANK W. MICHENER.

Leave for California

WEST SALEM-Mrs. Roy N. Annin and daughter, Marguerite, nonites have come to the United thine enemy hunger, feed him; are leaving for California. Mar- States from Russia. These are the if he thirst, give him to drink, guerite has been a student in the descendants of the German Men- for in so doing thou shalt heap fifth grade.

Objectors' History Given

of articles on the position of the under promise of freedom from

died in 1559. As a church the in Oregon. Mennonites date from 1550. They have a long record of persecution by the state churches of Holland, Germany, Switzerland, and Rus-

When William Penn received Pennsylvania from the English king, as payment for a debt owed by the king to his father, Admiral Penn, he travelled up and down the Rhine valley inviting various dissenting religious for a tooth, but I say unto you, groups to settle in his colony in the new world.

Penn offered both religious northwest of Philadelphia, but vengence on his enemies, . . now a part of that city, in 1681. (Deut. 32:35) In more recent years other Men- mine. (saith Jehovah) But if nonites whom Catherine the Great coals of fire on his head.' (Ro-

This is the third in the series of Russia had invited to Russia

nonite Brethren in Christ in Am- against force."

"Concerning revenge, defenselessness, and love of enemy we believe and profess according to the words of the Lord Jesus: You have heard, that it has been said, an eye for an eye, a tooth resist not him that is evil, etc. Love your enemy, bless them that curse you, do good to them that freedom and good land. Among hate you. Pray for them that inthe groups who accepted his offer sult you and persecute you, that were the Mennonites. Under their ye may become sons of your Faleader Pastorius, 13 families set- ther who is in heaven (Matt. 5; tled at Germantown, six miles 34-35); that one may wreak no "Vengeance

he suffered, threatened not, but committed himself to Him that judges righteously.' (I Peter conscientious objector to war. It taxes and military service and 2:23) Upon this basis we also use will deal with the Mennonites and freedom of worship. Since all no sword, weapon or arms against Brethren, who with the these promises were broken by our enemies. Paul teaches: "We Friends compose the organization the recent Czars and the Soviets, do not war according to the flesh, called the three pacifist churches. another migration of Mennonites for the weapons of our warfare The Mennonites take their to the United States set in. Both are not of the flesh, but mighty name from Menno Simons who the Pennsylvanian and the Rus- before God.' (II Cor. 2:3-4) And was born in Frisia in 1492 and sian groups are well represented since the Lord Jesus commanded Peter to put his sword in the The following quotation is tak- sheath, (John 18-11) we may not en from the Constitution of the go out against the enemy to pro-Conference of Defenseless Men- tect ourselves, or to employ force Another group similar to the

mans 12:17-20) We shall imitate

our Savior 'who when he was reviled, reviled not again, when

Mennonites that accepted Penn's invitation to settle in his new colony was the Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkers) formerly known as the German Baptist Brethren church, Conservative. They date from about 1708 and they likewise came from Germantown in 1719. Their po- in this community. sition on war is as follows: and example of Jesus." During the World War, the teach,

Friends and Mennonites cooperated in relief and reconstruction work in France.

Since the World War the Friends, Mennonites, and Brethren have frequently met together as the Conference of the Pacifist churches.

At the present time, these three pacifist churches with the Fellowship of Reconciliation (a Christian Pacifist organization formed during the World War) have appointed Paul French, a Quaker as their official reprecentative in Washington. French has been asked by Dr. Dykstra, director of selective service, to act in an advisory capacity to him in developing the entire program for conscientious objectors.

Royal Neighbors Elect, Woodburn

WOODBURN-The Royal oracle; Emily Dow, vice oracle; Mary Gibson, recorder; Edna By-

New members given the obligation were Hazel Harrison, Irene Harrison and Betty Brachman.

When in Doubt Salute, Advice Don't Carry Umbrella if You're in Uniform, Is

in uniform, there are 35 more

women who have made application for membership and will be

fitted with uniforms soon after the first of the year," she stated.

Word to Draftees WASHINGTON, Dec. 21-(P)-When in doubt, salute. That's the advice of veteran army officers to the rookie wondering when he should make this gesture of respect and courtesy, and to whom it should be direct-

The salute, given under many circumstances by raising the hand to the hat brim, is one of countless customs with which selective service trainees will have to become familiar during their year of military learning.

Old Roman Custom? Many different stories are told originated. One is that it developed among Romans who required subordinates coming into

Generally speaking, officers and The subordinate salutes first, but the officers has an equal obli-At left, Sergeant Frank Jirak, gation to salute in return. This general rule does not

commanding officer, Cap- apply when either the officer or the man is participating actively in a game, is at meals, in a public vehicle, at an assembly for organization, below, are left to amusement, leading an animal, or driving a vehicle in motion.

In a military formation, the enlisted man or trainee does not midity is even more important,

> comes to attention when ad- keep the humidity constant. Keep dressed directly by an officer, but the soil wet, but if it has come doors is required ordinarily to soil will be that type which drains

salute. No Salute at Work Soldiers at work do not have to salute an officer unless he ad- plant much loveller at this sea- Anna Klampe Thursday, honoring dresses them.

trainees will encounter in the over. When the plants are in The table was centered with army are these: room is the signal for everyone ture under 70 degrees with some- hour and viewing of within to come to attention.

In some regiments it is custo- begin to drop. member of the regiment, to send simply not stand heat; so keep Curl, Mrs. Nettle Reeves and

flowers to the mother, a letter of it in a place that scarcely ever Anna Klampe. congratulations from the regimental commander, and a silver mug from the regiment to the child.

To avoid being conspicuous, officers are supposed not to wear military uniforms when on leave, visiting nearby cities, or off duty among civilians in public.

Service Society Meets, Jefferson

JEFFERSON - The Woman's society of Christian service of the Methodist church enjoyed a 1 o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Earl Phelps Wednesday. Members answered to roll call with Christmas quotations. Mrs. Grace Thurston led the devetions and Mrs. J. G. Pontaine was in charge of the Christmas lesson Mrs. Elmer Redmond gave a reading, "The Other Wise Men." Mrs. M. J. Thacker and Rev. E. C. Alford were guests of the society.

Fin Reported At Cloverdale

CLOVERDALE-The flu enithe Rhine valley and settled in demic is claiming many victims Some of those suffering flu Nonresistance is taught, and all are Mrs. Arthur Kunke, Mrs. communicants are asked to be Walter Miller, Waldo Timm, Mr. noncombatants, not because of and Mrs. Karl Wipper, Mrs. Everpersonal fear, not out of a desire ett Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. Cy to be disloyal citizens, but because Barker, Shirley Hennies and Mrs. war is outlawed by the teaching Albert Hennies. Mrs. Barker is a Turner teacher, but is unable to



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How Does Your Garden Grow?

The Salem unit of the National Last week I promised to give ranges above 50 degrees. It is Service League Motor corps has hung its certificate of charter in you some suggestions on the care quite temperamental in spite of the chamber of commerce rooms. of your gift plants. I hope you the fact that our grandmothers all receive a lot you who have space some of the little things

that you set out in spring or shortly after the I'll mention first the care for those about which I have received special re-

holidays.

quests for infor-mation: Christmas collection. I'm won ing if any of you received the white or the pale pink ones this year. They are rather pretty, and a little unusual. The poin- one you are expecting my mai settias will do best at an even temperature of around 65 with for an hour after you receive il a 5 degree drop at night. They Trim the roots back and pince will stand it up around 70 durit in the sand. You may have ing the day, but any higher and to put a couple of little atomes

do be careful not to chill it. Keep the soil moist, and it may be necessary to give the plant a Meeting Changed little water twice a day to do this, In about eight weeks the plant their presence to raise the hand is over its best period. Then and show that it did not conceal start reducing the water until the plant is quite dry. If you wish

to carry it over, place it in a Stayton Birthday club held its ancool, dark basement until April, nual Christmas party and covered then prune it and repot it. When dish luncheon at the Mrs. Henry you are sure frost is past set it Snoddy home and exchanged out of doors, sinking the pot in gifts. some shady spot in the garden. Christmas begonias are popular and easily cared for. They

will continue to bloom indefinitely and may be kept over until another season—but they will never be as pretty as the time you received it from the florist Its temperature range is much like that of the poinsettia, but it

salute unless he is in command and I notice some places that a of the formation. In ranks, he fiber mat is kept beneath it to oes not staute.

A soldier sitting down out-of-worry about sogginess as the rise upon the approach of an of- quickly. Also it will need some stand at attention and fresh air each day but do not

Many of you will receive asaltoms which selective service have no more of this season) is Mr. and Mrs. Curl. e knock before entering a dow. Try to keep the tempera- pers. Following dinner a social what cooler at night and give the were featured.

had such good success with it. But they didn't have gas, and they didn't over heat their rooms and they did let the house cool off at night, although they didn't usually let it freeze up. All this suited the Jerusalem cherry. In the spring, along about May, re-

until fate in summer.

To the inquirer about controling the mites which attack her cyclamen: Sprinkle camphor flakes in the saucer under the pot. This will help. Do not for Poinset tis __ Line L. Maken one minute let the cyclamen dry out. If it does it is lost. Give this usually comes first in all it a cupful of liquid plant food. once a week. Keep it as cool as possible in a winter-heated house. M. O. Keep your enctus de should be soaked in warm water they will be finished. If you around it to hold it in place until keep your house at around 70 its roots take hold. Water for at night, remove the poinsettia to a couple or three days and then a cooler place for the night. But do not overwater thereafter.

By Birthday Club

WEST STAYTON-The West nual Christmas party and covered

At the business meeting it was decided to have the next meetnig on second Wednesday afternone in January instead of the first Wednesday of the month as their regular meeting date fell on New Year's day. Mrs. Jennie McClellan will

the next hostess for the club. Fourteen members and the fellowing guests were present, Mrs. Virginia Crane, Mrs. Vonnio Peters and children Carrol and Paul and Mrs. Agnes Sandners Stayton.

Of Curls Honored

JEFFERSON-A covered dist eas, I am sure. There is no gift dinner was served at the home of son of the year. I hope they are the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Indoors, salutes are not gen-erally exchanged between offi-cers and men.

Indoors, salutes are not gen-all of the hardy variety which R. W. Curl. It was a complete may be given a permanent place surprise and the group were also in the garden when the heavy surprised to learn that it was also Among the many other cus- winter frost (which I hope we the 42nd wedding anniversary of

It is considered unmilitary for plants plenty of water. If the Present were Mrs. John Henan officer or a soldier in uniform roots become dry, even for a derson, Mrs. William Lake, Mrs. to use an umbrella. little while; your foliage will B. B. Smith, Mrs. Alice Dowell, Mrs. J. H. Roland, Edith Buchanmary, when a child is born to a The Jerusalem cherry will an, Mrs. Mae Cooley, Mrs. R. W.



Alles in Courte Wonderland save: "It's fast as dro with

Heder Billes.

sless and cheep the Shotels Light." See this

FDRs Plan "Homey" Christmas WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-(P)-| Roosevelt, jr., and his wife, the | The festivities will begin Mon-

Just as in homes from Maine to former Ethel DuPont. California, the president and Mrs. dither getting ready for Christ- Harry L. Hopkins, former secre-

The White House, redecerated this summer, was being decked out in holly, mistletoe and poinsettas. A tall all-white Christmas tree-with white lights, white streamers and artificial snowwas set up in the east room.

Lady Eleanor's Shopping Done Gally wrapped packages were ond floor, Mrs. Roosevelt is an early shopper. This year she had Roosevelt, of New York, widow most of it done right after the of the president's half-brother,

Roosevelt family belongs to the dent's. children. Grownups have to wait until after the mid-day turkey children or grandchildren are ex- president, as is his custom, will shall; Irene Harrison, inner

tary of commerce and close friends of the president. Hop-

will be guests over Christmas. Grandmother Coming Yes, indeed, the president's mother, Mrs. Sara Delano Roose-velt, will be down from Hyde Park. A matter of being 87-yearsold wouldn't stop that world tra- staff in the afternoon, stacking up under the less formal veler who went to China in a clipfamily Christmas tree (it has per ship as a child and has lived multicolored lights) on the sec- to see clipper planes fly the seas. Other guests will be Mrs. J. R.

kins and the Junior Roosevelts

and Harry Hooker of New York, Christmas morning in the a long time friend of the presi-None of the other Roosevelt

day morning when the president The other stocking will belong and Mrs. Roosevelt receive the Roosevelt are in that last minute to Diana Hopkins, 8, daughter of White House office force—numbering about 150-in the presi-

Christmas eve will start early for Mrs. Roosevelt. Two children's candy and toy distributions, two charity Christmas basket parties, and visits to Christmas trees in the alley settlements were on her schedule as well as the annu-

to life. He will speak at that ceremony at 2:11 p. m., PST.
Dinner on Christmas eve will be a family affair. Afterward the

be but two small stockings hung corps. John can't come down be- to the First Congressional church shall.

al big party for the household A big tree on the ellipsepark midway between the White House and Washington monument -is already up and just at dusk Christmas eve the president will Neighbers of America elected as touch a button bringing its lights officers for 1941 Carrie Taylor.

dinner—carved by the presidenpected. James, the Roosevelts' read aloud Dicken's Christmas sentinel; May Harrison, outer
tial hand "to see what Santy oldest son, is in training with the carol. Then early to bed to be out sentinel; Jean Brachman, man-The presidential family will go Jean Brachman, ass

ers, receiver; Josephine Dunton, chancellor; Hazel Harrison, marager; Betty Brachman, musician;