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WHAT TEACHERS ARE PAID

An editorial in a recent issue of The Dallas News makes comment on the present-day necessity for reducing expenses of school operation, but has pertinent remarks concerning teachers' salaries.

An agreement between the school board and the teachers made possible, if necessary, a salary reduction of 7 1/2 per cent. Dallas high school teachers, it was stated, are being paid around \$2,000 per year on an average, and grade teachers \$1,700.

It was pointed out that this is not the net salary, as the expense of compulsory summer term schooling must be deducted before the net salary is worked out.

The editorial said, in part: "Dallas relies on the board to do all that it can to maintain the salary level of the teaching force. Grade school teachers average but \$1,700 a year and high school teachers around \$2,000. It must be remembered that these are gross, and that the net comes after deducting the expenses of summer schooling, which teachers are expected to incur in bettering their intellectual equipment from year to year. Dallas employs the upper level, so to speak, of Texas teachers and ought to do all it can to pay its teaching staff at least these small average returns, particularly as many instructors have given long service and have spent large sums preparing for their usefulness. The best is none too good for the children of Dallas, and Dallas believes that she has the best in her common school and high school faculty."

Midland, at present, probably faces a similar issue. Midland school children are entitled to as good teachers as are employed in Dallas, the number being the only difference that should be made. A check shows that the average salary paid high school teachers here is \$1,555.50 and that of grade teachers is \$1,116.00.

Trimming of expenses is admirable. It is important and is necessary in every line of business or of public work, but it is hoped that in the handling of teachers' salaries, first consideration will be given to providing for the school children of Midland the best teachers available and that the splendid standing of the local schools will not be impaired. This editorial has no reference to the selection of school board members but is for the consideration of those who are chosen.

JOB HUNTING IN RUSSIA

It was slightly amusing to learn, via recent cable dispatches from Moscow, that several hundred Americans who went to Russia during the past summer and fall looking for jobs have been asked to return to the United States. Russia has no jobs for them and can't be bothered looking after them.

Jobs may be scarce on this side of the sea, and the land where the worker is king may look very glittering and attractive; but the millennium, evidently, has not yet dawned.

The American job hunter who decides to pull up stakes and throw his lot in with the Communists on their native heath takes a step much like that of the individual who leaps out of the frying pan only to land right in the middle of a nice, hot fire.

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Victory After Prison Is Accomplishment of Patriot

By MILTON BRONNER
European Manager, NEA Service

DUBLIN.—"As long as de Valera lives, the Irish Republic lives," say his followers. Today he is the new president of the Irish Free State which is a British dominion like Canada and whose officials are required to take the oath of allegiance to England's king. De Valera is out to end that.

Civil War Ahead?
"The one ultimate objective of the Fianna Fail party is the unity and independence of Ireland as a sovereign state," he said very frankly at the time of his election as head of his Fianna Fail ("Soldiers of Destiny") party.

The bath of allegiance to King George is obligated by Article 17 of the Constitution. We propose to remove that article.

Regarding separation from Great Britain: Our objective is independence but in this election we asked for a limited mandate and we intend to proceed within the terms of this mandate.

So today, more trouble may be brewing in war-ravaged Ireland, which has been at peace since de Valera's followers, at his command, laid down their weapons in the bloody but unsuccessful civil war that they waged against the new Free State government 10 years ago. It is reasonable to assume that England is still determined to retain control of this little island near her shores for use "in time of war or strained relations with other powers" as stipulated in the Constitution she granted the Free State in 1920.

Decade of Peace
A lot has happened since de Valera's 30,000 insurgents laid down their arms in May, 1923.

For a long time he was kept in prison by Free State authorities. They were afraid to shoot him on a charge of treason in view of the feeling in temperamental Ireland, and they were also afraid to turn him loose to agitate. So he was simply detained in prison for a long time—until his scattered bands dissolved.

Released, de Valera soon became politically active again, as he still held his position as president of the Sinn Fein party.

Drastic Measures
In 1927, Kevin O'Higgins, vice president of the Free State executive council, was assassinated by gunmen.

The government, unable to trace the assassins, took the extreme measure of a drastic public safety act which declared all revolutionary societies treasonable and authorized the death penalty. De Valera tried to defeat this bill but lost by a narrow margin.

De Valera's party also fought an effort to defeat a bill requiring every member of the Dail (including Republicans) to take an oath of allegiance to the Free State constitution. They lost and, upon taking the oath, announced that it was merely an "empty formula" and would in no wise bind their actions.

In the Sixth Dail, de Valera's efforts to repeal the safety act were defeated by the scant majority of six votes. In the following year he led an insurrectionary movement for abolition of the oath of allegiance.

And so the man who had been sentenced to be shot, whose life was spared after a plea to President Wilson based on his American birth, who had made perhaps the most dramatic jail break in history, who had spent many weary months in prison, who had lived as a phantom in the Tipperary hills while hunted as an outlaw and who had dreamed of becoming the George Washington of his country—this man continued his fight and gradually returned to power.

Forms New Party
Leaving the Sinn Fein party, which recently assailed him, he launched the newer Fianna Fail party upon which he rode to victory when he defeated President William T. Cosgrave of the Free State in the recent election. The vote was close—which seems to be typical of all votes in Ireland where political rivalries are keen, hatreds deep and passions high.

Side Glances
By Clark

"We could have been to work on time this morning, if you hadn't insisted on boiled eggs instead of scrambled."
The dime-a-dance girl
BEGIN HERE TODAY
Beautiful Ellen Rossiter, 20-year-old, loves Larry Harrowgate, young artist. When he becomes engaged to another girl Ellen agrees to marry Steven Barclay, 37 years old and wealthy. Her impoverished family is indebted to Barclay, who has been married before. Scandal accompanied his Mexican divorce from Leda Grayson, dancer. To avoid talk Ellen and Barclay are secretly married.

The Town Quack
(Reserves the right to "quack" about everything without taking a stand on anything.)
The Grand is advertising Three Wise Girls, with the statement that they are fast, funny, smart and sophisticated. Howard must mean four wise girls.
That's as bad as the epitaph about "Here Lies a Lawyer, an Honest Man." A guy read it and wanted to know why they put two fellows in one grave.
Speaking of picture shows and lawyers, one lawyer here in town has a boy who is fast with reports. At the Ritz, while Ben Hur was being shown, a boy called Rick said aloud, when three men were riding along on three donkeys "There go Merwin, Barclay and some other boy." To which Merwin replied, "I see Rick there, too, but he isn't riding."
School kids at a tonic for anybody's troubles, but your mind has heart with a story like this is the last thing I'd want to do.

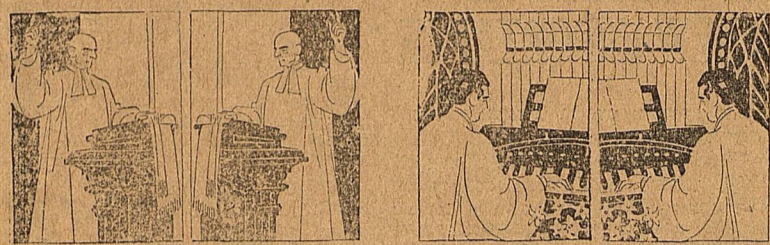
5 ways to use a telephone
The best reason for having a telephone, as one telephone user says, is not having one. Here are some incidents that prove the point:
Little Bobby fell downstairs. He was hurt and mother was frightened. But she wasn't too frightened to know what to do. She called up the doctor... and he was there in a few minutes.
It was only a stray cat in the basement, the policeman said. Mrs. Clark laughed... a little nervously. But what a comfort it was to know the telephone would bring help so quickly!
Jim Mulvaney's back at work again... after two months. Last night the Boss telephoned: "Jim, we landed a big contract. Be on hand first thing in the morning."
What else can you buy that every member of the family can use... that will be a source of safety in case of fire, sickness, emergency... that will be a convenience always?
Monthly Telephone Rates
Two-party line \$2.25
Individual line 2.75
Just call the business office.
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

SOCIAL NEWS PAGE FOR WOMEN

Easter to Be Observed in All Midland Churches Today

Cantatas Will Be Presented by Choirs Of Methodist and Baptist Churches This Evening; Sermons Will Commemorate Day

Opening with the huge daybreak service at the high school stadium, Easter Sunday will be commemorated with impressive ceremonies at every church in Midland today.



Themes of ministers' sermons will be based on the resurrection of the Christ and anthems by choirs will follow the meaning of Easter.

Appropriate congregational Easter hymns and an anthem, "The Hill Lone and Gray," will be features of the morning service of the First Christian church.

Advertisement for 'GOOD GARDENS' featuring 'START WITH GOOD SEEDS' and 'WE HAVE A FULL LINE OF VEGETABLE, FIELD AND FLOWER SEEDS'.

Marriage of Simmons Girl and Dutch Youth Who Became Enamored of Her as He Looked at Picture Is to Be Soon

ABILENE—Announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Carol Johnson, Simmons senior, to Dr. A. L. Van Assenderp of The Hague, Holland, was made Wednesday by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnson, of Bogalusa, La.

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Regular Easter songs will be sung by the choir and congregation at the Presbyterian church in conjunction with the sermon of the Rev. W. J. Coleman on "The First Easter Sermon."

Methodist Program Closing a two-weeks Pre-Easter revival, the Methodist church will observe the day with special programs this morning and evening.

Advertisement for 'He Knows' featuring a baby and the text 'it's Sanitary Jersey MILK'.

Advertisement for 'WILSON-ADAMS COMPANY' with the slogan 'More Merchandise for Less Money'.

Aubrey Joe Cloninger Has Fifth Birthday

In celebration of his fifth anniversary, Aubrey Joe Cloninger was honored with a jolly party given for a group of his friends by his mother, Mrs. A. E. Cloninger, Friday afternoon.

Easter Party Is Pretty Affair for Joi De Vie Club

Beautiful Easter lilies and a party motif of green and yellow made an attractive setting for the Joi De Vie club party given by Mrs. Fred Hill Friday afternoon.

Former Midland Resident Weds in Carlsbad

Announcement was made here Saturday of the marriage of Mr. Orval Sparks, former Midland resident, and Miss Alene Pitts, of Carlsbad, N. M.

Greenwood B. T. S. Given Party at Graham Home

More than 50 members of the B. T. S. of the Greenwood church were entertained with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Graham in the Prairie Lee community Friday evening.

True Blue Members Enjoy Theatre Party

Forty-five members of the True Blue class of the First Christian church were honor guests at a theatre party given Friday afternoon at the Grand theatre.

Announcements

MONDAY Methodist circles: Belle Bennett chole at the home of Mrs. B. T. Smith, 724 West La. Mary Schaubauer members with Mrs. J. R. Martin, 1410 West Texas, at 3 o'clock.

Belmont Members Study at Home of Mrs. McBride

Mrs. L. H. McBride was hostess at the weekly meeting of the Belmont Bible class Friday afternoon.

Auxiliary Will Close Year's Program Monday

Members of the Women's auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church will conclude their year's work with the installation of new officers and a general business meeting at the church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Senior Christian Endeavor Study Postponed

The all-day meeting of the Methodist auxiliary Bible study group, to have been held Tuesday, has been postponed until a later date.

Churches

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH Howard Peters, Pastor 9:45 a. m.—Bible school. A New Testament bound in olive wood from the Mount of Olives will be presented to the teacher having the largest attendance.

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Personals

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