

Wise or Otherwise

By ETHAN GRANT

Our family tree is indeed an odd old bush. As to its appearance of symmetry, it seems to have grown to an amazing state of perfection. It is, in fact, too perfect to be convincing. For it records not a single horse thief or wife beater. No bold pirates, no bad buccaners.

All of which causes grave suspicion that the succession of gentlemen who have been charged with its care were guilty of omitting any reference to its weak branches and bad fruit. So, like most genealogies, it is interesting primarily for what it doesn't reveal, rather than for what it does.

Although I privately suspect the line may have extended clear back to Noah, on whose Ark we probably at least had storage, it first becomes recorded history in 1748, when John was born in the old country. John Grant, the eldest son of Richard. He was the first of a long line of Johns.

Both my grandfathers were named John. I have a brother John, and some nephews who are Johns. In view of all this, I refuse to believe there were not at least a few demajohns, or a jug or two, in the family.

It was something more than 100 years after the Mayflower that John, the son of Richard, came over and settled in Connecticut. By having missed the Mayflower, he put the Grant family at a great social disadvantage. For, having never since amounted to anything in particular, we have always remained without standing or prestige.

From Connecticut, the Grants migrated southward into Ohio, Kentucky and, later, Tennessee. It is a lamentable fact that they might just have easily ascended the social ladder by coming west in a prairie schooner or around the horn by skiff. The only distinguished name in the records is that of Ulysses. But even he was a matter of opinion. We of Tennessee knew of him only as a pistol packin' Yankee who bested a southern gentleman named Robert E. Lee in an argument over peanuts or the like.

According to the records, Ulysses was the sole rip-smorter of the entire clan. All others were quiet, peace-loving men. A few plodding soldiers in the earlier days, but for the most part just plain-loving fathers and good husbands. Yet an amazing number of them seem to have married Irish women.

'Why Not This for Your Child's Christmas?'



Miss Elizabeth Gardiner (left) discusses proper books for children with Mrs. S. L. Asman (center) and Mrs. Virgil McMorris. They look over an exceptionally fine copy of Mother Goose, found on the shelves of the Salem public library. Advice on selection of books for various age groups is part of the work of Miss Gardiner, children's librarian. (Statesman photo)

The records make no mention of who wore the pants, but in view of what is revealed, I think I'm entitled to my own private conclusions about that.

Included in the tin box containing the genealogy, but very evidently never meant to be a part of it, were a number of old letters written largely by the women folk. They contain interesting gossip about the men, the price of pork, crop and weather conditions; generalia indicating that it was they who held the purse strings. It may be in these that the true nature of our ancestry is found.

For example, this one, written on "July the 9th" by Martha to "Dear Sister:"

"Your last was received and read. It is not worth while to lament our declining years nor being so near the grave. I think of it as seldom as possible. As for my thoughts on the Scriptures, old and new, I have never been steadfast so as to call it faith. I don't believe one out of ten believe what they say they do.

"There are some good precepts in the Old and the New Testaments, and there is just as good in heathen books. The more we learn of nature's works and laws, the more we know God. If we

Seabee South Ferrets Mines

Discovers Pencil Type; Detests 'Bouncing Betty'

CAMP PEARY, Va., Nov. 20. (AP)—Seabee Theodore Smith, who had a job of ferreting out enemy-sown death-dealing mines in Sicily, believes "bouncing Betty" is the most dangerous member of the boobytrap family, but will agree that she has a hellish cousin in one mine which looks like a pencil stuck in the ground.

These nuisance mines, which were "something new" to south, "resembled a pencil with the sharpened end pushed into the ground. When a victim steps on the detonator, a 30-calibre slug buries between his legs."

South, whose home is 510 Carbon St., Marion, Ill., was a member of a Seabee demolition unit which went ashore in the allies' first assault wave against the Italian island.

This "bouncing Betty," he said, "is a little girl who awaits the pressure of your foot, jumps about waist high from the ground and then lets fly."

After his outfit had landed on a Sicilian beach, blown up eight foot high barbed wire entanglements and knocked out the beach opposition, "We went with the vanguard of shock troops which had the nearby town as their objective," South said.

"Reaching an abandoned city, I found it well planted with 'red devils' and 'water flasks.' Both are of the curiosity type. The former resemble hand grenades. If a soldier picks one up to replenish his own supply—it's all over. The 'water flasks' are imitations of their names.

"After cleaning up these, we went to work on the abandoned buildings which invariably are loaded with 'boobies.'"

"This is when you begin treading on your thinnest ice. Anything you touch or move can blow the works."

"The 'mousetrap' gives you the most trouble while picking a house. They're placed under chair legs or any other 'bait' that will hold the spring down. The moment you disturb the object—you're through."

"Corn is very poor. Wheat is good. We have 15 fat pigs and pork is 2c a pound. Apples 20c the bushel. Everything else cheap, sold or bought."

"I hope to see you before we die."

The letter reveals something of the nature of Martha. She was my maternal grandmother's aunt, a Buchanan, evidently quite old and nearing the end. But she could haul off and go rip-roaring to Chicago on a Fourth of July excursion, then come home and bemoan the poor quality of "corn!"

Had my feminine ancestors been privileged to contribute to the family history, I've an idea that somewhere I'd be able to find recorded at least a hanging or two for horse stealing.

Gardening Today

By LILLIE MADSEN

I have on hand a number of questions concerning trees, a discussion on which we started last Sunday. These, however, will now wait another Sunday and in the meantime we will take up another group of questions which have come before me.

First of all, before you forget what you had in this year's garden and what you wish you had, it might be well to make a plan for next year's vegetable garden. There are many who scoff at the idea of making a garden plan. But there are many reasons why a definite plan is desirable. Here are some of the reasons given by a well-known gardener:

A well-thought-out garden plan will enable you to buy the proper amount of seed. It will enable you to order the seed early, from a reliable seedsmen; also to place your order for plant food, insecticides and fungicides.

If your plan is well thought out and properly recorded, it will provide for an adequate succession of vegetables in the garden to keep the family table well supplied at all times, and still not give you a great deal which will go to waste.

A plan that has been well prepared will provide for a surplus for canning but not a surplus for discarding.

A plan that has been well prepared will also provide for a rotation of crops, and this feature should be considered from a year-to-year basis, as well as in a season's succession of crops. A good rotation plan will lessen disease and insect infestation. So keep a record of this past season's garden and use it in preparing your plan for next spring's garden. Your plan should really include the approximate time required to produce, planting distances, depths and seed required.

A correspondent has written to ask me for a description of Emporiumitil Raselina. Said it had been recommended highly to her by a garden friend.

I am sorry but I can find no such name listed in any of my

garden encyclopedias. If anyone knows it will they kindly let me know? Or if the correspondent would write again and give me a little more information? I am inclined to think there is an error in the name. You may all remember the old story of Rhodum Sidus? The country nurseryman who had sold several of this so-called flowering plant? When at length a pertinacious botanist who found the flower a not uncommon weed, insisted on knowing where the nurseryman got his name, and he replied "I found this flower in the road beside us, so christened it Rhodum Sidus?"

I am not at all a botanist, as I have said before, but somehow Emporiumitil Raselina doesn't look like any of the names listed in my books and there could be a mistake in spelling.

Azaleas, in response to a request, will move all right at this season of the year. It is well to have the hole into which they go prepared. Dig plenty of soil with the shrub and set it at once, just a trifle deeper than it was growing—not more than an inch. Then water it well. It may seem that the soil is sufficiently moist, but watering helps to settle it about the roots.

24-Per Cent Newsprint Cut Recommended

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. (AP) The recommended scale of cuts in newsprint usage for the first quarter of 1944 will range up to 24 per cent of the 1941 base tonnage for the largest newspapers, the war production board said today in clarifying proposals submitted Thursday by the newspaper industry advisory committee.

The average over-all reduction under 1941 base newsprint usage will be 18 per cent, it was stated, under a sliding scale in which small newspapers are not cut at all and larger ones are cut heavily.

On Thursday it was announced that the cuts would range as high as 28 per cent for some of the larger papers, with the over-all

reduction amounting to 23 per cent.

The apparent discrepancy was explained today as arising from the fact that newspapers had already accomplished a five per cent saving from the gross newsprint usage of 1941.

The net result of the new reductions, therefore, if they are formally ordered into effect by WPB as expected, will be to bring overall newsprint consumption down about 23 per cent under the gross tonnage consumed in 1941 but only about 18 per cent down from the "base tonnage," which excludes paper formerly used for free copies and other over-printing.

The base tonnage of each newspaper, against which the new sliding scale of cuts is to be applied, is reckoned as follows, WPB said:

Each publisher will figure the tonnage used to produce only his net paid circulation in the first quarter of 1941; will add three per cent for paper spoilage; and then will add a paper tonnage proportionate to his percentage increase in circulation, if any, from the fourth quarter of 1941 to the fourth quarter of 1942.

The tonnage for subsequent quarters of next year will be worked out similarly, using the

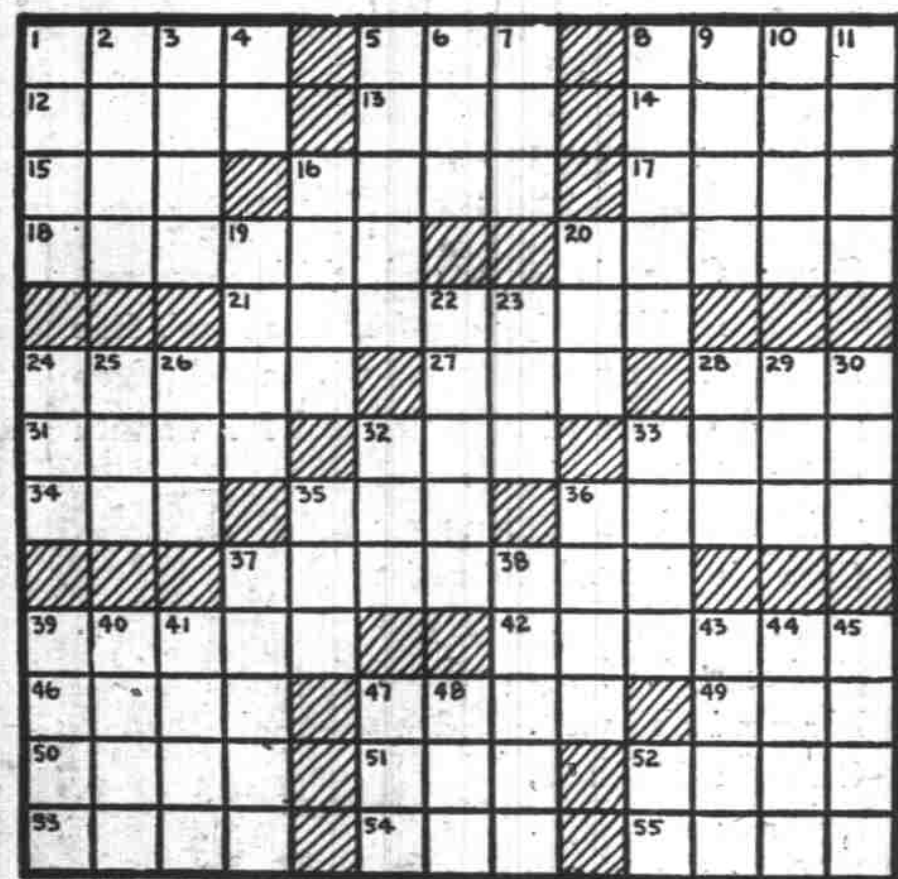
corresponding quarter of 1941 as the base.

The following scale of reductions would apply in the first quarter of 1944:

First 25 tons used in a quarter, no cut; next 100 tons, four per cent cut; next 125 tons, eight per cent cut; next 250 tons, 12 per cent cut; next 500 tons, 20 per cent cut; all tonnage over 1000 tons, 24 per cent cut.

Advertisement for Jayson's shirts, featuring a starburst graphic and text: 'BUY WAR BONDS!', 'Appliances, Paints, Plumbing, Housewares', 'Geo. E. Allen Hardware', 'Phone 4610', '236 N. Commercial St.'

Crossword Puzzle



- HORIZONTAL
1. Enne
2. Web in cloth
3. Baby's bed
12. Supplication
13. The turmeric
14. Rabbit
15. Male name
16. Jump
17. Presently
18. What Italian city was occupied by the Fifth Army after great demolition by the Nazis?
20. Position
21. Puts in
24. What country is governed by the Kuomintang party?
27. Plaything of the Nazis?
28. Government price agency (abbr.)
31. What river and department in N. France was overrun by the Germans 1914-18?
32. Feline
33. Intense
34. Jewel
35. Soggy mass
36. Battle zone
37. Roman goddess of wisdom
39. What North Italian city is said to be Field Marshal Rommel's headquarters?
42. Lamprey fishermen
46. The maples
47. Feminine nickname
49. Electrified particle
50. Dappled
51. Wrath
52. Feminine name
53. Who was the last queen of the Stuart sovereigns?
54. Make an edging
55. Ooze

- VERTICAL
1. Stretch over
2. Who is the heroine of the opera "Lohengrin"?
3. Harvest
4. Note in scale
5. Bear down
6. Meadow
7. What is the most important of the Jap-controlled Caroline Islands?
8. Converse
9. Frog
10. Heavy metal
11. Crook
16. Siberian river
19. Narrow streak
20. Fig-pen
22. Russian stockade
23. Decay
24. Wheel-part
25. Hasten
26. Doctrine
28. Single unit
29. Metal fastener
30. Negrito
32. Study
33. What mountains form a barrier between Europe and Asia?
35. Evil
36. The birds
37. French river
38. Replace
39. The tempter
40. Sacred image
41. Thin
42. Ireland
44. To what European capital did the phrase "Balcony Empire" refer?
45. Clip
47. Small piece
48. Age
52. Exists

Answer to yesterday's puzzle. SPA OMEN PATE TRI MARINATES RA RAT GOT AS AIDER HEW USE ISIS COR OVEN NEE COW CHASE SAD LOO ESTER RIO PES STOA PAD PENT GOT COP ERASE ON GAS AGE UR PULSING MEN TSAR ENDS ESS

Average time of solution: 32 minutes. Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

83rd Birthday Is Celebrated

SCOTTS MILLS — Mrs. Mathilda Stultz was honored on her 83rd birthday at the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Fry.

Those present were Mrs. Carra Brougher, Mrs. Geraldine Imper, Mrs. Addie Smith, Mrs. Caroline Crites, Mrs. Laura Dale, Mrs. Myra Sloan, Mrs. Sylvia Stultz, Mrs. Annette Hicks, Mrs. Nellie Haynes, Mrs. Lena Bellinger.



For a long time, now, we have been displaying the "Reliable Prescriptions" insignia presented below. And our patrons have found that it is a mark with a meaning. For, here, "Reliable" means RELIABLE—in every sense of the word. Why not bring your next prescription here!

Willett's Capital Drug Store, Cor. State & Liberty - Phone 5118

Large advertisement for GEVURTZ Furniture Co. featuring a mattress, text: 'SLEEP SOUNDLY!', 'What! No Innersprings? You'd never know it!', 'Check These Features!', 'MATTRESS WITHIN A MATTRESS!', 'GEVURTZ FURNITURE CO.', 'USE OUR CONVENIENT CREDIT TERMS!', 'BUY U. S. WAR STAMPS AND BONDS!', 'WE INVITE YOUR CHARGE ACCOUNT!'.