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1,000 'Subs'

# The Peptimist Crier

Greetings!  
New Students

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## The Crow's Nest

By DICK WELCH

TO STIMULATE THOUGHT  
AND PROMOTE AN INTEREST  
IN SANE AND SOBER LIVING

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In the world today the greatest cause of mortality is heart disease. At least one out of every five people will die of this malady. It affects the comparatively young as well as the aged. According to medical authorities this condition is largely due to the fast moving tempo and tension under which we live.

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Recently an 18-year-old boy, Farouk I, of Egypt, was hailed as king by 16,000,000 subjects. Nearly 2,000 years previous Cleopatra was queen of this same country. In the interim the Egyptian people have experienced many changes in government and today the whims of a fickle Fortune have again placed her under a nominal form of monarchy. All this seems to prove the old adage that "history repeats itself."

England feels that in order to keep a firm hand on conditions in the Mediterranean she must do so unobtrusively and without injuring Egyptian pride. A treaty was recently signed in which 10,000 British troops will guard the Suez canal zone and British planes will have the right to fly over Egyptian territory. Believing that turn-about is fair play, the privilege was granted for Egyptian planes to operate freely over the British Isles. England has about 4,000 planes, Egypt 49!

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Radium still remains one of the most precious and rarest of elements. On the Mojave desert in California, Mrs. Josie Bishop, a widow with four children, established a claim which may prove to be the richest in radium ore yet found. It was assayed at 130 milligrams per ton. The process of refining is long and laborious with considerable danger attached, yet at \$2,250 per gram it is well worth the cost. This find will no doubt break the Belgian and Canadian monopoly on a substance so invaluable to medical science.

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During the sharp fighting between the Japanese and Chinese in Tientsin, United States citizens thinking they would be safe under the Stars and Stripes discovered that the only available flags showed the trademark, Made in Japan.

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Washington received a real surprise not long ago when little Hungary promised that on December 15 she would pay the first installment on her war debt. This is the only country besides Finland that has really offered to pay. It is quite a novelty in this day and age when nations start paying each other in anything but promises and good intentions.

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"LIVE WELL FOR TODAY,  
FOR TOMORROW IS ONLY A  
VISION, AND YESTERDAY  
WAS A DREAM."

## NEW ENROLLMENT MARK SET

### Welcome!

By C. V. ANDERSON  
*President of the Ky-Tenn., Conf.*

To the students attending the Madison College the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference extends a hearty welcome! We are glad to know that from almost every state in the Union there are eyes turned toward the State of Tennessee in general and Madison in particular. We want to welcome you to the beautiful scenery of this state, to the success and advancement that Madison is able to give you.

It seems fitting that Madison should lie in the "Volunteer State," because every one getting a training at Madison is volunteering for active service in the cause of God. The state flower of Tennessee is the Passion Flower, and although it may be so common as to be considered a weed, we are desirous of every Madison student getting some inspiration from the name of this flower, if nothing more. We want every one to have in his heart and mind an intense passion for souls. If at the completion of your course of study you feel a call to remain in one of the needy corners of this field, we will welcome you with all our hearts. We are with you soul and spirit in this Advent message, and we are with you heart and mind in developing the inner man to the glory of God, and passing on the message which we love to those who know it not.

Again I say, Welcome! May God bless you as you study to prepare yourself to fill the place in this world that the Lord has appointed you.

### Annual Convention to Meet Next Week

#### Unit Workers to Return "Home"

On Wednesday, October 13, 1937, at 3 P. M., many who have been engaged in humanitarian work in the southern states will be present for the opening meeting of the annual Convention of Southern Self-supporting Workers.

Representatives are expected from the units at Fletcher, North Carolina; Pisgah, North Carolina; Pewee Valley, Kentucky; Lawrenceburg, Tennessee; Birmingham, Alabama; Florence, Alabama; Reeves, Georgia; Fountain Head, Tennessee, in addition to those who are working in other cities.

#### CONFERENCE WORKERS TO COME

Professor W. H. Teesdale, educational secretary of the General Conference and Elder J. K. Jones, president of the Southern Union Conference will be present during the convention. Miss Kathryn Jensen, head of the nursing work of the denomination will be here Friday morning during the medical meeting.

The annual gathering will be presided over by Dr. John Peters, president, who is medical superintendent of the Pewee Valley Sanitarium and Hospital in Kentucky. He will be assisted by Mrs. John Brownsberger, of Fletcher, North Carolina, secretary of the organization.

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE IS HOST

Members of the Junior Laymen's Extension League who will act as hosts and hostesses for the conventioners are busy making arrangements, under the direction of their president, Mrs. H. H. Ard, for housing the visitors and helping them to feel at ease when they return "home."

### Campaign for 'Subs' Creates Interest

#### Local Merchants Offer Prizes

A rousing chorus of voices joined in singing the college song Tuesday night, as THE PEPTIMIST CRIER staff opened one of the greatest subscription campaigns in the history of Madison College.

Editor-in-chief, Joseph H. Bischoff, led out by relating the splendid progress the publication has made since its beginning less than three years ago, and then turned the chairmanship over to the campaign manager, Frank E. Judson.

#### PLANS ANNOUNCED

Mr. Judson immediately announced the general plans for the 1937-38 issues. With an overwhelming vote the student body showed their eagerness to secure 1000 subscriptions.

Interest reached a new high when it was disclosed that the one bringing in the most subscriptions would receive the grand prize, a 17-jewel, yellow-gold Bulova wrist watch, offered as a prize by Harold L. Shyer, jeweler of Nashville. The announcement that a self-sterilizing thermometer would be donated by Massey's Surgical Supply Company, to the nurse receiving the highest number of "subs," fired the hospital workers with zeal and determination to work. A half ton of coal was held up as an incentive for the faculty members to bring in subscriptions. This was donated by the Old Hickory Coal & Ice Company.

Marks' Men's Shop offered a shirt and tie for the college man, and H. J. Grimes Co. gave a bedspread for the college lady, who received the largest number of "subs."

#### TEN GROUPS COMPETE

Dividing of the school body into ten groups under the leadership of Professor Lawrence Hewitt, Irene Felice, Lily Lane, Bessie Schultsmeier, Charlotte Stewart, Joseph Bischoff, Clifford Melendy, Ivan Teel, Alexander Watson, and Henry Whitham, brought the chapel to a close.

The bands met directly after chapel and the competition started.

### Welcome!

By E. A. SUTHERLAND  
*President of Madison College*

It is always an inspiration to the faculty of Madison College to look into the faces of the new students that come to us. This year we have the pleasure of welcoming a very fine group of students.

It is the desire of the faculty to aid you in every way possible to accomplish the worthy objectives that you have in mind. Your predecessors have been here working and holding down the fort. Students of the past year have been busy growing crops and carrying on the various industries that you might have something to eat and means of supporting yourselves, as well as they, while getting your education. Everything is waiting, ready for you. Your full cooperation is expected in taking the responsibilities that will now be placed upon your shoulders. And those of us who have been here carrying forward the work, extend to you, who are entering for the first time, a hearty welcome.

Regardless of whether it is a financial necessity or not, every student at Madison carries some line of practical work in addition to academic studies. This is a part of your training. You will meet your teachers not only in the classroom but in the various industries from which our support comes. You will find the spirit of fellowship strong at Madison. Your problems are our problems and our problems are your problems; cooperation is the life of the institution.

### Funk Assembly Hall Being Remodeled

#### Construction Jobs Keep Many Working

The banging of hammers and the humming of saws continue to add music to the campus atmosphere.

Last week, Mr. W. H. Gorich, foreman of the construction group, put his helpers to work on the preliminary job of tearing out shelves and partitions preparatory to remodeling the chapel.

#### TO SEAT 656

According to Mr. Gorich, plans for the chapel, which have been accepted by the Board of Directors, call for a complete renovation to afford seating capacity for 656 people. The wall behind the present rostrum will be torn out and the platform placed at the extreme south-east end of the building. In the rear, the partitions which divide that section into two rooms will be removed, making this a part of the main auditorium. It is planned to clear away the inside walls to the present classroom of Elder H. J. Welch and with the use of folding doors to make this an auxiliary to the chapel.

#### A WIDER ROSTRUM

Mr. Gorich states that the platform will be widened to twenty feet and a baptistry is to be built in at floor level. The ceiling on the east end is to be raised to the height of the present room and the middle side-doors are to be displaced by windows. New doors will be built in at the location of the bulletin board.

#### NEW SEATING PLAN

Instead of the present seating system stationary chairs will divide the room into two sections with a wide aisle down the center.

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### 302 Students Enlist In College Classes

#### Cosmopolitan Group Attends Institution

Registration records fell on Thursday, September 23, when for the 34th time Madison College opened its doors, and registered 302 persons. This was an increase of 25 more college students than were enrolled last year on registration day when the previous high mark was reached.

#### 41 STATES SEND STUDENTS

Students have come from 41 states of the Union and Canada, China, Germany, Jamaica, Japan, and Palestine to seek the intellectual advancement and manual training offered in this institution which trains for knowledge, skill, and character.

Following the rule, Tennessee led with 37 students enrolled. Texas ranked second with 15, closely followed by Florida and Ohio which sent 14 each.

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK OFFERED

Professor J. G. Rimmer, who is heading the newly formed Medical Evangelists course, reports that "the response to the work that is offered by my department is very encouraging and gives promise of a healthy growth for the future."

High enrollments in most of the freshman classes have necessitated the formation of three and four divisions to provide for the efficient handling of classwork.

### Nocturnal Flower Attracts Admirers

#### Species of Cacti Blooms One Night

White, white, pure white, is the Night Blooming Cereus. It symbolizes purity, for the large blossom might be thought of as that Bethlehem star which arose one night and settled over the manger of the Christ-child. Yes, the three wise men can be seen as they worship beside the manger of yellow straw. A crystal white star composed of fourteen points seemed to have been placed at the opening of the manger to watch over and care for the abode of the Saviour. Long tendons, like streams of light, stretched away into the most remote opening of the lily-shaped blossom.

A large group of students had the privilege Thursday evening, September 23, of seeing this flower shortly after it burst forth in all its fragrance and beauty at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Province. Mrs. Province explained the minute details of the plant to all as she held a magnifying glass and flashlight to enable those present to see more clearly.

The plant stood about three feet high and that night it contained one bud and six white blossoms which were five inches in diameter. They glistened and looked as if honey had been sprayed into them. As the cool night breezes brought that sweet,

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## CALENDAR

October 7, 1937  
7:30 P. M. Entertainment.

October 8, 1937  
5:10 P. M. Vespers—Laymen's Extension League.

October 9, 1937  
11:00 A. M. Church

October 13-16, 1937  
Annual convention of the Southern Self-supporting Workers.

October 14, 1937  
4:30 P. M. First annual Banquet of the Madison College Alumni Association.



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## Progress and Expansion

It is a positive indication that an organization is progressing if it continues to expand.

During the past seven years the personnel of Madison College has been carrying on a construction program that today evidences the completion of three educational structures, the renovation of another, and a new laundry. Historic landmarks have disappeared that this program might be carried to completion.

The task, however, is not completed. Work is now beginning on the remodeling of the Assembly Hall, additional living quarters for the ladies are contemplated, a new Mechanical Arts building will replace the one that was destroyed by fire last winter, and the medical department has laid plans for the construction of a new surgery and surgical ward.

Those of us whose privilege it is to be students here this year should realize and praise the foresight of a board of directors who saw fit, seven years ago, through the power of God, to undertake a program of expansion.

You and I are a part of an organization that is progressing!

## School Spirit Demonstrated

Three years are not a long time, as the earth turns, but they have seen the development of THE PEPTIMIST CRIER from a small mimeographed sheet to the paper you now hold in your hands. This has been due not to one individual nor to a small group, but to the combined efforts of the Peptimist Club and later of the whole student body.

1935. The Peptimist Club, knowing that the right kind of school spirit could be fostered by a student paper, sponsored our first "CRIER"—a single mimeographed sheet. The idea grew and before the year's end, the Peptimist Club was publishing a printed sheet monthly, circulation 350.

1936. Continued progress for THE PEPTIMIST CRIER. Wider interest in the paper resulted in the student body's taking over the sponsorship and printing a news-magazine each month, circulation 600.

1937. The student body, believing that change pointed toward further progress, voted unanimously that THE PEPTIMIST CRIER be published as a four-page, semi-monthly newspaper. Circulation goal 1000.

Those who labored over those first sheets should be glad to see the growth of the past three years. May the courage, enthusiasm, and love for our college that was theirs be an endowment to the present staff and those to follow that through the years THE PEPTIMIST CRIER may continue to be a paper of high standards.

## Golden Rule Days

How I used to dread the opening of school. To me it was the end of happy, carefree, summer days and the beginning of sorrows. It meant hard chafing discipline, hard problems to solve, rudely shattered dreams and vanished air-castles. The rod was seldom spared, and standing in the corner with face to the wall was a frequent occurrence.

Over a period of years one's view-point changes materially and so, it is with an altogether different feeling that we enter upon our course of higher training.

The routine of classwork has now been established and a year of opportunities lies before each of us. Can we come to its close with a feeling of satisfaction over a job well done? Let's make use of all our spare moments—those fleeting, elusive, irretrievable portions of time without which nothing worth while has ever been accomplished.



THE HERMITAGE

## Home of 7th President of U. S. Is Historical Landmark

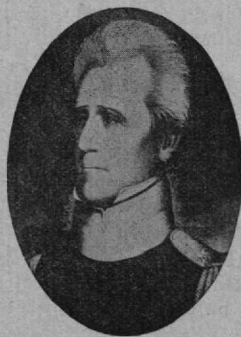
### A Memorial of Southern Home Life\*

by OPAL MCKINNEY

Tennessee was a stepping-stone for civilization in its march across the continent. She contributed many illustrious men who helped to mold the character and to make the history of our country.

One of her best-known sons is Andrew Jackson. He began to serve his country at the age of fourteen, and continued his service throughout his busy life in the capacity of a soldier, representative, senator, judge, general, and 7th President of the United States. He moved to the present location of the Hermitage in 1804 and in 1819 built the house which still stands as a memorial of southern home-life and refinement.

Approaching the Hermitage along a winding road, we catch glimpses through the stately trees of a grand old southern home. As we walk across its wide porch and enter the front door we try to visualize in our minds the people who lived in this house and made it home. Upon



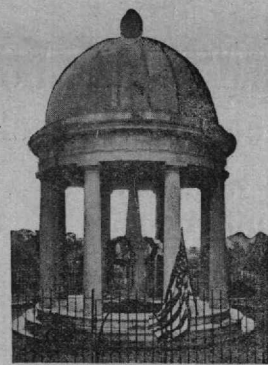
ANDREW JACKSON

entering, we allow our eyes to pass down the length of a spacious hall, adorned with beautiful scenery and set with graceful furniture, and then to follow the spiral stairway, now worn with the passing of many feet. We look into the parlor with its massive furniture, great mirrors, rich carpets, heavy draperies and fine lace curtains at the tall windows. The dining room is furnished with a long table, beautifully appointed, and a buffet adorned by silverware and fine cut glass.

In the bedrooms are great, high, canopied beds, the dressing tables with various toilet articles, and the roomy wardrobes. Opening into the General's bedroom is his study—a bright, sunny room, filled with desks, tables, chairs, books, and manuscripts. In the rooms across the hall is a wonderful collection of family relics including chinaware, jewelry,

letters, guns, swords, gifts from famous people, old documents, and a suit of clothes worn by Andrew Jackson. Hanging on the walls are many portraits of the family and friends. Upstairs are more historic documents, the guest room, and the room in which LaFayette slept when he visited his friend.

Connected to the house by an open hallway is the kitchen. The fireplace has pots and kettles and a Dutch oven; the cupboards on each side are filled with dishes and utensils; a spinning-wheel sits by a sunny window. Everything gives evidence of many friends truly loved, and hospitably entertained.



JACKSON'S TOMB

Wandering over the spacious grounds, we stop to look at the log cabins that were occupied by the negro servants. They are furnished just as they were when the faithful darkies performed their several duties for their master. In the garden we see rows of old-fashioned flowers set in a carefully-kept lawn. The grape arbor offers a shady retreat and promises a bountiful harvest. A feature which interests us is the impressive memorial to Andrew Jackson. Around this is the family graveyard, where lie members of his family and a few of his faithful servants. We pause to pay our respects to one who did much for the advancement of his state and country.

The Hermitage has been carefully preserved in memory of that period when our country was in the making. We leave its grounds with reverence in our hearts for those who loved and served their country, and deeper appreciation of those who helped to found and build the traditions of the South, and in particular, of Tennessee.

\* This is the first in a series of articles that will appear regularly in THE PEPTIMIST CRIER describing places of interest near Madison College.

—Editor

"He who keeps his eyes on the clock is usually just one of the hands."

## THE MAN THAT I STRIVE TO BE

by GEORGE KENDALL

The man that I am is a worthless thing  
A terrible wretch is he,  
For he is the man who attempts to kill  
The man that I'm not, in me.

The man that I'm not is the man  
worth while,  
The man whose life would be  
The life of the Man who carried  
the cross  
And died thereon for me.

Remember me not as the man that  
I am,  
The man you plainly see;  
But remember me most as the man  
I'm not,  
The man that I strive to be.

And then when we meet on the  
other side,  
The man that I'm not you'll see;  
The man that I am, will be no more—  
Not even in memory.

## Construction

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It will not be long until Miss Elizabeth Windhorst, pharmacist at the hospital, will be living in her new home on the west side of Sanitarium road near Neely's Bend road. The house, which has been veneered with native rock, has been built under the direction of Mr. R. B. Thomas.

About 500 feet south of the water tank, a structure is rapidly rising under the supervision of its owner, Professor Lawrence Hewitt. When it is completed it will have six rooms and a sun parlor. Construction is of tile with covering of native rock.

Ground was broken on September 21, for the erection of a new home for Dr. Frances Dittes, head of the Department of Nutrition. The dwelling, which is being built by Mr. Edgar Rutherford, is situated between the homes of Dr. Floyd Bralliar and Elder Julius G. White on Sanitarium road.

## Pastor's Study

Just an hour or so before taking up my pen to write these words I saw a truck, carrying a heavy load of coal, turned upside down, its wheels spinning in the air. Many were asking, "What caused it, how did it happen?" A little closer examination revealed the cause of the accident. Just one nut had come loose. A little nut no bigger than the end of my thumb had overturned several tons of steel and coal.

I thought then of a verse in James, "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth." How oft an ill-advised word or an ill-considered act wrecks a well-laid plan, someone's happiness, or perhaps even a career.

As we begin our new school year let us carefully go over our thinking machine and tighten up the loose connections. Be sure that determination is screwed up to the proper tension and extending in the right direction. Let us check our sense of cooperation and see that our spirit of loyalty to the institution of which we are a part is in working order. If it is not let us go somewhere where it will work. We will wreck ourselves unless we do. And what is worse we may wreck others if we strew disloyal words along the highway of college life. Most important of all, let us be certain that our connection with God, the great generator of all power, is firm, and furnishing the power to go forward, and the light to make our scholastic roadway plain. We cannot travel if our light goes out.

Now, your Pastor wishes you a very happy and successful educational tour of highway 1937-38.

Howard J. Welch







# North East West South

The women of Gotzian Home were rudely awakened on the morning of September 26, by wails of distress emitting from the preceptress' room and from the large room above the stairs. Who was it? What could have caused all this anguish? Oh! the breakfast cooks had awakened at the appalling hour of 5:20 A. M. and breakfast was to be served in exactly ten minutes. Morning ablutions were quickly made, amid additional signs of consternation, and breakfast was started. At exactly 5:30 the bell rang announcing the morning meal. The seemingly impossible had happened. How, you ask? Well, due to much previous experience and the great natural ability of the cooks involved, the only telltale evidence of the harrowing experience was the absence of the mush,

Professor Leland Straw was in his accustomed place wielding the baton at the first rehearsal of the orchestra, September 27. The band had its first get-together of the school year on Wednesday night, September 29. Appearances point toward a successful musical year.

Miss Fern Pitcher and Mr. Sidney Lowry were surprised on Saturday night, September 25, with a birthday supper, given by a group of their friends.

The sanitarium kitchen is prospering this quarter under the supervision of the dietetics students. The Misses Esther Sanford and Katherine Beck are the general supervisors, and Miss Hannah Pomeranz is looking after the purchasing of supplies.

Our postmaster, Mr. R. B. King, has been recording the daily rainfall for the government for all but three of the past fifteen years. His reports enable the government to give an official estimate of precipitation for this part of Tennessee. He has presented to our library a copy of these reports covering a period of twelve years.

We are pleasantly surprised to hear of the recent marriage of George Katcher, class of '37, and Marie Varonen, class of '36. Mr. and Mrs. Katcher are now in Toledo, Ohio, where they are directing the eleven grade church school.

Madison College has started its Harvest Ingathering campaign early this year. Over \$500.00 has been solicited to date. The singing bands have been instrumental in obtaining nearly one-third of this amount.

We, as students, look forward to our annual field day when we can all turn out to help swell our church goal of \$1450.00 to overflowing.

Those who remember Lester Harris and Bill Ludwig, tenors, who have so often entertained us, will be glad to know that they are again at Madison.

The *Chicago Sunday Tribune* of September 26, 1937, reproduced three of Bert Deng's paintings of scenes in the "Lotus land" on the front page of its picture section. Mr. Deng has been a student at Madison for three years.

Mr. Ralph Martin, supervisor of the male nurses at the Madison Sanitarium for the past year, has become director of a prospering Madison unit at Fountain Head, Tennessee. Mr. Martin has charge of the eleven grade school and a rural sanitarium operated by student labor. He is taking Charles Hanzel and Eugene Wood to assist him in his efforts at Fountain Head. We wish them the best of success as they leave to assume their new duties.

An article entitled, "What to Do for Acid Stomach," by Frances L.

Dittes, Ph. D., appeared in the *Health* magazine for October, 1937. Dr. Dittes is head dietitian at the Madison Sanitarium and Hospital, which is affiliated with our college.

Found: a blonde from Africa. It has recently been disclosed that Miss June Bender spent eleven years of her life in "Dark Africa."

We are glad to report that Miss Mary Kate Gafford, our assistant librarian, is recovering very nicely from a major operation.

Miss Irma Jackson, class of '37, has accepted the position of dietitian in the William Mason Memorial Hospital, Murray, Kentucky. We

## Nocturnal Flower

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narcissus-like fragrance to the senses, one might easily have imagined that the three wise men were in the act of anointing the Bethlehem Babe with their costly ointments. On closer observation one noticed that the long, curving, red stems were joined directly on to the large flat leaves. Through one small vein, running into the blossom, the entire

wish her success.

Miss Margaret Bailey, who for the past year has been our school librarian, was greeted on her birthday, September 27, by a group of friends and entertained at supper.

bit of white fragrance obtained its nourishment.

This "Queen of the Night" is a species of a cactus most commonly employed in medicine but cultivated extensively for its beautiful blossoms.



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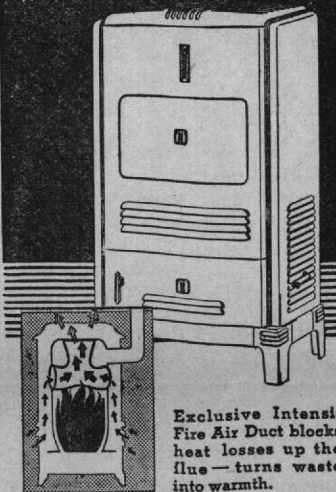
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