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A half a billion pounds of the golden bean—coffee—come up from Latin America each year to the port of New Orleans, there to be ground, roasted and blended to make America's favorite "brew." Recognized as a morale builder, coffee is in great favor with military men, and our boys on land, sea and in the air look forward to that steaming cup. These photos take you to Coffee Town.



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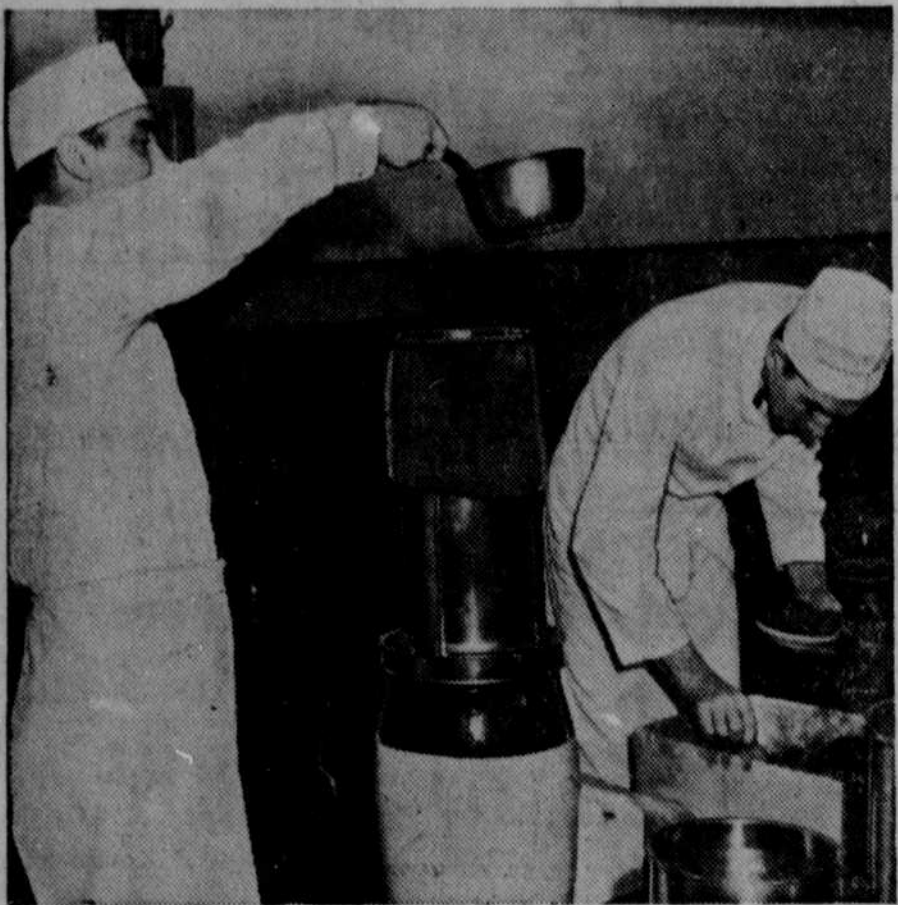
Heavy bags of green coffee hang poised over the heads of the carriers in the great dockside coffee sheds in New Orleans, and then are dropped upon the head of four huskies.



Preparations are here being made for "cupping," in a New Orleans coffee firm, one of the steps in grading and testing of coffee.



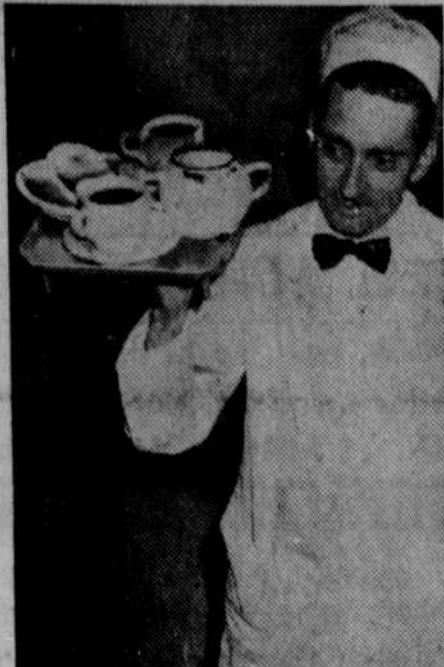
These coffee tasters sit at a circular table which revolves to bring them cup after cup of different varieties.



A coffee maker prepares a big pot of the age-old brew that has cheered savant and common man alike from time immemorial.



In an old French quarter coffee kitchen, coffee is poured with one hand while milk is poured with the other.



A young "car hop" gaily swings out to the rows of parked cars with coffee for two brewed in the inimitable Coffee Town way.



A Mean Trick

By
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NED GROSS knew all the reasons why Herbert Allis had left Raeburn university and when I expressed an interest in hearing them he grinned and looked pleased. Ned is a man who likes to tell stories and he appreciates an attentive audience.

"I'll have to go back," he began, "to the time when Herbert was made a full-fledged professor and began his duties as an instructor of mathematics at Raeburn. Raeburn and Barkley, you know, are and have always been rivals. Not so much in the athletic field as in the academic. Each prides itself on its scholastic standing and each adheres to rigid rules concerning the qualifications of its faculty and its student body.

"A tradition of long standing was broken by Raeburn when the board of trustees hired Herbert Allis, for Herbert didn't possess a master's degree. Now a master's degree may or may not determine a man's didactic ability, but at Raeburn and Barkley, too, it invests him with a certain dignity, and has always been a necessary asset. Herbert Allis was the exception, but this was because he possessed exceptional ability in his line. In fact, he was quite famous, considered throughout the country as an authority. And Raeburn knew that by breaking an ancient tradition they had added one



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more point of fame to their long list.

"Herbert was quite young at the time, a small, unassuming man, and was very grateful and proud of the honor which went with his professorship on the much envied Raeburn's shattering of the ancient tradition, and to Herbert's ears came eventually bits of gossip which seemed like a direct menace to his job. He was then quite unaware of the extent of his own fame.

"But as time went on and the Raeburn board of trustees continued to maintain him on their faculty at the same handsome salary Herbert began, to use the vernacular, to feel his oats. That is, his fame and importance became so widespread that even the little man himself heard about it. It set him to thinking, and after a time he took the bull by the horns and approached the Raeburn trustees in regard to an increase in his salary.

"Much to his surprise the board awarded him the increase without the usual wrangling and red tape. In a sense this was a mistake because it stimulated in Herbert a feeling of confidence and self-importance. He didn't exactly get the swelled head, but he became more sure of his ground.

"Meanwhile, Barkley continued to speak disparagingly upon occasion of Raeburn's rash move in breaking their traditions. Herbert wished something could be done about it. But at the moment no form of vengeance presented itself and Barkley continued with its remarks, even after a nationally circulated magazine published an article of praise and admiration concerning Herbert and his work.

"It was following the publication of a second and third article in equally well-reputed magazines that Herbert began to wonder if there weren't more behind Barkley's derogatory remarks than traditional disapproval. And the more he thought about it the more firmly he became convinced that the Barkley board of trustees was envious.

"And eventually a new and desperate plan took form in Herbert's mind. He re-read the three magazine articles concerning his own greatness in order to give him the necessary confidence, and then, in the greatest of secrecy, drove over to Barkley and called on the chairman of its board of trustees. The chairman received him graciously, in fact almost eagerly, and for two hours the pair remained closeted together.

"A week later Herbert tendered his resignation to the Raeburn board of trustees, and announced that he had been hired by Barkley college to head its mathematics department. The Raeburn board was shocked, indignant, incredulous. They consulted, went in a body to wait on Mr. Allis and after much hemming and having they offered him a much

higher salary and a department head.

"But Herbert was adamant. He had promised to join the Barkley faculty and that he must do. The Raeburn men became panicky. They hemmed and hawed some more and finally confessed that they had suspected Barkley of being wishful of securing the little man, but they had also felt assured, due to Barkley's disparaging remarks, that the rival college would never break its tradition of hiring a professor who didn't have an M.A. degree, hence had not offered to raise Herbert's salary. But, under the circumstances, they would double whatever amount the Barkley board had offered for an annual stipend.

"Still Herbert wouldn't listen. And in the end he departed for Barkley despite the almost tearful pleading of the Raeburn boys.

"Well, a month passed and then Herbert began wreaking his vengeance. The opportunity came when a metropolitan newspaper asked him for an interview. In providing information about himself, Herbert announced that he was pretty proud of the fact that he was the only professor ever allowed on the Barkley faculty who didn't possess a master's degree. Barkley, he said, had broken a much adhered-to tradition in hiring him.

"When the article was published the Barkley board was slightly perturbed. They didn't like to be reminded that they had spoken disparagingly of Raeburn for once hiring this self-same man. But Herbert was famous and becoming more famous by the minute and they were willing to take it on the chin. They knew that Herbert was a drawing card.

"Raeburn, on the other hand, was quite bitter about it all. Herbert's everlasting bragging was getting on their nerves. Everyone was therefore, quite surprised when, the following spring, upon occasion of the dedication of a new dormitory, Raeburn invited Herbert Allis to give the address. Herbert was flattered. He spent hours writing out the speech, and when the eventful day arrived, he appeared in cutaway and striped trousers and mounted to the platform with his old friend, the chairman of the Raeburn board. And there he stood, puffed out and proud—the only man who ever taught a class at either Raeburn or Barkley without possessing an M.A. degree.

"Preliminaries were quickly dispensed with. Herbert was announced and with much gusto made his address. The crowd applauded and was on the point of dispersing when the chairman raised his hand. 'A moment,' he said. 'There is still one more event on our program which I am sure you will all be interested in watching.' The chairman turned to little Herbert and there was a twinkle in his eyes. 'In view of the great work and fame of our esteemed guest, Mr. Herbert Allis, the board of trustees of this college has seen fit to bestow upon him the great honor of a master of arts degree.'

"Herbert's mouth opened. He stared. He looked angry, made as if to protest, but hesitated as his cheeks of the crowd reached his ears. He turned to them, as if in a daze, automatically bowing his thanks. Then he swung back to the chairman, muttered something in an undertone, turned and left the platform. And from that day to this he has not forgiven Raeburn university for the mean trick it played on him.

Michigan University Has Rare Instruments

Instruments accurate enough to show the bending of a solid steel bar from the pressure of one finger, or the lengthening of the bar from the heat of a human body, will be included in the "gauging and precision measuring laboratory" established by the war department at the University of Michigan.

All types of devices needed to check the accurate processes used in modern industry are provided in the laboratory. Included are an eight-inch super micrometer, set to one ten-thousandth of an inch, calipers, depth gauges, master cylinder for checking squares and many precision plates and angle irons. Master gauge blocks will make 125,000 measurements from a ten-thousandth of an inch to 12 inches, with an accuracy of two-millionths of an inch per inch.

Among the advanced type of measuring devices installed are those which make use of light wave interference, making simple measurements to one-millionth of an inch. For determination of gear teeth and screw threads, a projection device shows these materials at any desired magnification on a screen. A universal measuring machine permits direct or comparative measurements up to a millionth of an inch on any piece up to 48 inches in length, while another device makes visible a slit one ten-thousandth of an inch wide, which is about equal to one-twentieth of the diameter of a hair.

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The Questions

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3. "Remember the Alamo" was the cry of what battle?



4. Intrastate commerce is commerce carried on where?
5. What Biblical person referred to "the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose"?
6. How can the word "love" mean everything in one sense, and nothing in another?
7. Peru has been an independent country since when?
8. Who was the first President of the United States of Dutch ancestry?

The Answers

1. A person of mixed blood.
2. Cecil Rhodes.
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4. Within a state.
5. John the Baptist.
6. Everything in life; nothing in tennis.
7. Since 1821.
8. Martin Van Buren.

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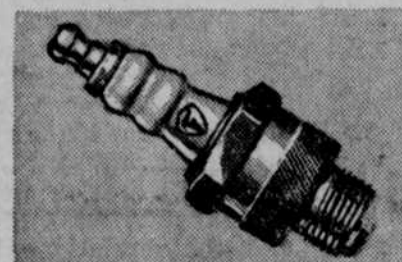
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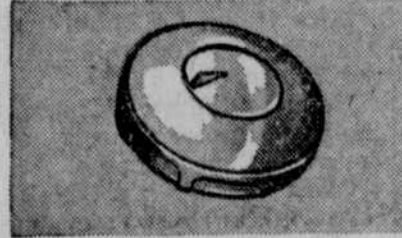
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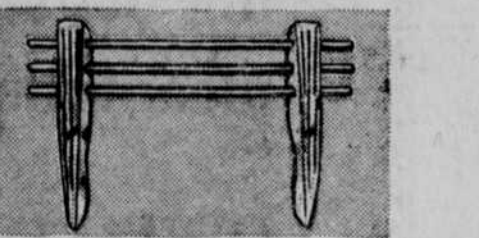
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