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DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

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hoped, would show her a good time by telling them that Arabella graduated cum laude from a famous college and was a mathematical shark. On the contrary, she would suppress this knowledge as carefully as she would a scandal.

Undoubtedly it is the vanity of men that makes so many of them pick out nitwits for wives. They want to feel superior to the Little Woman, and for her to ask them what they think she thinks and, as a matter of fact, there is nothing a wife can do that is so dangerous as for her to correct her husband's grammer and pronunciation and know more about any subject than he does.

But, alas, there is no rose without its thorn. For while the uneducated wife of the educated man may be a poultice to his ego, she is dull company, and a lot of the philandering of married men is the result of their seeking the companionship of some clever woman who speaks their language and can discuss the subjects in which they are interested.

Another reason why the lowbrowed cuties can marry all around the highbrowed intellectuals is because men are sold on the belief that stupid women are always amiable and pliable, and that those who never read anything else are students of the cook book. No belief is more fallacious. No women are so set in their ways as the ignorant. An intelligent woman is amenable to reason. A fool stays as she is.

So, all of these things being true, it is a pity that men's pick of wives should still be on the uneducated side, but apparently they still take their feminine brains scrambled.

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The Girl From The Double R

By BETTY BLOCKINGER

CHAPTER I

The little depot was a yellow patch in a round tan prairie rug. Ralph Rowland looked to the jagged peak of Old Nopoco and found it shrouded in mist, then looked down at the girl beside him.

Cute trick, this kid sister of his. Took town clothes like the blue outfit she was wearing to make him remember she wasn't a younger brother. Seeing her now, a man wouldn't think she could manage a ranch.

"Look, Rusty," he grumbled, "you go along back. There's a storm gathering, and that's no horse you've got tethered there."

Rosalynn (Rusty) Rowland looked at her battered car, then up at her brother. "Won't shy at lightning," she told him.

"Nope," agreed Ralph. "Neither will it pick its way across a dip if you get yourself caught in a freshet."

Rusty shook her head. Here Ralph was heading for a battle with the Nips or the Nazis, and worrying himself over her heading back to the ranch.

"And keep away from Decker," he ordered. "He may be a Gene Autry in looks, but I wouldn't trust him. Deferment" — he added with scorn—"him with a bullet wound in his leg. Say, if I'd been on the working end of the rifle, he'd've been wounded where he's weak, in the head."

Rusty bridled a little. Decker wasn't so bad. He couldn't help being handsome.

"And keep an eye on Manny," continued Ralph. "Don't let him go breaking broncos before the boys have had a hand at them. And—oh-oh, here she comes."

He would say that, thought Rusty. Perhaps all of the travelers in the world would say, "Here she comes," when a train was first sighted.

"Meant what I said about Decker," Ralph reminded her. "He is land hungry. Marrying you, with me out stopping bullets, would be doubling his holdings."

"Intimating no man would have me for myself?" she flashed.

He folded her into his long arms that expressed what he couldn't say, and then the train slid in.

The train diminished in size until it was a black oblong on the darkening tan of the prairie. She was alone; never had she felt so alone.

"But this is idiotic," she reasoned. "Alone, with a ranch full of cowhands, with an Uncle Jed, a mother, and a kid brother equal to a dozen?"

She dabbed at her eyes and turned. There was no use kidding herself. She was alone until Ralph returned—if he did. Her father was dead. Jed, her father's brother, believed in the old law of the West—a bullet, preferably from the hip. Her mother was of little value in executive matters. And Manuel, who took his leads from radio dramas, was a never-ending source of dismay.

"And in the meantime," Rusty said, "There's a storm on in the Nopocos."

The car was old, but trustworthy. Rusty, hands on the wheel, let it have its way. More time for thought. She'd ride the line on the morrow, take the south line first, the next day the west. It would take her a week to ride the lines of the Rowland Ranch, the Double R.

The Rowland ranch lay on the prairie at the foot of the Nopoco range, its southern flank lifting and spreading into the mysteries of the sharp rise where they summered stock not sent on to feeders for fattening.

Rusty's thoughts were interrupted as a cloud of dust appeared in her rear-view mirror.

"No one but Ladue Decker rides like that," she thought as the cloud grew larger.

"Whew," she murmured as a speeding car whizzed past her. "It wasn't Ladue. He'd have recognized Old Faithful. Must be someone trying to beat the freshets."

The car proceeded until Rusty saw a sign ahead. "Dip, three hundred feet," read the sign.

She crossed that and continued on for a stretch of five miles to where a second sign warned of another "dip." Here a wider channel was running with muddy water, a thin sheet of it.

Anxiously she looked south to the mountain range. As yet the sky above was clear. Only the faintest haze seemed filming the blueness of its arc.

"Oh well," she thought, and considered the cartons filling the tonneau and luggage carrier. Such a storm as this would not keep the dips impassable for more than twelve hours. She could live for a week from the canned goods she was carrying.

Ahead of her, the road swerved sharply. She rounded the curve to find her passage blocked by a car. Scanning the broad expanse of sand, was a slender figure in high boots, breeches and a stockman's hat.

"Hello," she called.

He came toward her swiftly, and she had an impression of impatience, of nervous energy under leash. His hat was swept from his head as he approached, and she wanted to laugh. The man and that lock of red hair loping over his brow were at such variance.

"Am I on the right road, if this is a road, to the Four D Ranch?" he asked.

"This is a road," laughed Rusty, "and the right one for Decker's."

A few miles later the haze thickened and the Nopocos were hidden from view by storm clouds.

"Here's where I change into something seaworthy."

She climbed into the tonneau of the car. There she changed her clothes, donning boots, breeches, flannel shirt, a high-crowned hat.

Swiftly now she sent the old car hurtling along. If she could cross the Big Sandy, she could make a run for home.

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Taxation Emerges In Aussie Election

By WILLIAM STEWART
Canadian Press Staff Writer

CANBERRA, Sept. 23 —(CP) — Income taxation which affects directly more than 2,000,000 of Australia's 4,600,000 men and women voters has become the largest single issue in the general election campaign in which the Labor party, in power for five years, is opposed by Liberal and Country parties. Voting takes place Sept. 28.

Taxation emerged as a major campaigning point after Liberal and Opposition leader, Robert Menzies, in his policy speech late last month promised income tax cuts of at least 20 per cent over reductions announced just before dissolution of parliament by Prime Minister Joseph Benedict Chifley who is federal treasurer.

Broadcasting the Labor party's platform two weeks later, Prime Minister Chifley announced that his government, if re-elected, would not be committed for the moment to tax cuts beyond those which became effective July 1 and amount to about $55,000,000. Under those reductions a man with wife and one child earning $1,000 a year pays $50, and one with the same dependents earning $3,000 a year pays $700.

Arthur Fadden, Country party leader who probably would be treasurer in a government formed by Liberal and Country parties, made his policy speech the day after the Prime Minister, and announced it might even be possible to boost the 20 per cent reduction proposed by Menzies to 28 per cent. He said the total amount involved would be about $100,000,000 and a wage earner with two dependents would pay only $20 tax on $1,000 and $500 on $3,000 salary.

Would Increase Production

Since Fadden's speech, the campaign has been concentrated on taxation with Liberal and Country party spokesmen arguing that tax cuts are indirect wage increases giving incentive to increased production without threat of inflation.

Labor party campaigners contend that the Opposition proposals are not based on the facts of national financing, and do not consider expenditure to which the federal treasury is committed nor available income.

Prime Minister Chifley has said at several campaign meetings that the tax cuts proposed by Liberal and Country parties would work to the disadvantage of the small wage earner. He says more than half the amount of the proposed reductions would benefit 85,000 Australians who get more than $3,000 a year with a smaller share spread out among more than 1,500,000 small earners.

Labor spokesmen also argue that the tax reductions would endanger federal expenditures for social services such as invalid, old age and widows pensions, maternity allowances, unemployment and sickness benefits and plans for free medicine and free medical and dental services.

Fadden as Opposition financial authority, estimates that the $300,000,000 it would take to put into effect his tax reductions and maintain social services that cost about $190,000,000 is largely available in tax arrears, unassessed taxes and the taxation that will be paid by 400,000 wage earners among demobilized servicemen and women who have returned to civilian employment.

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Six Former Gov't Heads In Election

By WILLIAM STEWART
Canadian Press Staff Writer

CANBERRA, Australia, Sept. 22 —Six former prime ministers besides the present Labor leader, Joseph Benedict Chifley, are candidates in the Australian general elections Sept. 28.

The former leaders are stalwarts of the three major parties—Labor, Liberal and Country—and have been in parliament from 10 to 45 years. They are among the 233 candidates for 75 seats in the house of representatives.

Eight of the representatives candidates are women including Dame Enid Lyons, widow of Prime Minister Joseph Lyons, and elected in 1943 as the first woman member of parliament in Australia. Five more women are candidates for the Senate.

The former prime ministers all seek re-election to the house.

Robert Gordon Menzies, 52, Liberal leader who in the event of a victory by Liberal and Country parties probably would head the new government, was prime minister early in the second great war. He was forced to resign a few months after elections in 1940 when Labor entered the house on almost equal terms with Liberal and Country parties and eventually gained a scant majority.

Arthur Fadden, 51-year-old Country party leader, in 1941 led a short-lived government which succeeded the Menzies' United Australia party administration but was beaten on the floor of the house by Labor.

William Morris (Billy) Hughes, 82, member of parliament since confederation in 1901 and a father of the Federal Labor party, was Australia's first Great War prime minister. Now Australia's elder statesman and a Liberal, Hughes is conducting a lively campaign for re-election in suburban North Sydney.

Sir Earle Page, Country party chairman, seeks re-election in Cowper in New South Wales which he has represented since 1919. Sir Earle succeeds Joseph Lyons as head of the United Australia Government when Lyons died in 1939. Menzies was Sir Earle's successor as U. A. P. leader.

James Scullin, campaigning in Yarra, Victoria division which he has represented since 1922, was Labor prime minister early in the depression. His government was followed in 1932 by Lyons' United Australia administration which included several Labor ministers.

Francis Forde, 56-year-old army minister in the Chifley government, was prime minister for a short time last year from the death of John Curtin, Labor's wartime prime minister, until the party chose Chifley as Curtin's cessor.

Middle-Aged Man Pays the Piper

It happens so often! The man has turned 40—feels in the pink of condition and pleased with life. Then, suddenly, he begins to pay the penalty of over-indulgence in rich, fatty food and lack of exercise.

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British Papers To Start Battle Of Circulation

By GLENN WILLIAMS

LONDON, Sept. 22—(AP)—Britain's war-slimmed newspapers will cut loose Monday in a battle of circulation, vying for the favor of millions more readers with all the attractions they can cram into six extra pages a week.

The papers now exist in a paradox. Unparalleled demand has hiked their circulations to record figures while newsprint restrictions have cut them to the smallest peacetime size in 100 years.

Beginning Monday, the skinny, four-page papers will be free to expand in size and circulation. The government has allotted them enough scarce paper to print two extra pages three days a week and they may print all the papers that the public will buy.

This new freedom "to give readers the paper of their choice," may show to some extent how far to the left the British political mind has travelled.

If the Communist Daily Worker, for example, climbs sharply in circulation, it might be concluded that Communist political action, exemplified by party direction of the "squatter" movement, has won new followers.

During the war, almost all papers gained subscribers in about equal proportions. Circulation of London papers rose from a prewar 19,210,000 to 25,530,000—a gain of nearly 35 per cent.

Sports reports, drastically reduced, frequently are printed now in tiny (agate) type to present full results of horse and greyhound racing and details of soccer and cricket.

There will be no all-out circulation warfare, however. Attempted forced sales of more papers than the public voluntarily would absorb were banned by the government. Only as many papers as news agents know they can sell on the basis of advance orders may be printed. Teeth were put in the order by barring returns of unsold copies.

Appointed To Council

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Sept. 23 —(CP Cable) —Eldom Trimingham a member of one of Bermuda's oldest families, was today appointed to the Legislative Council succeeding Maj. R W. Appleby who resigned because of passage of the Motor Car Act.

Tremingham's appointment means a Parliamentary by-election will be held in Pembroke which he represented in the Assembly. Dr. E.F Gordon, who was elected last spring to the Assembly on the first labor ticket in the colony's history has declared he will back a wealthy commission merchant, A.E. Nicholl for the seat because Nicholl is sympathetic to the labor cause.

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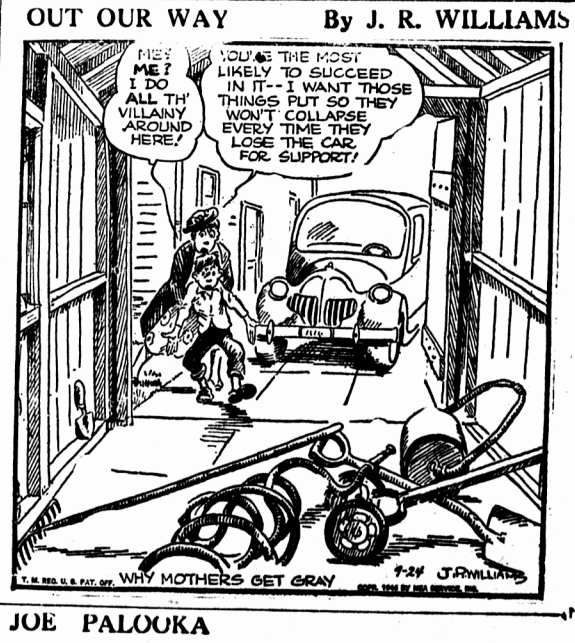

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