



DINNER GUEST SUNDAY Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Beale, 1442 Engracia avenue, had as their dinner guest Sunday, Miss Mildred Anderson, of Pasadena.

VACATIONS AT LAKE ARROWHEAD Miss Mary Haig, of the Haig and Haig Studio, left Monday for a vacation at Lake Arrowhead.

Touring Dogs Housed FLORENCE, Ore. (U.P.)—Jack Ponsler has the latest in accommodations for touring dogs and cats. Motorists may leave their animals at Ponsler's cat and dog rest rooms for a romp while they are in town.

How's Your ROOF ?

ESTIMATES FREELY GIVEN Phone Torrance 129 Consolidated Lumber Co. 1826 213 Street Charles V. Jones

Passengers in the smoking compartment on my train were arguing about why railroad business is picking up. A factory owner said it was because of free pick-up and delivery of less than carload freight. The railroad calls for the LCL freight at shipper's door and delivers it to consignee's door. A traveling salesman said it was because so many passenger and freight trains now run on faster schedules.

There was a school principal in the group and he said it was because train travel is so much cheaper for passengers. He said passenger fares are at the lowest point in history, with substantial reductions if you buy a round-trip ticket—and no more surcharge for riding in sleeping cars.

One man, a farmer, said he liked something he could depend on, that's why he was traveling by train.

Another man, a newspaper reporter, said people were in favor of railroad travel because it is by far the safest. He quoted a lot of statistics from a book called, "Live and Let Live."

A banker we all know by name said railroad tax payments mean a lot in this state.

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WESTERN RAILROADS and THE FULLMAN COMPANY

Paris Styles By MARY FENTRESS United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, (U.P.)—Marlene Dietrich almost caused a riot when she set out to buy a new winter wardrobe in Paris. Her lousling long limousine was easily recognized and it was necessary to call out special police forces to protect the film star from autograph seekers and crowds of curious.

From Schiaparelli, Marlene ordered several black cocktail dresses. One in sheer wool has a brief little jacket that is completely embroidered in gold thread in a palm tree design. Another cocktail outfit, in heavy black cloque material, is composed of a long-skirted dress that is closely fitted to the body. The bodice is severe, with an extremely high neck line and the dress is worn with a tailored and fitted jacket of the same black cloque.

For sports wear, Miss Dietrich ordered a coat in tweed of "danger" red. This is a vivid, bright shade. The coat is trimmed with a luxurious collar of natural beaver fur which is matched by a little muff and a tall stove-pipe hat of the same brown beaver fur.

Everyone has heard of the famous emeralds of Marlene Dietrich, and everyone knows that she cleverly dresses to suit her jewelry. With the emeralds in mind, she ordered an evening gown of white silk jersey—to be made like a black gown in the collection—with a sweeping train of emerald green taffeta. For dinner wear, she selected a gown of heavy matt crepe, made with a high neck and sloping shoulders that give the effect of a very short sleeve. The gown which is of Tunisian inspiration, has a wide sash of crimson velvet.

The actress, often featured in films attired in langorous tea gowns, ordered a hostess gown of black velvet. The black velvet robe, made on flowing lines, is worn over a foundation of orchid satin.

TODAY'S FASHION TIP Marlene Dietrich, who ordered her winter wardrobe in Paris, selected many black clothes set off by emerald green to match her famous emeralds.

Destruction of Forests Held To Be Prime Cause of Midwest Drouth

NEW-YORK, Sept. 21 (U.P.)—Careless destruction of forests in the deep south and southeast is one of the chief causes of the drouth in the middle west, according to Frederick Cowles, forestry expert and Oregon rancher.

"Trees," Cowles said, "are to the earth what the heart is to the human body. They are circulators of moisture. By letting our timberlands continue to be recklessly cut and destroyed by fire, without replacing the growth, we are cutting the heart out of our agricultural life."

Cowles is chairman of the executive board of the Green Cross, an organization devoted to forest conservation.

He was asked how he connected trees and the drouths.

Quotes Steinmetz Warning "Back about 1921," Cowles said, "Charles P. Steinmetz, the electro-chemical wizard, came to a meeting of the Green Cross in California. He told us, 'I have spent 11 years to find out how plants make starch. I haven't discovered that but I have discovered some other things that will interest you.'"

"Steinmetz turned to a map on the wall. Pins in it indicated forest fires that had burned 100,000 acres or more. Attached to each pin was a newspaper clipping telling the story of the fire. Then, he made us sit up by matching nearly every one of those news clippings with another which told a story of heavy rainfall over that burned area, within three years after the fire, accompanied by flood destruction."

Transpiration Is Diminished "What is the connection? Just this: Vegetation and trees are constantly evaporating moisture into the air—transpiration, it is called—which rises and acts as a 'trigger' to release moisture in the upper levels which falls as rain. When this happens regularly, the rains are normal. But if the forest is burned away by fire, and there is no transpiration, the upper atmosphere becomes saturated with moisture which finally comes down in one tremendous rainfall. It beats on ground where there is no vegetation to absorb it. The bare soil is flooded and eroded."

"This transpiration of moisture by trees is no small thing. A 50 year old maple tree transpires more water per day than a 20 acre lake. "Transpiration" has another

function. When rain falls, about seven-ninths of it is transpired back into the atmosphere as moisture again, to be carried off and fall elsewhere. If trees and vegetation are sparse the rain simply runs off in swollen rivers.

Affects Other Areas "One of the areas in this country where forest destruction by fire has been heaviest is the deep south and southeast, where most of the timberland is owned privately. Normally, this land would consume only a small part of the rain that fell over it, transpiring most of it back into the clouds again to be carried on up into the valleys of the Mississippi and Missouri. But now the rain falls on the empty soil there and runs right back into the Gulf of Mexico. It is not carried north and west as it once was—and that is one of the chief causes of drouth in the middle west."

Mineral Salts Lost "Human suffering due to drouth, and loss of farm and grazing land are only the obvious effects of this forest wastage. These destructive floods carry back into the sea with them phosphates and mineral salts dissolved from the land by the chemically "hungry" rainwater. Those fertilizing chemicals should be used by and become part of the plants and in the normal cycle be used again and again. Instead they are washed into the sea.

"A billion dollars worth of phosphoric acid is washed into the Gulf of Mexico every year, and you can't grow so much as a blade of green grass without phosphoric acid as fertilizer. Plants Make Soil "Soil erosion by these floods is another serious problem. Plants make soil. They generate carbonic acid which through their roots attacks rocks and crumbles them into soil. In this way soil is produced at the rate of about one inch every 1800 years. So when six inches of soil is washed away, you've lost 9000 years of nature's work. "Still another aspect of the problem is the disappearance of bird life with the forests. Birds eat insects and worms. Without them, insects and worms multiply and destroy vegetation. The United States now has an annual insecticide bill of \$150,000,000."

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"San Felice" by Vincent Sheean.

The large audience which enjoyed Vincent Sheean's "Personal History" are reading his new novel, "San Felice." It is a splendid performance in historical fiction; the plot subtle and moving, the scene, Naples.

Most of the discussion about the book will probably center around the story of Nelson, Lady Hamilton and her husband. There are few more interesting triangles in history and in handling this Mr. Sheean gives us a careful accurate study but very much alive.

Critics call it, the best story of Lady Hamilton yet written.

"Lost Horizon" by James Hilton, is an amazing picture full of charm and audacious imagination. It involves so unusual a setting that one of the large film companies spent almost six months in scenic preparation before filming the story.

Second on the current list of "best sellers" is "Drums Along the Mohawk" by Walter Edmonds. As the title suggests the story is a Revolutionary drama laid in the Mohawk Valley, that scene of bitter hostilities between British and Indians and early settlers. It is the story of Gilbert and Laura Martin, their struggles, hardships and final survival in that Revolutionary upheaval.

"Why Keep Them Alive?" by Paul de Kruf is a greatly advertised book but one in which honest enthusiasm is harnessed to a crusade for the saving of children. This tragedy of the forgotten child is no new shadow on our civilization but this romantic crusader may awaken some whose ears have remained deaf to their pleas.

In "Exile" Pearl Buck has given us not a novel but a realistic story unlike anything she has ever written. It is a unique character study and though it may not be as popular as her other novels it is a moving picture of one woman's heart and home and life.

Maid Problem May Be Solved By Housewives

Between 350 and 400 orders for household workers—more than that many clever girls wanting store and office jobs—what is the answer?

"Housekeepers must raise their standards of employment, just as the standards of working conditions and wages have been raised in every other line of endeavor during the last 50 years," says Iva Osthaen, acting manager of the domestic department of the California State Employment Service in Los Angeles, located at 1123 South Hill street.

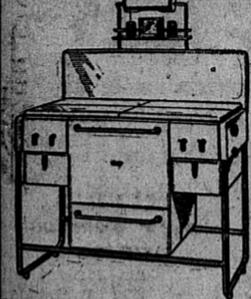
"Many housewives who cannot afford to pay more than \$20 or \$25 a month must learn to systematize their work so that they can do with an assistant, not a completely trained maid. If they want to compete with commercial concerns as employers, they must make the jobs they offer equally attractive, in the matter of regular hours and dignity. This does not mean that the houseworker must be made a member of the family; in most cases, this is not what she desires. It does mean that her work must be respected, and that she must be given a certain degree of privacy. "Because we are not able to attract to household jobs the

Party at Riverside Honors Two

Nurses of Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital entertained at a dinner party in the patio of Mission Inn, Riverside, Wednesday evening, Sept. 16, as a courtesy to Mrs. Robert Logan, of Pensacola, Fla., who prior to her marriage was Miss Opal Christ, a nurse in the hospital. Mrs. Logan is vacationing here. The party also honored Miss Esther Maxwell, superintendent of the hospital, who left Friday on her vacation. After the dinner the guests went on a sight-seeing tour of the Inn. In the party were Mrs. Logan, Esther Maxwell, Ethelwyn Niles, Mary Nichols, Hazel Haworth, Rose Baranzani, Elsa Hammerstrom, Viola Anderson, Louise Chaffee, Minnie Brooks, Catherine McCallum and Lena Robertson. The last two were in charge of arrangements for the affair.

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