

Tonight's Aces

Discussion

7:30 p. m. — **America's Town Meeting** (WLS): Paul Hagen, Prof. Karl M. Arndt, Emil Ludwig, and Carroll Binder on "Should Defeated Germany Be Allowed Immediate Self-Government?"



Drama

7 p. m.—**Suspense** (WBBM): Keenan Wynn in "The Walls Came Tumbling Down."

7:30 p. m.—**The Human Adventure** (WGN): "The Story of Anesthesia." **Death Valley Days** (WBBM): "The Jingo and Johnny Mine," story of a horse's devotion for his master.

9:30 p. m. — **March of Time** (WMAQ): "Joe Is Home Now."



Music

9:30 p. m. — **Spotlight Bands** (WENR): George Olsen **Starlight Serenade** (WGN): "Hallelujah," "Goodnight Wherever You Are," "Besame Mucho."

9:30 p. m.—**Here's to Romance** (WBBM): with Greta Keller; "These Foolish Things," "When I Learned French," "Dardanella," "I'll Get By," "At Sundown."



VICKI VOLA

Vicki Voia, versatile regular of the Thursday "Death Valley Days" program, portrays roles from 'teen-agers to matriarchs.

Variety

6 p. m.—**Music Shop** (WIBA): with Jerry Colonna.

8 p. m.—**Bing Crosby** (WIBA): and Roy Rogers.

8:30 p. m.—**Joan Davis and Jack Haley** (WIBA): surprise birthday party . . . **Dinah Shore** (WBBM): and Charles Laughton.

Uncle Ray's Corner

There is a grass in northern Africa which cattle like to eat. That is, they eat it if they can get it before it is too old. In its "old age," this grass is so tough that a cow can't get it down very well.

I am speaking of esparto grass. Esparto grass grows in Spain, as well as in northern Africa. There are thousands of acres of it in the parts of Spain known as Valencia and Murcia. It grows best in dry, sandy soil. Sometimes it reaches a height of four or five feet.

The stalks grow in clusters. One cluster may be three or four feet wide.

Growing from the stalks are gray-green leaves. The leaves usually are from six inches to two feet long, but some have a length of three feet.

The fact that this grass becomes tough is important. After it has been in the ground for several years, it is excellent for making ropes.

The grass is of light weight. After being turned into a rope or cable, it will float on the surface of the sea. The Spanish navy has used esparto grass cables for a long time.

When esparto grass goes to seed, the wind often breaks off the spiked "awns" which grow at the tops of the stalks and which hold the seeds. The awns sail in the breeze, and may travel 50 miles or

more.

Settling on the ground at last, an awn gets a "foothold" in the soil. Then a strange thing starts to go on. Taking moisture from the air, the awn grows a bit longer and goes deeper into the soil.

Dry weather tends to shorten the awns, but they have barbed hairs which hold them in the soil. The seeds become buried so more esparto grass can grow.

Esparto grass is one of the "feather grasses." Other kinds of feather grass have much the same method of spreading their seeds.

Besides being turned into rope, esparto grass goes into sandals, baskets, mats and paper. It has been used for paper-making in Europe for a long time.

Esparto grass has been found growing in dry parts of the United States, from New England to Wisconsin.

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Uncle Ray

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