BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

Human Nature Acting As It Does These Days, You Don't Have to Look Far for Top Story Plots

By BILLY ROSE

In Battle Creek, Michigan, on July 30, 1949, a Mrs. Zilpha Perske asked her husband for a hundred dollars, and when he wanted to know what it was for she refused to tell him. One word led to a thousand others, and finally the hysterical housewife ran into the bedroom, took a rifle from the closet and shot herself.

Mrs. Perske hung on for two days, and during that time her husband not only gave his blood to keep her going but persuaded friends to do the same. A few minutes before she died, he learned what she had wanted the hundred dollars for—to surprise him on his birthday with a new hunting rifle.

One night in the Spring of 1924, in the middle of the Illinois flatlands, the engineer and fireman of a fast mail train found themselves looking into the barrels of a couple of guns. The men behind the guns told them to stop the train and back it up to a crossing they had just passed.

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At the crossing, four men wearing gas masks stepped out of a sedan. After shooting the glass out of the mail-car window, they tossed a tear bomb inside, and when the mail clerks came out the bandits went in. When they drove off, they took with them 60 bags of registered mail which contained two million dollars in cash, jewels and negotiable securities.

The case was assigned to Bill Fahy, the post office department's ace inspector, and in a matter of hours, road blocks were set up, suspects were being questioned, and detectives from New York to San Francisco were on a 24-hour shift.

Two days after this historic heist, one of the army of dicks working on the case got a phone call from an underworld character who offered to give him the name of the man who had masterminded the stick-up. His motive for squealing, he said, was revenge, and when his yarn was checked the man he named was arrested and convicted, and most of the two million recouped.

The thief, as corny and contrived as it may seem, was Inspector Bill Fahy, and when he planned the hold-up, he was certain he'd get away with it because he knew he'd be assigned to track himself down. The thing he didn't figure on was the resentment of the underworld because he was muscling in on its racket.

ON AN EARLY morning broadcast out of Berlin a few weeks ago, Bill Downs of CBS relayed the following:

Shortly after the war, a German Hausfrau was notified that her soldier husband had died in a Russian prison camp. After the usual formalities, the Berlin authorities issued a certificate of death, and a few months later the woman remarried.

Last month she was informed by the commandant of the prison camp that her husband was alive **and** would arrive by train on a certain date.

The woman showed husband No. 2 the notice, and the couple decided that the sensible thing was for the three of them to sit down at a table and talk the matter out.

When the train pulled in a few days later, however, husband No. 1 didn't get off. The Russian officer in charge informed the wife that the excitement of the homecoming had been too much for the ex-prisoner, and he had died of a heart attack the night before.

When the woman got back to her flat, she found her second husband had committed suicide. A note explained that, under the circumstances, it was the only decent thing to do.

EXPECTANT . . . Great Britain's royal family is described as "icily non-committal" regarding reports that Princess Elizabeth is expecting another baby.

This Is Your Paper

What Is A Newspaper?

By William R. Nelson

EVERY AMERICAN old enough to read is familiar with the home town newspaper. Yet, how much do the readers know about it? How well do they understand its problems and actions; its place in their lives, in the community, state and nation? Just what is a home town newspaper?

Dictionaries have varied definitions of "newspaper", but none contains the full meaning of the word. Even journalism's "Hall of Fame" editors have given widely differing definitions of what we in the United States call newspapers.

Services are Varied

A home town newspaper, such as this one, is so many things, all of them important, that it cannot be defined in a few words. It is similar to but still unlike every other business, profession, and institution in this community. Yet its services are so numerous and varied that it is a vital part of all of the others. And more, too.

The local newspaper is a mirror of its community; a clearing house for ideas; a library of local information; a market place; a sentry constantly watching over civic and official affairs; and a partnership in which the owners, the advertisers, the readers and the community all have interests. In addition, it is a manufacturing plant for production of printed matter.

Unlike a food store, it cannot feed its community's people. But its advertising columns can nurture the food store.

It cannot render banking service, but newspapers have been banks' best protection against the damage misinformation or misguided interference might cause.

Tasks to Perform

This newspaper does not practice medicine, but it can play a vital part in preventing disease or the spread of epidemics. It is not a lawyer or a court, but it can prevent or correct injustice.

Neither the publisher, the editor, nor the other members of the paper's staff will claim superior status in the community. They admit only that the paper tries to do its job. But to the outsider, whether President of the United States or traveling salesman, when the mood and measure of this community is desired, the place to go for the information is the office of the home town newspaper.

SPORTSMAN'S HORIZON

By JIM RHODY

Carp Villainy

It seems that the villainy of the carp will never be exhausted. Recent reports from the U.S. fish and wildlife service declare that as another evidence of his undesirability the carp has been found to be a competitor of ducks and geese for food that these fowl must have.

Already the other-side-of-the-tracks member of the finny tribe stands branded as a competitor of game fish and a destroyer of game and other fish spawn. He is regarded as a low-brow interloper who should be decimated as rapidly as possible by the game fishermen, although he has plenty of vigorous and vociferous supporters among the cane pole gentry who rate him as a battler equal to any—even if he does not indulge in surface acrobatics when hooked.

The fish and wildlife service says that "where carp exists in large numbers, plant food suitable for ducks and geese may be entirely destroyed."

In certain areas of the west and middle west, especially on wildlife refuges, large-scale carp removal programs have been necessary if quantities of duck and geese food

were to be retained. In one marsh in Ohio, all carp and other fish were killed by the fish poison "rotenone." After thousands of pounds of dead fish were cleaned out and removed, the waters were restocked with game fish. Within a short time, wild celery and submergent vegetation suitable for waterfowl began to grow again.

On one wildlife refuge a recently planted 10-acre patch of Chufa (Cyperus esculeutus), an important waterfowl food plant, was completely destroyed by carp. The carp not only devour entire plants, but, by their bottom-feeding habits, keep the water too turbid to permit seed germination to re-establish new plant growths. Other plants, besides chufa, which are important duck and geese foods and which suffer from carp depredations are the sago pondweeds—bearing starchy tubers—and wild celery, wild rice, bulrush, spike, rush, etc.

This constant movement of the carp, while grubbing out plants on the bottom, places silt over the eggs of desirable fish—preventing their hatching. When carp adversely affect the growth of plants, they also prevent the growth of numerous forms of small invertebrate life—such as the freshwater shrimp—which are dependent upon the plants for their existence. These little animals are an important link in the food chain for game fish. Their loss is usually simultaneous with the loss of aquatic plants.

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Hook Remover

Alert manufacturers of fishing tackle and gear have taken pains to provide anglers with a means of extracting hooks from fish—usually a messy, disagreeable operation. The new hook removers are simple and efficient. One such gadget is a metal tube with a slot down one side.

The line is slipped in the slot and the tube is slid down the hook. Only a little twisting pressure is required to free the hook. The remover comes in big and small sizes—as one might have guessed—for both big and pan-size fish.

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Small Minnows

When fishing for crappie, or "newlights" and "calico bass" as they are called in some sections, it would be well to forget just now the big, plump minnows that are used later in the season.

Instead, during the early spring pursuit of the crappie, what the angler needs is a small bait minnow—the smaller the better.

Use a rather small hook and the "tight line" technique. Don't dally, once you feel a bite. Lift the rod tip at once and begin the business of getting the fish landed. If you don't, the crappie will simply guzzle your bait and go questing for more.

Best results at this time of year will come from fishing from 10 to 12 feet deep.

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'Spotted' Bass

A large per cent of bass currently caught from Grand Lake, in Oklahoma, are "spotted," or Kentucky bass, a species which only recently has been accorded a distinct identity by ichthyologists. The fish had been so little known that there was difficulty in correctly identifying it.

The spotted bass looks and acts like a cross between the largemouth and smallmouth black bass, but are separate and distinct species.

THE HOME TOWN REPORTER IN WASHINGTON

WALTER SHEAD, WNU Correspondent

Grants Not New

AS LONG AGO as 1785 while the nation was operating under the articles of confederation, the continental congress made the first grants-in-aid subsidies. They consisted of large areas of public lands for use by public schools and universities. Since that time, every suceeding congress has increased the grants-in-aid program until this past year, fiscal 1949 ending June 30 last, total federal grants-in-aid to the several states and to individuals and local government on 46 programs totalled $5,493,710,763.

The grants-in-aid to states and local governments proper amounted to $1,854,789,515 while the subsidies to individuals in federal aid payments amounted to $3,638,921,248. These figures were obtained from the treasury department by Congressional Quarterly, a nonpartisan Washington reporting agency.

Even these figures do not include all the payments which are daily going out from the federal government to the states. For instance the figure does not include payments under the farm price support program, funds which are spent for flood control, navigation and reclamation, military posts, navy yards, air force fields and the regular civilian federal offices and their huge payrolls located in the various states.

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Figures Mount

And despite the hue and cry in congress and out for curtailment of the grant-in-aid program, the figures mount steadily. The Morrill act of 1862 is generally considered to be the Daddy of the grants-in-aid program. This act provided for the grant of federally owned land to each state to endow, support and maintain the land grant colleges of agriculture and mechanical arts. Next came the grants for the blind in 1879; next came the agricultural experiment stations in 1887, and in 1888 to provide homes for veterans and in 1890 the act was passed for annual additional grants to the A. & M. colleges.

Next came state marine training schools and in 1914 came the program to establish agricultural extension service and by 1915 the federal grants in aid were costing about five and a half million dollars annually.

During and after World War I, the program took a huge spurt when the congress set up federal aid for construction of highways in 1916, vocational education in 1917, control of venereal disease in 1919 and that year the grants-in-aid climbed to 11.7 million dollars.

But the bulk of the federal aid program took shape during the depression years of the 1930's with grants to the states running to more than a billion dollars anually. These included the social security program with provisions for federal aid to the blind, the aged, dependent children, maternal aid, unemployment compensation and later the public health service.

More recently the federal airport program and the grants for hospital construction came along.

The grants-in-aid program has given birth to the anti-administration charges of "the welfare state" and the "socialistic state" although the charge also is made that "the Republicans would not dare repeal a single one of these acts."

Most of the federal grants are made on a matching basis with the states or other local subdivision of government putting up an equal or lesser per cent of the money. It is true also that generally speaking the regular grants-in-aid in 11 western states are generally higher percentage-wise than in the rest of the country for the reason that the U.S. government owns about one fourth of the land area in these states and the higher federal contributions are considered to be payments in lieu of taxes which the states would receive from the land if held by private holders.

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Totals Listed

Some of the more important federal program totals for fiscal year 1949 are: old age assistance, $718,011,000; aid to dependent children, $189,415,000; unemployment compensation and employment service $140,313,000; aid to highways, $397,743,000; airport construction $30,390,000; vocational education, $26,145,000; school lunch program $73,501,000; agricultural extension, $29,961,000; disposal of surplus crops, $35,551,000.

But there are a score or more of other smaller programs such as public works advance planning, crippled children, child welfare services, tuberculosis control, mental health, national forest fund, submarginal land program, wildlife restoration, mineral leases, migratory bird conservation, flood control lands, public housing grants, research and marketing act of 1946 and others.

In the payments to individuals, most of the money is paid to veterans.

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	1 egg
	¼ cup soft shortening

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STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO

By INEZ GERHARD

ROBERT YOUNG and his delightful wife were supposed to be vacationing in New York after he finished "Ellen", for United Artists release. But he was so busy that they had to sandwich celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary in between engagements. In a hotel

ROBERT YOUNG

suite overflowing with flowers, they cut a wonderful cake before lunch one day while a photographer gave directions; afterward they talked—about his NBC show, "Father Knows Best", about their four daughters, about his campaign to promote safer driving among young people, for which he has been speaking far and wide.

A world-wide search has been instituted for the six most beautiful women in the world and the six handsomest men, to portray the leading roles in Albert J. Cohen's "Prehistoric Women", for Eagle Lion. Sounds ambitious!

Stefan Schnabel, of "This is Nora Drake", son of the famous pianist, Arthur Schnabel, has an impressive record as an actor in radio, the theatre and motion pictures. His latest picture was "The Iron Curtain". Perhaps because he was so convincing as a Nazi on the screen, the U.S. office of strategic services used him in Europe during the war.

Dan Seymour has been made chairman of the board of judges of the Boys' Club of America. The Board screens thousands of recommendations to select the national boy of the year, a citation for outstanding junior citizenship.

Alan Dale, of "Sing It Again" (CBS Saturdays,) must be the hat industry's best customer. Bobby-soxers have snatched four of his in the last two months. But his 35 fan clubs made up for that when they learned that the singer had been laid low with a virus infection. They sent him 46 assorted remedies. Dale played safe and stuck to his doctor's prescriptions.

When 40 New York high school reporters interviewed Robert Q. Lewis, m.c. of "The Show Must Go On", one brought along a bowl of goldfish. He asked the humorist to swallow them to make his story and pictures better!

A little more than a year ago Steve Cochran and Robert Webber, both broke and jobless, met at a party in New York. Then Steve was signed as Mae West's leading man in "Diamond Lil", and did "White Heat" and "The Victim"; Webber also landed a stage job, with Melvyn Douglas. They met again on the Warners lot; both have starring roles in "The Two Million Bank Robbery".

THE FICTION CORNER

SANE AND SENSIBLE

By Richard H. Wilkinson

GAIL WATCHED TOMMY Berkley and Rita Young disappear down the moon-flooded path toward the beach. His arm was about her waist and Rita's red head was very close to Tommy's blond locks.

Tears blinded Gail's vision. "That's what you get," she thought bitterly, "for being sane and sensible all your life. For being virtuous and loyal." Loyal! The word provoked a laugh. Loyal to what? To Tommy Berkley? That was ridiculous. You couldn't be loyal to a man who didn't know what you were up to. Or at least it lost its effect.

3-Minute Fiction

Gail turned and started back toward the lodge. Two months ago she had come up here with her folks for the summer. The day after their arrival she had met Tommy Berkley. They had danced and Tommy had looked down at her and said: "You're not pretty or beautiful, you're glorious, which is really a weak word to express what I mean."

Gail had known then why all her life she had been sane and sensible. It had been for Tommy.

At the point where the path skirted the tennis courts before coming to the lodge steps, Gail saw a figure and stopped, catching her breath.

"Hi there, Gail. I saw you walking down this way and followed." Even without the help of moon-

Clark's feet went out from under him. He fell groaning.

light to etch out the features of the man Gail recognized the voice. It was Clark Davis. Davis was tall and good looking and dark. He was considered wild. He had a reputation. Mothers warned their daughters not to go out with him, though they didn't say why.

"Clark!" she forced a laugh. "You frightened me at first."

"Sorry." He came close. "I guess I've been frightening you ever since you came up here. I wish I didn't."

A path of molten gold streamed across the lake. Tentatively, Clark Davis slipped an arm around her waist. And when she offered no objection he stopped and swung her to face him. "Gail!" he cried hoarsely. "Gail!" And he took her into his arms. She yielded, gave him her lips in a long kiss. When it was over she broke away, suddenly, unaccountably, regretful, guilty, ashamed.

"Don't! Please! I—I think we'd better go back."

But Clark Davis didn't understand. He couldn't understand. He seized her wrist and jerked her up close to him. "Listen," he said tensely. "I love you! Do you hear! I want you—have wanted you since the first day you arrived here. And you want me!"

"No. No, Clark! You don't understand. I was a fool to come here with you. Please let me go."

QUICK FOOTSTEPS sounded along the pebbles. A figure loomed out of the gloom. Davis felt a heavy hand on his shoulder. He swung around, saw Tommy Berkley. Angrily he swore and struck out. But Tommy sidestepped the blow and drove home a hard fist, catching Davis behind the ear, following it with a second blow to the jaw.

Clark's feet went out from under him. He fell groaning.

"You dirty dog!" Tommy said, coldly brutal. "You ought to be hung" Then he turned to Gail, where she had sunk to her knees. He helped her up.

They walked along the beach. Tommy's arm supported her. They stopped at the foot of the path. "The dirty dog," Tommy said. "Why can't a man like Davis accept the fact that there are some good girls left? Why does he have to think they're all alike?"

"Oh, Tommy!" She smiled, dabbing at her eyes. "It—it's all right now. I—I was foolish to have come here with him. If you hadn't come along—"

He grinned. "Lucky thing for both of us. Rita and I were sitting on the big rock beyond the point. When we heard you cry out we thought there was trouble and she went back to the lodge by the road. I came over to investigate. I'm glad I found you, because now you'll be the first to know of Rita's and my engagement."

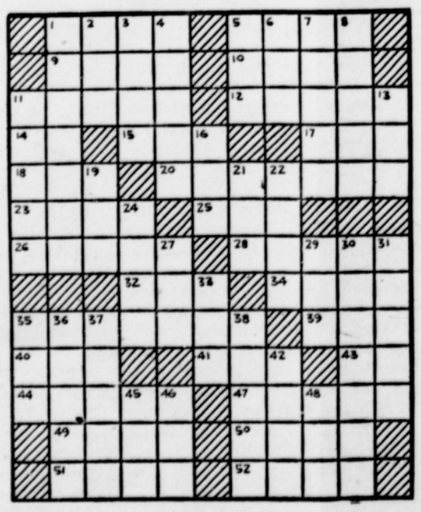
Dried Fruits

Dried fruits and dried beans absorb moisture faster in warm water than they do in cold water.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

ACROSS
1. Food fish
5. Slight quarrel
9. Heroic
10. Like a wing
11. Lucid
12. Low spirits (colloq.)
14. Sloth
15. Wet earth
17. Snare
18. Wager
20. A type of tailless ape
23. Birds, as a class
25. Disfigure
26. Fruit
28. Circumference
32. Nourished
34. Edible rootstock (Tahiti)
35. Large meat plate
39. Kettle
40. Manner
41. Head (slang)
43. Presiding Elder (abbr.)
44. Molten rock material (Geol.)
47. Narrow roadway
49. Midday
50. Canal called "The Big Ditch"
51. Wheaten flour
52. Woody perennial
21. Large roofing slate
22. Young of the herring
24. Not firm
27. Meshed material
29. Sharp knock
30. An acrobat's bar
31. Secretion of bees
33. Lair
35. Knave of clubs (Loo)
36. Any climbing vine
37. Cant
38. Cook, as meat, in an oven
42. Obscure
45. Witty saying
46. Sayings
48. Sheltered side

DOWN
1. Judge
2. Mimic
3. Kingdom (SE Asia)
4. Rub hard
5. Flap
6. Sick
7. Animals of a region
8. More at liberty
11. Combination
13. Pig pen
16. Millpond
19. Evening sun god (Egypt.)

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