

THE AMERICAN HOUSE

By Virginia Chase

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THE transient just kept us going. My father was counting on the summer trade to get us out of the red. He decided to specialize in sea food, serving a real Shore Dinner every Sunday. Lobsters were abundant in our bay. Cod sold for three cents a pound and haddock four. You could buy clams, already shucked, for 15 cents a quart. It looked like a good thing.

Late in May he set Boshy to work building lobster traps and buoys. He himself wrote out notices and arranged for them to be posted in all towns within a radius of 20 miles.

SHORE DINNERS
Chowder
Fish—Clams—Lobsters
Excellent Food
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On the following Saturday we began to get ready. There was the cleaning to do, the silver to polish, the butter to mold, the Bills of Fare to print—we called them Bill-fares—to say nothing of the cooking. None of us sat down a minute.

By Sunday all of us felt the strain. My father jumped every time the telephone rang. My mother kept scrutinizing the sky, though there wasn't a cloud in it. Sue was bossy. She was going to wait on table, and it had gone to her head completely. "Do this," she snapped. "Do that." Julia and I were sulking because we had to help in the kitchen. Mrs. Guptill was irritable. It wasn't the extra work that upset her, but the lavishness she saw about the shelves lined with pies. Four long pans of rolls rising. Great heaps of doughnuts. Shortcakes in double layers. The big kettles ready for the chowder and lobsters.

THE first car made its appearance just before 1 o'clock—a red Maxwell runabout with shining black cushions. It had two

passengers, the driver and a woman whose face and head were swathed in a bright green veil. (Green was easy on the eyes, so people said.) Benjamin helped the woman out, and Julia led her at once to the parlor.

The driver had no sooner taken off his goggles and his wind cuffs than five or six loafers gathered around. "Another coming," someone called out.



We listened. Sure enough. Soon it appeared, a black, two-seated Packard with enormous headlights of polished brass.

One of its passengers rose and stepped out on the running board to give it balance while it made the curve. Then it pulled up behind the Maxwell. Five men, wearing dusters, leaped out in a light, springy way, though they were middle-aged and heavy. They shook hands with my father and the driver of the Maxwell.

"Some road,"
"Yes, siree."
"How are your brakes doing?"
"Fine. How are yours?"
"Jim dandy." The speaker stroked his car affectionately.

The sound of a horn interrupted them. Looking up we saw an automobile almost upon us. Yet there had been no chugging. No knocking. A tiny line of steam was appearing from below its body.

"It's a White Steamer," one of the men called out. "A limousine." Julia poked me. "Look at the ladies," she hissed.

THERE were three of them in the back seat, wearing identical striped silk coats. But that wasn't all. They wore hoods and masks over their faces, and the masks were fitted with isinglass.

The White drew up behind the Packard. It was the first time three automobiles had ever been lined up together in our village. We were so impressed that for an instant no one spoke. Then my father said, "Good day," as he fitted the occasion, and himself stepped forward to assist the ladies.

Julia and I together led them to the parlor. We went slowly, for they stumbled about a good deal on the stairs, not being able to see well indoors. Once there, we hung around, waiting to discover what was behind those ghoulish masks. . . . It was quite a surprise to see three normal faces. The lady who had come in the Maxwell was lying down on the settee, resting from her journey. Driving was exhilarating, but it was hard on the back, they all agreed.

When the dinner bell rang, they hurried downstairs to join the men. Then they all crowded into the dining room.

At 4 Sue came down to the kitchen to tell us what was going on. One guest, she said, was dozing on the settee in the parlor. Some of the others were rocking on the piazza, not saying much. My father had taken the driver of the Packard up to his office for treatment. The party in the White were just about leaving. They had taken a bag of doughnuts to eat on the way. They would come back next Sunday, they had promised.

When everyone had gone, Julia and I went into the office where my mother was counting the money she had taken in. Her cheeks were flushed, and her eyes were beaming.

"We're practically home," she said.

(To Be Continued)

State Barber Regulation Bill Is Passed

Permits State to Issue or Refuse If Shops Fail to Comply With the State Regulations

LINCOLN, (U.P.)—Anticipated fireworks were conspicuous by their absence as the legislature today passed, 28-7, the first of Sen. James H. Anderson's (Scottsbluff) barber bills.

Vehemently disputed as it progressed through general and select file, the act permits the state health department to refuse to issue or renew licenses, or revoke or suspend registration certificates of barbers who violate established rules concerning charges and "unfair and insanitary practices." It also specifies requirements which must be met by approved barber schools and colleges.

The act, cosigned by Sens. Fred Eaton, Hastings and Lloyd Kain, Lexington, will become effective three months after the legislature adjourns.

A companion measure, which not yet has reached select file, will permit the board of barber examiners to establish minimum prices.

In a ruling made in answer to query by Sen. Joseph Reavis, Falls City, assistant attorney general Edwin Vail predicted the state supreme court probably would hold the regulatory laws constitutional.

Other bills passed will:

- Authorize suit for curing defects in title to property arising in a tax foreclosure proceeding. (Crossland) Vote: 38-0.
- Permits the use of red reflector flares by buses and trucks instead of lighted flares. (Crossland—Emergency) Vote: 39-0.
- Eliminate the present requirement that the State Fair Board, in its annual report to the governor, describe general agricultural conditions throughout the state. (Appropriations committee) Vote: 36-0.
- Correct an error in present law:

Provide that corporations must pay a penalty of 15 per cent of the amount due on occupation taxes if such payment is not made within 30 days after due. (Judiciary Committee—Emergency) Vote: 39-0.

Repeal sections of law establishing freight rates on intrastate ship of petroleum products. (Government Committee) Vote: 36-0.

Plattsmouth Service Club

The Plattsmouth Service club will again send a truck load of good home made kolaches, pies, cakes and sandwiches to hungry GI's at the Services Mens' Canteen in Omaha Saturday morning. Many comments were made about the good women of Plattsmouth who sent bakery "like mother made at home." The pies were especially welcomed and relished.

Casualties Are Now Near Million

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—The conquest of Italy coast the United States more than 100,000 combat casualties, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson disclosed today.

Stimson told his press conference that the U. S. 5th army had suffered 109,163 casualties from the start of the Italian campaign to April 28th.

By April 28, the Germans in Italy had been sent into headlong rout and culminated in their unconditional surrender yesterday.

Of the 5th losses 21,577 were listed as killed, 77,248 wounded and 10,338 missing.

Meanwhile total U. S. combat casualties in all theatres officially reported here approached within less than 50,000 of an even million. The over-all figure was 250,472 including 848,089 army and 102,383 navy, marine corps and coast guard casualties.

This represented a jump of 21,099 from the total a week ago.

Belief in werewolves still exists in some parts of Europe today. A werewolf, according to folklore, is a man or woman transformed into a wolf or some other vicious animal.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



Crack Armies From Europe to Face Japs

Victorious Forces That Crushed Germans in Italy Will Hit at Asiatic foe

ROME, (U.P.)—American commanders hinted today that the crack armies which smashed the Germans in Italy and forced the unconditional surrender of 1,000,000 men will be used in the final fight against Japan.

Both Gen. Mark W. Clark, allied ground forces commander, and Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, his deputy, warned their victorious troops that "the last foe"—Japan—remained to be crushed.

"The war is not over," Clark said in a triumphal order of the day. "There remains the all important task of inflicting a similar, complete defeat in our remaining enemy—Japan. Each one of us in 15th army group must continue without pause to give full measure of effort to that task wherever we may be called upon to serve."

Again emphasizing the job of defeating the axis was not done, Clark said, "I know you will face the task ahead with the same magnificent, generous and indomitable spirit you have shown in this long campaign. Forward to final victory!"

The resounding victory also was marked by an order of the day from Field Marshal Sir Harold G. Alexander, supreme allied commander in the Mediterranean, who said the campaign "long will live in history."

With the fighting over, it was reported in London that Alexander might give up his post. The Daily Express said he might direct the British control commission for Germany.

The allied military commission here estimated it might be able to turn Italy over to the Italians within about two months as a result of the surrender. Due to the final collapse of the German army, most of northern Italy was saved from battle destruction, including such industrial cities as Milan and Turin. That would simplify the problem greatly.

However, when the military government setup leaves an economic mission and some troops probably will remain here.

Successor For Lyon Seen Soon

LINCOLN, (U.P.)—A successor for H. A. Lyon, former deputy state tax commissioner, probably will be named within several days, according to Robert M. Armstrong, tax commissioner.

Lyon resigned to accept a position with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad claims department.

Sale of Residence On North Eighth

Frank Koziol of this city has just completed the deal for the purchase of the residence property of Herman Tiekotter on North Eighth street.

This is one of the pleasant homes in that section of the city and is well located.

Mr. Tiekotter just recently purchased the former Sattler home on North Eleventh street and expects to occupy the same as soon as some remodeling is completed.

Wm. Schmidtman Suffers Injuries

William H. Schmidtman, employed at the Martin Bomber plant at Fort Crook is taking an enforced vacation from his work as the result of an accident.

Mr. Schmidtman dropped a large chunk of lead on the left foot and as the result the large toe was very badly mashed and several others were injured.

The injured man was brought home and is now under medical care at the family home.

CM 1-C Tonald Is In Philippines

Mrs. M. H. Williamson of this city has received word that her brother, SCIC John L. Tonald, has now returned to active duty and is stationed at the naval base at Leyte, Philippines.

SCIC Tonald served for twenty-four months overseas in the Pacific area and later was returned to the United States for a leave home with his mother and other relatives and friends and during this time visited here for a short time.

Not a single American life was lost when Commodore George Dewey sailed into Manila Bay and destroyed the Spanish Fleet in 1898.

The District of Columbia has the smallest amount of railway mileage in the United States. Only 34 miles of tracks have been laid in the capital area.

Volapuk, the oldest "universal language" was devised in 1879 by Johann M. Schleyer, a German.

Weather Forecast

High—55
Low—40
Nebraska forecast—Fair today, tonight and Friday; warmer Friday and in all except extreme west today; low tonight 28-40.

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Pierre Laval At Barcelona, Spain

MADRID, (U.P.)—Pierre Laval flew from Switzerland to Barcelona today, and the Spanish government was reported to have ordered him out of the country at once.

Laval, former Vichy chief of government, Marcel Deat, another ardent collaborator, and four other Frenchmen arrived at Barcelona aboard a German Junker-88.

U. S. Ambassador Norman Armour visited the Spanish foreign office and was told that General Francisco Franco had ordered the immediate departure of the plane crew and all male passengers. One woman, perhaps Laval's daughter, Countess Josette de Chambrun, was reported in the party.

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