Loris Raymond is seeking a musical career in New York, but finds the going difficult, as does Carey Carson, young would-be architect. They become friends, and hear of Roland Potter, an old bachelor, who wants to help a worthy young couple by paying them to act as caretakers on his Long Island estate. Loris and Carey marry temporarily, on a strictly business basis, to get the job. They are hired and Potter leaves on a cruise, after introducing Iris Wrenshaw, beautiful and wealthy, who takes a fancy to Carey. Carey responds, but still resents a marriage proposal written Loris by a former suitor. After winning an amateur prize at a wayside night club, Carey and Loris are engaged on short notice to sing and play nightly at $75 a week, forcing them to cancel an invitation to Iris. Returning late to the estate from their successful debut, Loris is startled by a prowling figure. A heavy storm keeps Carey too busy with repairs to call Iris, so he determines to visit her and apologize for the broken date.

CHAPTER XXV

THE next afternoon, when Carey drove over to Iris' home, he found her sitting on the wide veranda.

"Hello, there," she called. "You're just in time for a tall, cool drink."

"Thanks," Carey said. He took the lovely, slender hand Iris held out to him. "It's nice finding you alone like this, since there is so much to talk about."

"Such as broken engagements?" Iris smiled and shrugged.

"Yes, that among other things," said Carey, hoping he didn't look as uncomfortable as he felt. "I presume your maid delivered my message."

"She did," said Iris. "And I was frankly disappointed."

"So was I," Carey said quickly. "but—"

Iris didn't let him finish. "Not so much disappointed in not having you keep the engagement, Carey," she said, "but disappointed in you personally." She waved him to silence as he started to speak. "I like to feel I can count on the person I'm making plans with."

Carey felt like a small boy being reprimanded by his teacher.

"It was something I couldn't help," he said lamely. "Loris and I had an obligation to meet, and we were called upon at the last minute."

"Yes, I know, but what of our plans?" Iris asked. "I thought surely you'd telephone me yesterday."

"I intended to, but the storm did a lot of damage around Potters-place, and I had to get busy and do some repairing."

"Why couldn't you hire it done?"

"I suppose I could have done so," Carey admitted, "although every carpenter electrician and general repair man was in demand. Besides, I am quite capable of doing physical work myself, you know."

Iris looked at him. She, too, smiled. She could adore this handsome young man if she let herself go. Why was it that all the men worth becoming interested in were married?

"You mean you repaired all the damage yourself?" she asked.

"Only the roof," said Carey. "If necessary, I'll be able to pitch in and help build those cottages we've been talking about. Plan them, and then pick up hammer and nails and put them together."

"Speaking of the cottages," said Iris, "the lawyer seems to be having a terrible time trying to clear the way for that land out near Jones Beach." She handed Carey his drink, and sank back in a low chair with her own. "Do I get invited again for the weenie roast?"

"I'm afraid we'll have to make it a noonday date," said Carey. "Loris is tied up evenings with her music for several weeks to come."

"Rather sudden, wasn't it?" said Iris suspiciously. "Does your wife's music tie you up for the evenings too?"

"No, but it happens I've got a chance to make a little extra cash doing some night work."

"Then I'm invited for a noon party?" Iris asked, after a brief silence.

"Any day you say."

"Let's say Saturday. Same place—same program?"

"The same."

"Good. Now that's settled, suppose we go inside and look at an architectural magazine I picked up the other day," Iris got up, and took Carey's hand. "It has some fine pictures of Norman buildings I thought you'd like to have it as a sort of guide."

"You mean you bought it for me?" said Carey, pleased. "You're a girl in a million!"

"Thanks," said Iris—remembering a man who had once spoken of her as a girl *with* a million. He was a man she might have married, if he hadn't been so obviously interested in her bank account.

Carey leaned forward to see a picture which Iris turned to in the magazine.

"Look at those wonderful windows!" he exclaimed.

"I thought you'd like it," said Iris.

SHE looked up, and her face was very close to Carey's. He caught his breath. Never before in all his life had he so wanted to kiss a girl.

"Iris," he said, softly, his voice husky.

"Yes, Carey?" Iris looked deep into his eyes.

Swiftly he took Iris in his arms. She lifted her lips to meet his. They stood, clinging to each other—shaken by the kiss, a little confused.

"Just why did you do that, Carey?" Iris asked. "A passing fancy?"

"Heavens, no! Iris, I never would think of you as flippantly as that."

"I'm glad to hear that," Iris said. "We ought to understand each other thoroughly." She closed the magazine and handed it to Carey. "Take it home with you."

"And you aren't annoyed?"

"No, of course not." Iris slipped her hand under his arm. "Shall I show you around my place?"

THEY spent an hour wandering around the beautiful grounds, discussing houses and gardens.

"You really planned it all yourself?" Carey asked.

"Most of it," Iris told him. "When my father died I tried to carry out things as I knew he would like them."

"I should like to have known him," said Carey.

"He was a wonderful man, but I'm afraid he spoiled me dreadfully. We were very fond of each other, and I seem always to be comparing other men with him."

Iris looked into Carey's face. "Sometimes I think you come nearer being like Father than any other man I've met."

"That's a pretty nice thing to say. I appreciate it," Carey said quietly as they walked to his car.

"Saturday around noon," Carey said. "Cabana — swimming — hotdogs. Don't forget!"

"I shan't," Iris said. "I'm looking forward to it."

It wasn't until Carey was nearly home that he remembered that Iris had said nothing more about Loris coming with him for cocktails. Evidently Loris was out of the picture so far as Iris was concerned....

(To be continued)

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Escape From France Will Be Related By Eagle Point Speaker

Eagle Point, Jan. 2—(Spl)—Mrs. Roger Cass, wife of a Camp White chaplain, will tell of her experiences in France following capitulation of that country to the Germans, at the meeting Tuesday of Eagle Point Grange. The meeting, starting at 8 p. m. in the Grange hall, will be open to the public. Mrs. Cass succeeded in leaving France, making her way to Spain and thence to this country, but before departing she gained much first-hand knowledge of Nazi methods which she relates in a most interesting manner.

Private Peter A. Kuczynski, of Camp White, versatile violinist, who, besides being able to play the instrument well in the conventional manner, can also play it in many unorthodox ways, will also entertains on Tuesday night's program. According to the Grange lecturer, Mrs. Roy Stanley, all in the Eagle Point area are invited.

DE GAULLE MOVES TO END MUDDLE

London, Jan. 2 — (U.P.) — Gen. Charles DeGaulle, deploring a political situation in North Africa "that will be embarrassing for operations of the Allied armies," disclosed today that he had suggested a meeting with Gen. Henri Honore Giraud on French soil to discuss the problem.

DeGaulle, leader of the Fighting French, said that the suggestion had been made to Giraud, new French high commissioner of North Africa, on Christmas day. It was believed that Giraud had not replied, although both had expressed a desire a week ago to "get together."

The DeGaulle proposal was seen by London observers as holding a definite hope for an early agreement between the Fighting French and French officials in North Africa. The political situation had appeared as muddled as it was before the assassination nine days ago of Admiral Jean Francois Darlan, whom Giraud succeeded.

FUEL OIL USE ON EAST COAST CUT

Washington, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson tonight ordered a 10 per cent cut in the value of period three fuel oil ration coupons in eastern states effective at midnight tomorrow, cutting the value of class one coupons covering most residences from 10 to nine gallons each.

He cut the value of class two coupons — used principally by apartment houses, hotels, office buildings and institutions—from 100 to 90 gallons each.

At the same time, Henderson warned operators of commercial buildings in 30 eastern and midwestern states to convert their heating facilities immediately from oil to coal or lose their fuel oil rations.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

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Time Shown Is PWT

Sunday

5:00 p. m.—Edgar Bergen, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Song Shop Romance, KGO; Hello Americans, KSL, KOIN, KNX; Christian Science Prgm., KEX; Gospel Clinic, KJR.

5:30 p. m.—Edward Tomlinson, KGO, KEX, KJR; William Winter, KNX, KOIN, KSL; One Man's Family, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

6:00 p. m.—Manhattan Merry-Go-Round, KGW, KOMO, KPO; Radio Reader's Digest, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Annual New York Film Critics Award, KJR, KEX; Artists in Uniform, KGO.

6:30 p. m.—American Album of Familiar Music, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Star Theatre, KNX, KSL, KOIN.

7:00 p. m.—Hour of Charm, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Goodwill Hour, KGO, KEX, KJR; Take It or Leave It, KNX, KOIN, KSL.

7:30 p. m.—Report to the Nation, KSL, KOIN; Three Thirds of the News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Inglewood Park Concert, KNX.

8:00 p. m.—Crime Doctor, KNX, KOIN; Great Gildersleeve, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Earl Godwin, KGO, KEX, KJR; Soldiers of the Press, KSL.

8:15 p. m.—Jimmie Fidler, KGO, KEX, KJR; Church and Present Day Problems, KSL.

8:30 p. m.—Quiz Kids, KGO, KEX, KJR; Gene Krupa's Orch., KNX; Unlimited Horizons, KGW; Payroll Party, KOIN; Boeing Bomber E, KOMO; Art Linkletter, KPO.

9:00 p. m.—Freddy Martin's Orch., KGO, KEX; Standard Symphony, KPO, KGW, KOMO; William Winter, KNX, KOIN; Shining Hour, KJR; String Ensemble, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Russ Morgan's Orch., KGO, KEX; News, KJR; On Temple Square, KSL.

10:00 p. m.—Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; University Explorer, KGO, KEX; News, KNX, KOIN; Dorothy Thomoson, KJR; Concert Salon Favorites, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—When Evening Comes, KGW; What's It All About, KNX, KOIN; Quiet Hour, KEX; Dance Orch., KSL; Gospel Hour, KJR; We Believe, KOMO; Unlimited Horizons, KPO.

11:00 p. m.—Melodies for Uncle Sam, KGO, KEX, KJR; Manny Strand's Orch., KOIN; George Olsen's Orch., KPO, KGW; News, KNX.

Monday

5:00 p. m.—Refresh Your Memory, KPO, KOMO; Vox Pop, KSL; Stars of Today, KGW; Army Recruiting Prgm., KNX; Curtain Calls, KOIN.

5:30 p. m.—Jack Armstrong, KGO, KJR, KEX; Voice, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Harry W. Flannery, KNX, KOIN.

6:00 p. m.—Radio Theatre, KNX, KOIN; Hop Harrigan, KGO, KEX, KJR; Eyes Aloft, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

6:30 p. m.—Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands, KGO, KJR, KEX; Dr. I. Q., Jim McClain, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

7:00 p. m.—Raymond Gram Swing, KGO, KJR, KEX; Screen Guild Play, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Contented Hour, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

7:30 p. m.—Blondie, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Furlough Fun, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Fred Waring, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Earl Godwin, KEX, KJR, KGO.

8:15 p. m.—Lum and Abner, KGO, KEX, KJR; Ceiling Unlimited, KSL, KNX, KOIN; News, KOMO, KGW; Music for a Nickel, KPO.

8:30 p. m.—Cavalcade of America, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Gay Nineties Revue, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Everybody Loves Payday, KEX; Greater Washington Hour, KJR.

9:00 p. m.—Telephone Hour, KPO, NBC, KOMO; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Victory Bond Drive, KJR; Quiz Court, KNX; Camp Adair, KOIN.

9:30 p. m.—Vox Pop, KNX, KOIN; Hawthorne House, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KSL, KJR, KEX; Bomzadroppin, KGO.

10:00 p. m.—University Explorer, KGO, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KNX; Five Star Final, KOIN; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Sports, KNX, KSL; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; The World Today, KOIN; Sweetheart Swing Time, KPO.

11:00 p. m.—Matty Malneck's Orch., KOIN; This Moving World, KEX; News, KGO, KNX; Home Town News, KGW; Folk Music, KJR; Evening Reveries, KOMO.

About 70 per cent more employees in the converted automobile industry were engaged in producing war goods in October, 1942, than were making automobiles and auto equipment in 1939.

Crossword Puzzle

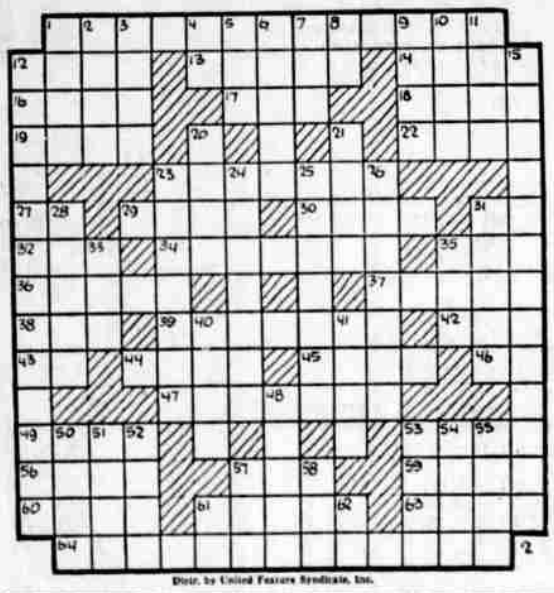
ACROSS

1—Perfectly upright
12—Rise and fall of sea
13—Animal we ride
14—Aroma
15—Marsh grass
17—Carousal (slang)
18—Sea birds
19—Heap
19—Sea birds
22—Direction to printer
23—Projection from ship's side
27—South America (abbr.)
29—Wide-mouthed jug
30—Below (naut.)
31—Make
32—One (Fr.)
34—Issue of newspaper
35—Limb
36—Enemy
37—Turkish official
38—Chemical suffix
39—A great President
42—Lyric poem
43—Symbol for tellurium
44—Saucy
45—Slagger
46—Steamship (abbr.)
47—Stops
48—Metallic earth (pl.)
53—Walk in water
56—Waistcoat
57—Phillipine native
58—Stomach acidity
60—Comfort
61—Rabbit trap
63—Land measures
64—Things that are remembered

DOWN

1—Wharf
2—Paradise
3—Radicals (slang)
4—Questioning expression
5—Bump
6—Sap
7—Adherent of
8—Symbol for cerium
9—Cuts off
10—Mine entrance
11—Actor's part
12—Buried gold
15—Those who go back
20—Went swiftly
21—Game played on horseback
23—Dilated
24—Turns toward East
25—Tars
26—Petroleum hydrocarbons
28—Aromatic seed
31—Actions
32—Night before
33—Constellation, the Lion
40—Rages
41—Permits
45—Small bits
50—Rise up suddenly
51—Actual being (L.)
52—Halt
53—Member of the Women's Army
54—Land measure
55—Female deer (pl.)
57—Cuckoo
58—Curve in space
61—Symbol for stannum
62—Engineering degree

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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HOLIDAY PARTY By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

CAMP WHITE BANK TO BE OPENED BY FIRST NATIONAL

Because of pressing need for banking facilities at Camp White, the Medford Branch of the First National Bank of Portland will install a branch at the Camp starting Wednesday, January 6, according to an announcement Saturday by Eugene Thorndike, local manager. Service will be provided to army personnel of the 91st Division, Camp White, army nurses, and all civilian employees stationed or employed at Camp White. Service will be available daily between 12 noon and 4 p. m., and on Saturdays from 12 noon until 2 p. m.

Quarters established in the Quartermaster's building are attractively finished in knotty pine and modern in every detail. Personnel of the Medford branch will take care of the camp's banking accommodations, Thorndike said.

The new agency will provide a convenient depository for approximately 200 organizations including the Post Exchange, regimental and company funds, etc.

The Camp White branch was established at the urgent request of Major General Charles Gerhardt, commander of the 91st Division, and Brigadier General Amos Thomas, camp commander, and both officers and their staffs have cooperated to the fullest extent in arranging for this improved banking service, according to Thorndike. It was pointed out that personnel of Camp White has found it increasingly difficult to carry on banking transactions in Medford because of inadequate transportation, loss of time and limitation on passes. These new facilities available on the post will fill a need felt since the camp was opened.

Besides providing paying and receiving services, the bank will furnish cash for finance officers, sell war savings bonds and stamps, cashier's checks and bank money orders.

Thorndike expressed appreciation to Generals Gerhardt and Thomas for their cooperation and said that installation of the Camp White bank is in line with the long-established policy of the First National Bank of Portland to extend banking services whenever possible.

The bank will be located in the north wing of the Quartermaster's building, facing 16th street, between SCU 2 and SCU 3, on avenue G. The bank doorway, however, will face 17th street near SCU 3. The bank will be located in the former office of the American Red Cross.

TIM TYLER'S LUCK by L. Young

Prospect

Prospect, Jan. 2—(Spl.)—Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Nye were hosts for a Christmas party to a large group of relatives and friends, Dec. 25. After turkey dinner at noon, gifts were exchanged around the Christmas tree. An old time dance took up the remainder of the afternoon. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bean and son Darwin, of Yamsey, Oregon, Ivan Nye, student at Willamette university at Salem, Mrs. Emory Nye and son Jerry of Central Point, Mrs. Lyle Tucker of Trail, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. John Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Collingwood and son Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Taylor and children, Margaret and Jimmy Ren Green, Cal Hedgepeth, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Arant, Miss Ida Boothby, Ed Boothby, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Nye and daughters, Darlene and Patricia, Miss Dee Hedgepeth and son Robin, Delpha Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. and Mr. and Mrs. Nye.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fairchild included Lieut. Nelson of Chicago, Sgt. S. Stayton of Phoenix, Arizona, Cpl. Lyle Baltz, of Madison, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. Ceford Garoutte and daughter Glenda Gayle, of Sutherlin, Ore., and Miss Dorothy Fairchild and Glenn Jr.

Miss Ann and Miss Jean Fraedrick, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Neumann of Medford spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fraedrick, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burrill and two children are visiting relatives at Woodland, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Pearson left Sunday for Eugene to resume their studies at University of Oregon. They have spent the past week with the former's mother, Mrs. Frances Pearson. The Pearsons stopped at Azalea in Douglas county, enroute north, for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jantzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boothby and little son, of Klamath Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boothby of Medford, returned to their homes Sunday after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Boothby, in the Red Blanket district since Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gallagher, who have been living at Prospect for the past several months, where Mr. Gallagher was employed at the Swanburg tie-mill, moved to La Center, Wash., last week.

Bob Dickey, freshman at Pacific university at Forest Grove, is spending part of his vacation with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Patch and two little daughters, who have been living in the Ditsworth cottage on the Green Meadows ranch while Mr. Patch has been employed by the F. Goetz Lumber Co., moved to Jacksonville a few days ago.

Weldon Zundel, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Zundel, returned to Eugene Sunday where he is a student at the university.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Willard moved to Jacksonville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ditsworth and little son Norman have moved to the house in Jantzer Village formerly occupied by Mrs. Hattie Clark and son George Wayman.

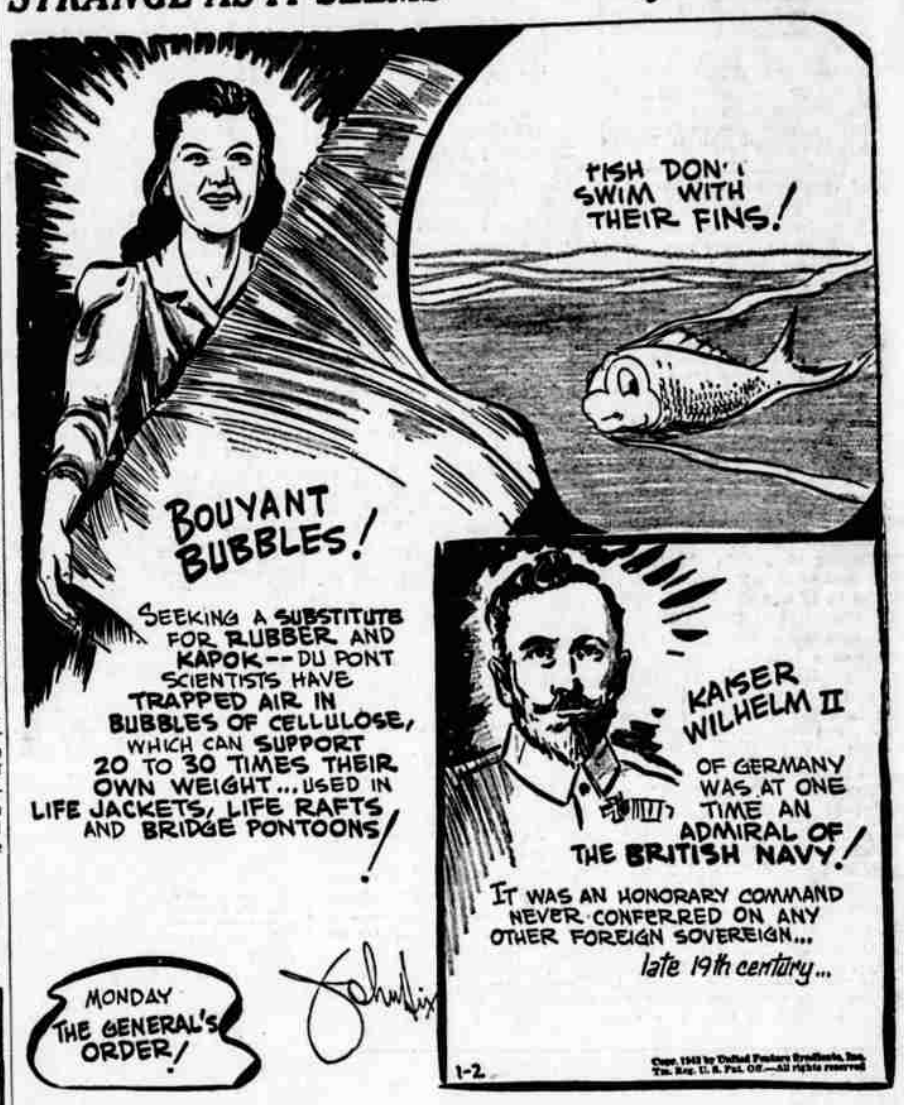
King George Sends New Year Message

London, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—King George sent a New Year's message of appreciation to President Roosevelt today, expressing gratitude for the United States' war effort.

"I and my peoples are deeply appreciative of all the United States have achieved in the common cause under your inspiring leadership," the king's message said.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS *by JOHN HIX*



AIR ERSATZ

In addition to its buoyant properties, "Bubblfil" is being tested for its shock-absorbing and insulating qualities. Therefore it is not improbable that this new "air-bubble" product may be used in mats and cushions, replacing sponge rubber, so scarce today—and it may be used for fillers in sleeping bags, as well as in interlining for cold-weather jackets.

FISHY FABLE

Contrary to the popular notion, a fish swims by means of its tail and body movements. It uses its fins chiefly as rudders or stabilizers.

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Four's A Crowd

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