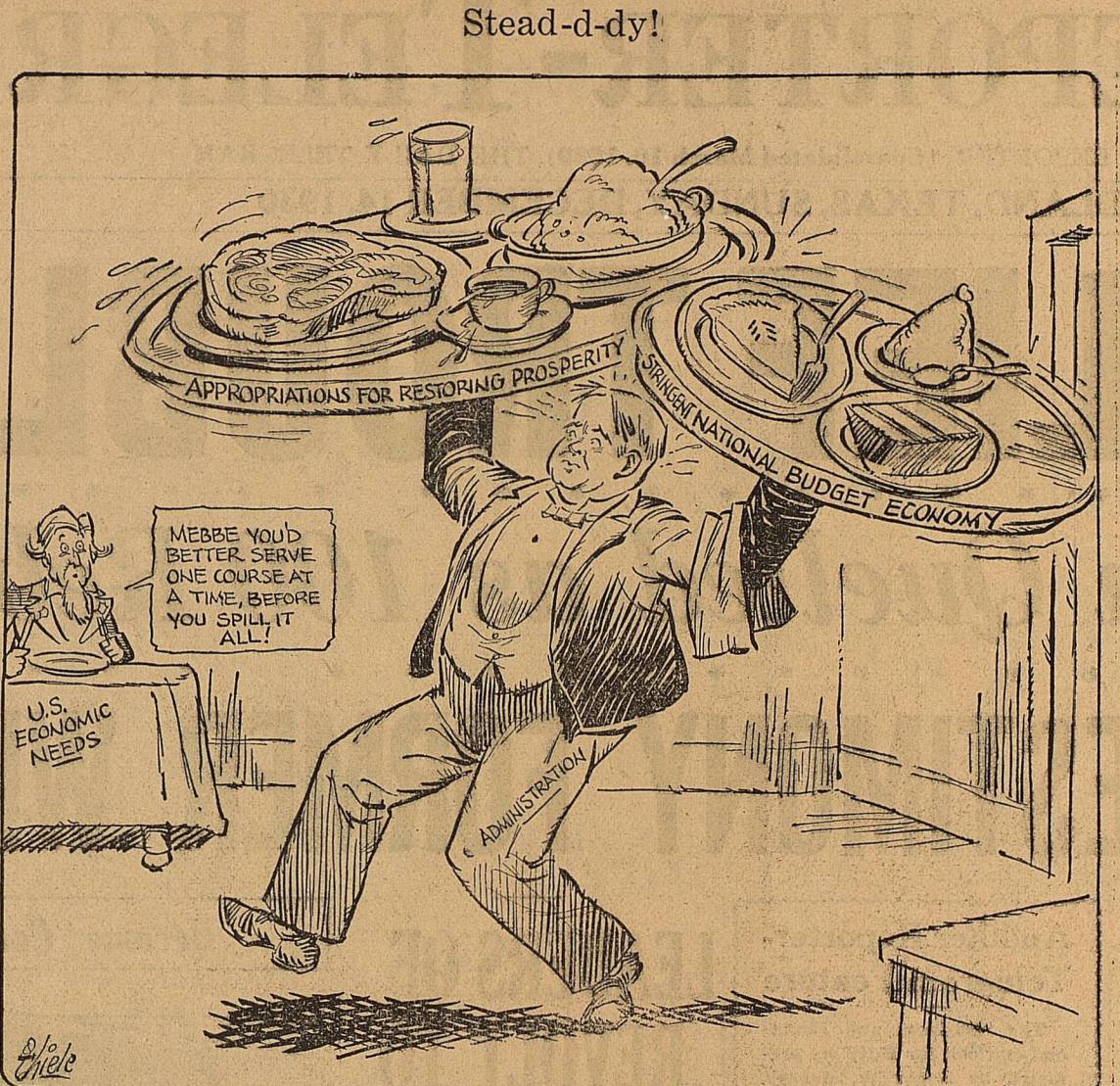


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Death Before Firing Squad for Grafting Keeps Soviet Russia's Officials Honest

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you commit a murder in Soviet Russia the most you can get is 10 years in prison (unless the victim is a government official, and then it becomes a crime against the state), but if you are caught grafting, the Soviet secret police can execute you without trial. How the Bolshevik government functions with relation to the common police is told in today's story, the fifth and last of a series of interviews with Dr. Thomas S. McWilliams, professor of religious education at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, who has just returned from a tour of that country.

By BRUCE CATTON, Staff Writer for NEA Service and The Reporter-Telegram. (Copyright, 1930, NEA Service, Inc.) One reason for the continuance in power of the Russian Soviet government is the fact that the government is supported by a powerful army and one of the most amazing police agencies ever seen in the world.

Another reason is the fact that it is a complete, iron-clad one-man dictatorship, with a capable executive at its head—Joseph Stalin. These observations developed in an interview with Dr. Thomas S. McWilliams, professor of religious education at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, who has just completed a first-hand study at conditions in Communist Russia.

"Stalin," he remarks, "is the most powerful ruler on earth today. Not even Mussolini has power as great as his. This whole vast land, with its enormous natural resources and its 150,000,000 of people, is in the grip of this one man. Soviet 'Congress' Mere Rubber Stamp for Leaders. Officially, he is chairman of the executive committee of nine. This committee operates in connection with the national congress, nominally elected by the people, which meets once in every two years. In actual practice, however, the congress is simply a rubber stamp for the executive committee. It does everything that the committee tells it to. And the executive committee is a rubber stamp for Stalin, doing precisely what Stalin tells it to. So Stalin is the dictator."

STICKERS
A puzzle featuring a clock face where letters are placed instead of numbers. The letters are: V, T, W, L, E, H, T, E, T. The puzzle asks to start counting at the T, go to the right of the Y, and count a certain number around the clock, clockwise. Mark down the letter that this brings you to. Then continue to count the same number around and around the clock until you have marked down each letter. If you've picked the right count number, the letters will then spell the obvious answer to the puzzle.

Daily Washington Letter By Rodney Dutcher
Government Survey of 14,000 Manufacturing Plans Shows That Reduction of Salaries Has Not Been as General as Practice of Curtailing Production and Laying Off Workers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. — Although no general survey is possible, there is some data available on the tendency toward wage reductions in the past year. It seems fairly obvious from this that the wage cut movement has been nowhere near as general as the practice of curtailing production and laying off wage earners. Thus far the theory that reduction of purchasing power by reduction of wages would only make conditions worse appears to be held by the large majority of employers.



The Town Quack
Reserves the right to "quack" about everything without taking a stand on anything.

I know a preacher who, when he is changing a tire or trying to carry a ladder through a gate, exclaims loudly from time to time, "Muscle Shoals." If you don't know it, Muscle Shoals is one of the biggest dams ever built. Another minister drove to an automobile dealer and said, "I'm bringing back the second hand car I bought from you last week."

AN UNWISE SUGGESTION

It is only natural that all kinds of suggestions should be made to relieve the current business depression. The situation is little short of desperate, and men are justified in suggesting desperate remedies. However, the danger is that our eagerness to do something to help will lead us to adopt unsound and worthless measures. The urgency of the situation does not excuse us from the responsibility of subjecting every relief proposal to a careful scrutiny.

THE CHRISTMAS CLUBS

The "Christmas savings clubs" organized by the banks are each year becoming more and more important in the national scheme of things. Figures compiled by the Alexander Hamilton Institute show that more than \$632,000,000 will be distributed this year to approximately 11,000,000 members of such clubs. The average amount received by each member this year is \$54.60—five dollars below last year's average.

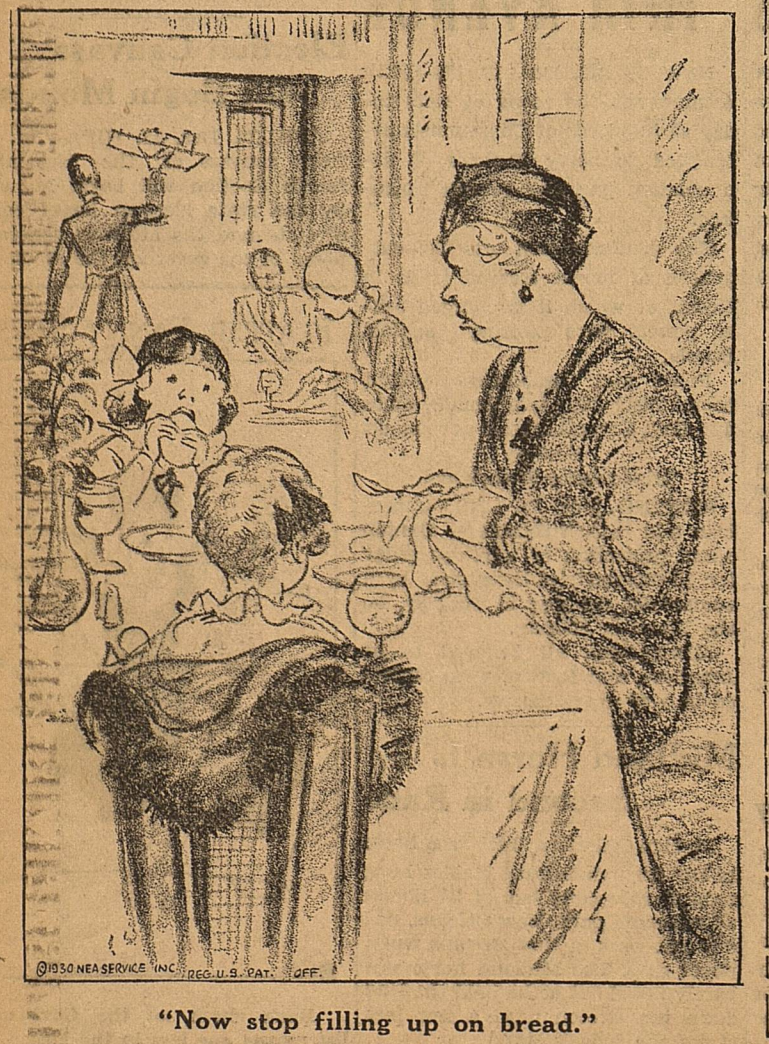
DR. BARTON'S FINE RECORD

The late Dr. William E. Barton was a citizen whom the United States cannot easily spare. His death leaves a distinct gap in the ministry, in literature and in the nation's list of useful and admirable men. In the Congregational ministry Dr. Barton had long been a leader. His 25-year service in the Oak Park (Ill.) church gained for him wide recognition as one of the denomination's finest ministers, and his service as an American delegate to the world conference on faith and order, in Switzerland, three years ago added to his fame.

A ROW IN A CATHEDRAL

It is a little bit hard to award any palms to any of the principals in the Judge Lindsey-Bishop Manning episode at St. John's Cathedral, New York. To leap upon a table in the middle of a church service and demand a hearing does not quite seem proper; yet the speech that provoked the outburst seems, likewise, to have been something less than temperately episcopal.

Side Glances by Clark



"Now stop filling up on bread."

George Abel, who fired the blank cartridges in the Little Theatres "The Inner Circle," formed a habit. He went hunting yesterday, armed with 'the same artillery. Upon his return, he dropped by the meat market, bought some pork tenderloin, went home and cooked some mock quail. phone and telegraph and employees in power, light and water enterprises. Decreases in per capita earnings were, approximately, 11 per cent in manufacturing, 20 per cent in bituminous mining, 6 per cent in anthracite mining, 12 per cent in metal mining, 8 per cent in quarry and non-metal mining, 9.5 per cent in canning and preserving and from 1 to 2 per cent in wholesale trade, public utilities employees in retail trade and hotels.

Midland PUBLICITY
Photos of Midland to be used in posters published by the Wilkes-Barre Institute of Forty Fort, Pa., have been mailed by the chamber of commerce. These photos will reach 300,000 people and are instrumental in causing traffic over the Bankhead highway to halt in Midland other towns for the night.
GOOD STANTON BUSINESS
Business evidently is good in Stanton. E. Price, station agent there, said the T. & P. railroad is doing more hauling there than since 1918. One day last week found all team tracks full, as wagons and trucks unloading and loading feed, flour and merchandise.

ROGER W. BABSON
The Internationally-known Business and Financial Expert writes on the Business and Financial Outlook For 1931

Your TABLE LINEN BED LINEN and WEARING APPAREL Should be laundered this week in readiness for Christmas.

WILL BUSINESS IMPROVE IN 1931?
WHAT WILL THE STOCK MARKET DO IN 1931?
Who is more fitted to answer these burning questions than Roger W. Babson, a recognized authority and financial adviser to thousands?
REMEMBER THE DATE
DECEMBER 26

SOCIAL NEWS PAGE FOR WOMEN

Annual Bull Dog Banquet Climaxes Successful Season

Purple and Gold, Colors of High School, Make Brilliant Decorations For Crystal Ball Room; Over 200 Attend

The biggest crowd to ever attend a football banquet here was in the beautifully decorated Scharbauer hotel ballroom Friday night. Colors, purple and gold, that the team has worn on the field for several years, were reflected in elaborate appointments.

A program that was clever in its novelty was presented by students, faculty members and guests. The high school band played special arrangements towards the conclusion of the program, and the "band sweetheart," Mollie B. Bagley sang. A chorus, made up of Virginia Hawkins, Alice Buchanan, Helen Margaret Ulmer, Dorris Harrison, Jean Verdier and Janelle Edwards, was arranged behind Miss Bagley and the band was drawn up in a semi-circle around the whole. All toasts and most of the responses were in clever verse.

Awards Made Head Coach Barry announced numerals for the following: three stripes—Ray Parker, captain; Cy Foster, Lloyd Burris and Mead McCall; two stripes—G. B. Hallman, Frank Midkiff, George Booth, Olen Fryar, James White, Ham Pinnell, Alfred Johnson, Robert Fleenor, Herschel Arnett, Moffett Gilbow and David Allen; one stripe—Allen Sherrod, H. L. Straughan, E. B. Estes, Donald Parrott and Lawrence Hawkins. Sweaters for these 20 men will arrive within a few days, it was announced.

Program Toastmaster, Herman Walker. Invocation, Rev. Edwin C. Calneun. To the team, Nancy Rankin. Response, Ray Parker. To the coach, C. C. Foster. Response, L. K. Barry. To our superintendent, Mollie B. Bagley.

Response, W. W. Lackey. To our principal, Martha Louise Nobles. Response, D. D. Shiflett. "Betty Co-Ed," High school band. To the school board, M. D. Johnson.

Response, Arthur W. Yeager. To the pep squad, Lloyd Burris. Response, Ida Beth Cowden. Septet: Virginia Hawkins, Mollie B. Bagley, Alice Buchanan, Helen Margaret Ulmer, Dorris Harrison, Jean Verdier, Janelle Edwards.

To the band, Alfred Johnson. Response, Marie Hill. Reading, Theresa Brooks. To the boosters, Frank Midkiff. Response, John Bonner. To the turkeys, Mary Caroline Sims.

Response, J. R. Martin. Announcement of awards. Music, interspersed, by high school band.

Guests who spoke following the regular program were: Judge Charles Gibbs of San Angelo, M. C. Ulmer, the Rev. Thomas D. Murphy, Fred Wemple and B. Frank Haag.

Miss Lanham Is New President of J. O. Y. Class

When the J. O. Y. class of the First Baptist church meets this morning, a new president, Miss Stella Maye Lanham, will conduct the activities of the class.

Other new officers were also elected at a recent meeting of class members. Miss Vera Hefner is vice-president, Miss Ina Lee, secretary and treasurer and Miss Leona Lavcorn, publicity chairman.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Adams left yesterday for San Angelo where he was to speak on the program of the West Texas Geological society there Saturday evening. They will return today.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ratliff returned Friday from their ranch northwest of here where they spent the week.

Harry L. Haight expects to leave the first part of the week for Dallas where he will spend a few days on business.

Misses Imogene Cox and Evelyn Garlington, students of Texas Tech, were in Midland Friday evening for the football banquet and spent the week end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Brick Eidson of Stanton were shoppers in Midland Friday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Bybee of San Angelo have returned to their home after spending a few days here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vertrees.

J. P. Carper has returned to Midland after a trip to El Paso.

H. E. Bretschneider left Saturday for his home in Duncan, Okla., after spending several days here on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Shoemaker and baby are spending the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Irwin in Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hogan are moving from Midland to Douglas, Ariz. He is with the department of aeronautics of the U. S. government.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stewart of Big Spring were visitors in Midland Friday.

Announcements

Monday

The Welfare association and Christmas helpers will meet at 9:30 a. m. in the private dining room of Hotel Scharbauer.

Methodist Auxiliary meets at the church building at 3 o'clock for final year's business.

Reinhart Circle will hold its Bible study at the home of Mrs. H. H. Meek on North Main street at 3:30.

Baptist Circles: Lockett circle at the church at 3:30; Reagan at the home of Mrs. J. M. White at 3:30 and Walker with Mrs. Bob Preston at 3:30.

Boone class of the Methodist S. S. will have a party at the home of Mrs. J. Holt Jowell at 8 o'clock.

A call meeting of the Young People's Missionary society will be held at the home of Mrs. A. P. Baker at 7:30.

Tuesday

A Christmas luncheon at the home of Mrs. Harvey Sloan, 1404 W. Illinois, at 1 o'clock and a Christmas and party at the home of Mrs. Roy Parks, 202 South G street, will be in honor of the Edelweiss club members.

Church of Christ Bible class will meet at the church at 3 o'clock.

Ladies' Aid society of the First Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Woody Elkin at 1 o'clock.

Wednesday

Mothers' Self Culture club meets with Mrs. C. A. McClintic at 3:30.

Mrs. Elliott Barron will be hostess to the Play Readers club at her home on 901 W. Kansas, at 3:30. Mrs. L. C. Waterman will read "The Fool."

A bridge luncheon and Christmas tree at the home of Mrs. S. B. Craig at 1 o'clock will be for the members of the Mid Week club.

Thursday

house for members and guests at Bridge party at the country club 8 o'clock.

Mid Alpha Delphian chapter meets at the home of Mrs. E. W. Cowden at 3 o'clock. Mrs. R. M. Barron will read.

Until Dec. 15th Croquignole Permanent Waves, \$6.75. Shampoo and Set, \$1.00. Hotel Scharbauer Beauty Shop Phone 807 Mrs. Henderson

THE STORE OF GIFT IDEAS

Following the Stork

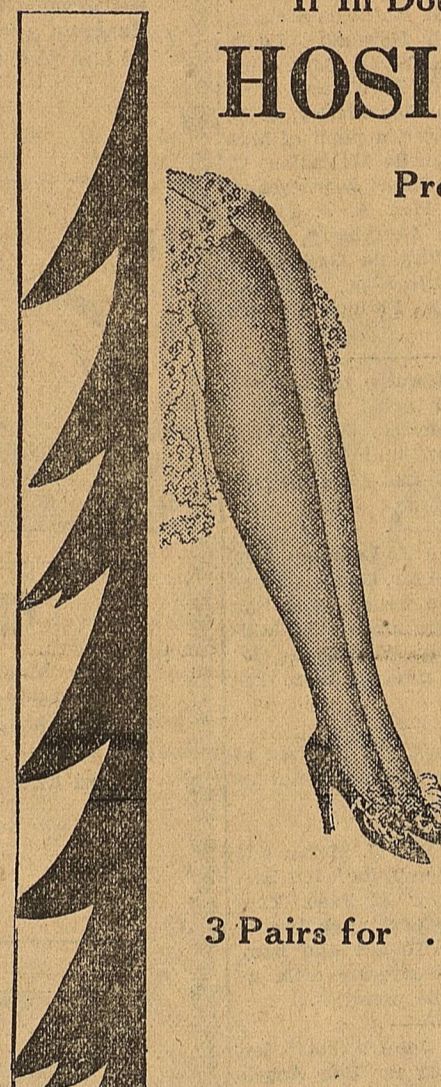
Born to... Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Lipscomb, boy, unnamed.



If In Doubt Give HOSIERY

Pre-Christmas Selling

Of all silk, full fashioned Chiffon Hose. In the best shades for Holiday wearing. Featured in Musingwear and La France. Starting Monday and continuing up until Christmas, we will sell our



Regular \$1.95 Hose at \$5 3 Pairs for

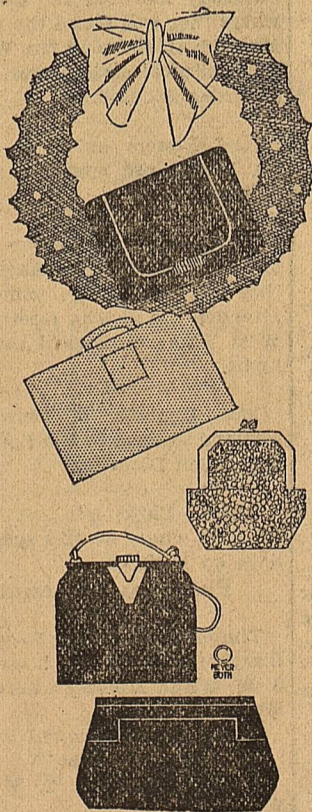
Bags!

A charming gift.—Under-arm, pouch or with the handle—

- Blacks Browns Greens Wines

or almost any kind you want, for the grown-up or children.

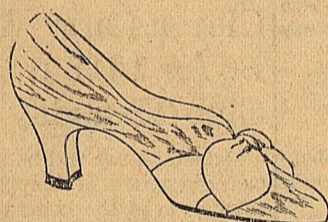
\$1.00 to \$10.00



Gifts that thrill

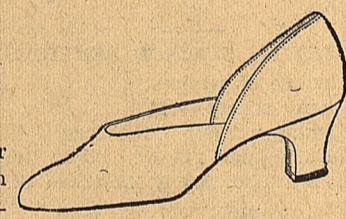
Boudoir Slippers...

by Daniel Green



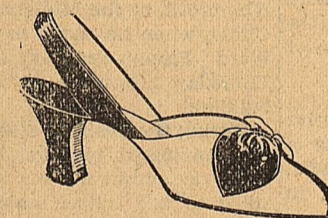
"The Trophy"

This smart bridge slipper of black Moire looks small because it has a bow and saddles of black Satin \$6.00



"The D'Orsay"

You'll be tempted to wear this black kid D-Orsay on the streets. It looks so formal. Flatters a foot. Comes in colors too. Made of Crepe for saddle of black Satin \$5.00



"The Lounge"

For those leisure hours.—The Lounge divides for smartness, half in light, half in dark. Made of Crepe. Black and Greens or Black and Red. It's smart \$5.00

A very similar number done in kid without the bow \$6.00

Kerchiefs

In dainty designs and delicate shades. In linen, or if you prefer the crepes with lacy trim.

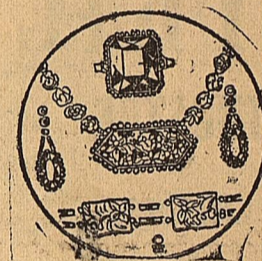
5c to \$3.50



Costume Jewelry

A gorgeous array of dazzling hues, a large assortment just received for your Christmas shopping.

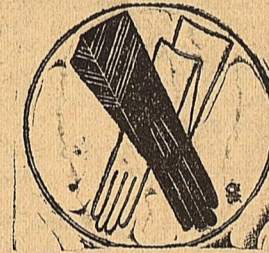
19c to \$5.00



Lovely Gloves

What would delight her more than a nice pair of kid gloves? In the newest styles, in either the long or short ones.

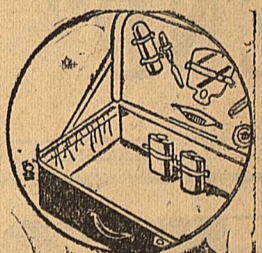
\$1.00 to \$6.95



Luggage

For Her—She would be delighted with a nice Fitted Overnight Case or Gladstone. All by Lilly, from

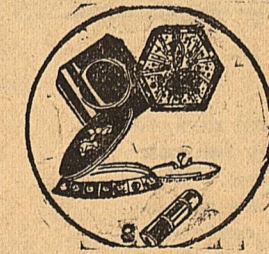
\$10 to \$75.00



Cosmetics

Something useful, and she would be thrilled with Dorothy Perkins Toiletries.

50c to \$1.50

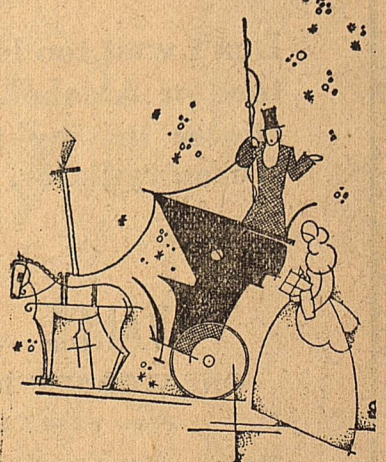


We will wrap your Xmas Packages—ready for mailing.

GRISSOM-ROBERTSON Department Store

"The Store of a Thousand Gifts"

WE DELIVER



PHONE 17

Advertisement for Buick Eight Christmas models, priced from \$1025 to \$2035. Includes Buick logo and contact information for Scruggs Buick Company.

Want Ads

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES AND INFORMATION

Cash must accompany all orders for classified ads with a specified number of days for each to be inserted.

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3 Days 60c

FURTHER information will be given gladly by calling—

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1. Lost & Found

Please return large green porch chair taken Halloween night from 401 North Big Spring. 238-3z

2. For Sale or Trade

SNAPS
In closing out our Real Estate Business to handle Oil Properties only, we are offering most unusual bargains and liberal terms on the homes we own;

Can you afford to rent when we are offering the following? A nice modern five room home in Belmont practically new for only \$2500.00 only \$250.00 cash balance \$35.000 per month till paid out.

A large 7-room house conveniently arranged and well located for renting out rooms or apartments for only \$2750.00 with \$250.00 cash balance only \$40.00 per month till paid out.

We also have some pretty homes on the North side PRICED TO SELL WITH TERMS TO SUIT.

Just think of being able to own your home for an outlay of only \$250.00 then to pay the balance at no higher payments than the place should rent for.

Call in today and let us show you what we still have to offer this way.

GRAFAGARLINGTON CO.
105 W. Wall St. Phone 356

3. Furnished Apts.
Two-room furnished apartment. Garage. Close in. 113 North Big Spring. 239-3p

TWO large south rooms. Sink in room. Joining bath. 121 North Big Spring. 239-3z

FURNISHED—Duplex. Also small apartment. Close in. 101 East Ohio. 240-1z

NICE modern three room apartment. Furnished. Garage in connection. Phones 164-246. 239-6z

TWO large south rooms. Utilities furnished. Rent reasonable. Garage. 601 North San Angelo. 238-3p

NICE south apartment in Duplex. Rent reasonable. 601 North San Angelo. 238-3p

NICEST, largest, sunniest, duplex in town. Extremely large closets. Garage. Mrs. J. T. Ragsdale. 407 North Marienfeld. 238-3p

THREE room furnished apartment. Garage. 609 West Michigan. 240-1p

4. Unfurnished Apts.
TWO-unfurnished house keeping rooms. Modern. To desirable party. Phone 556-J. 239-3p

(5) Furnished Houses
Modern 3 room house. Completely furnished. Frigidaire, washing machine and other electrical appliances. Price \$30.00. Phone 366-J. 240-1z

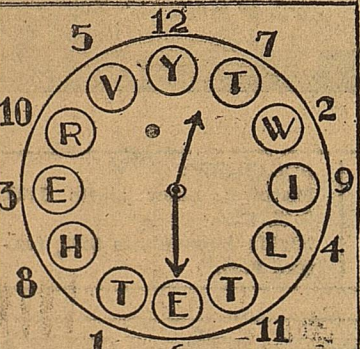
10. Bedrooms
Room and Board for two men. Close in. 201 South Big Spring. 238-3p

14. Miscellaneous
SHORTY SEZ—Drink a lot of BUTTERMILK it will make you sleep good. 25c per gallon at SNOWWHITE CREAMERIES. 239-3z

Wanted to farm on shares 50 to 200 acres. Can give good reference. W. A. Headrich, Odessa, Texas. 238-3p

Dr. T. R. Wright
Osteopathic & Medical Physician
Licensed by Texas Board of Medical Examiners
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Stickler Solution



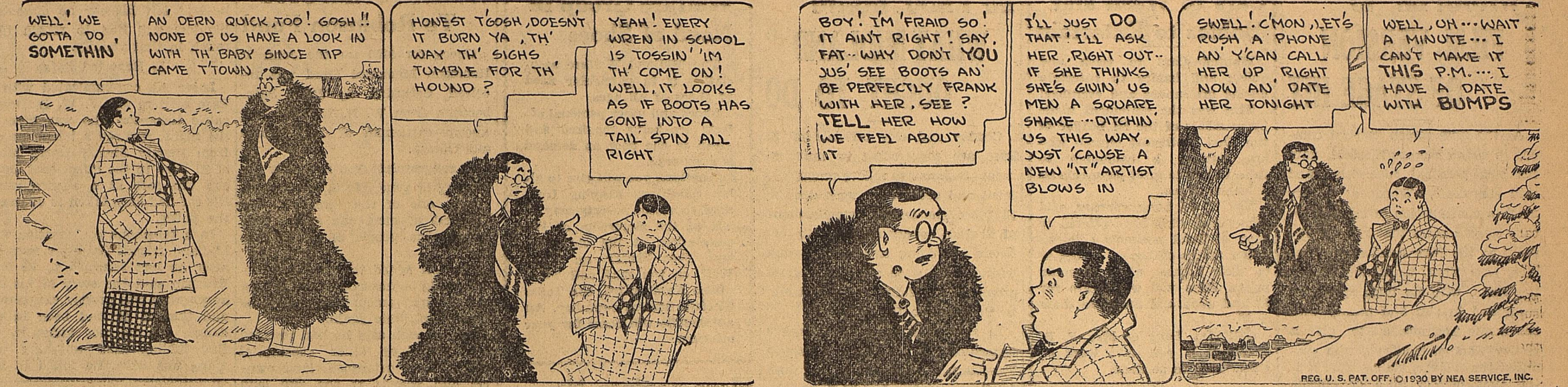
By starting to count at the letter T, that is just to the right of the Y, and counting seven letters around the clock, clockwise, you come to another letter T. Continuing the seven count around and around the clock you finally spell out the two words TWELVE THIRTY. The numbers indicate the order in which the letters are reached.

For Sale — Beautiful Fox Terrier Pups. Would make ideal Xmas gifts. Phone 9011-F3. 240-1p

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

Ohoh!

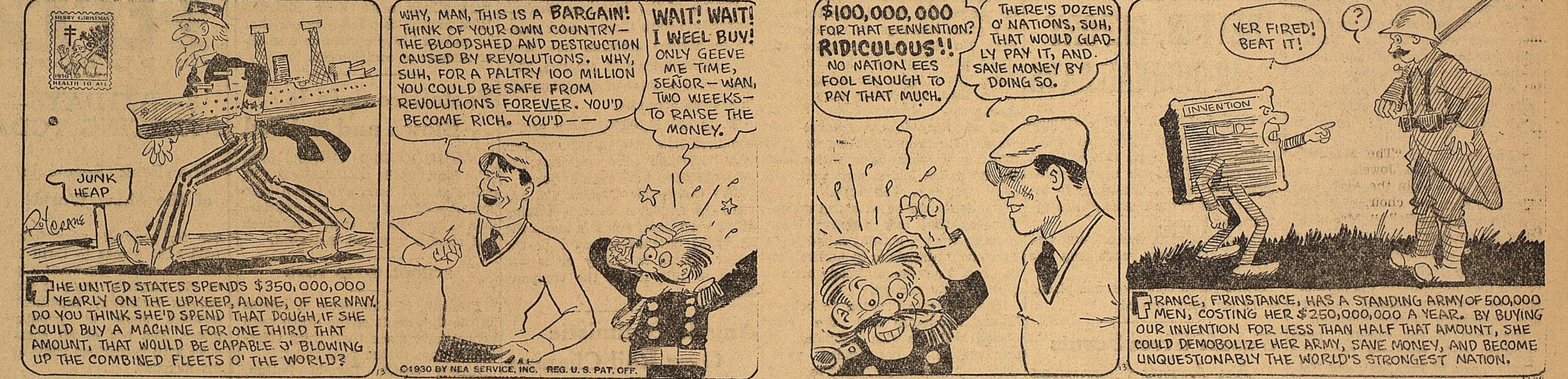
By Martin



WASH TUBBS

Easy Puts It Over

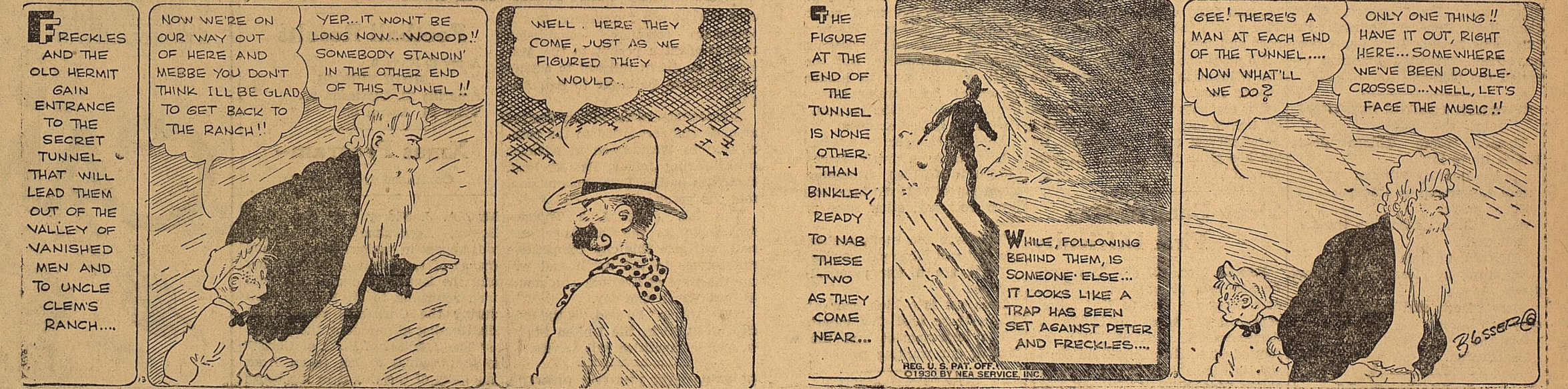
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Trapped!

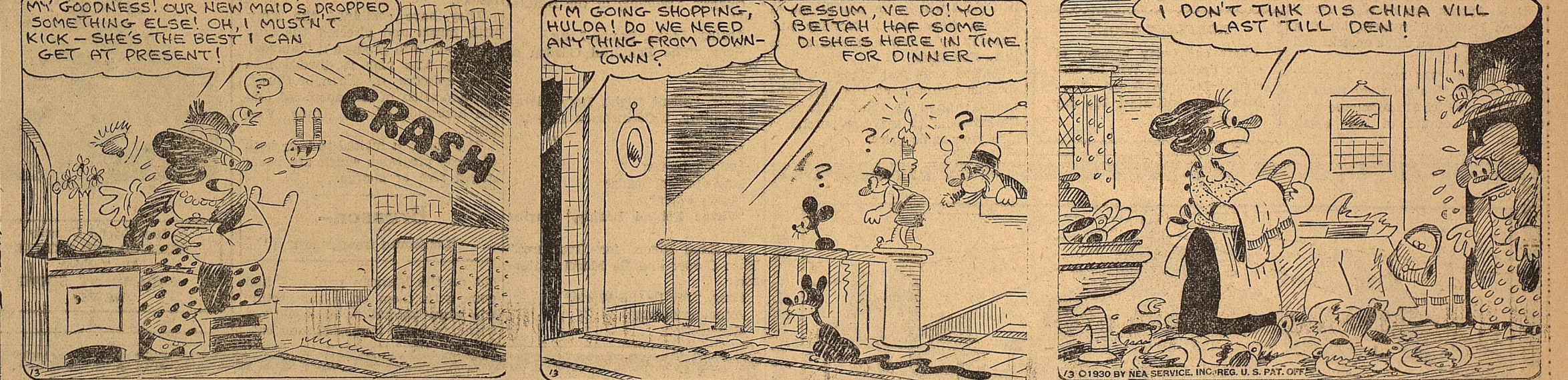
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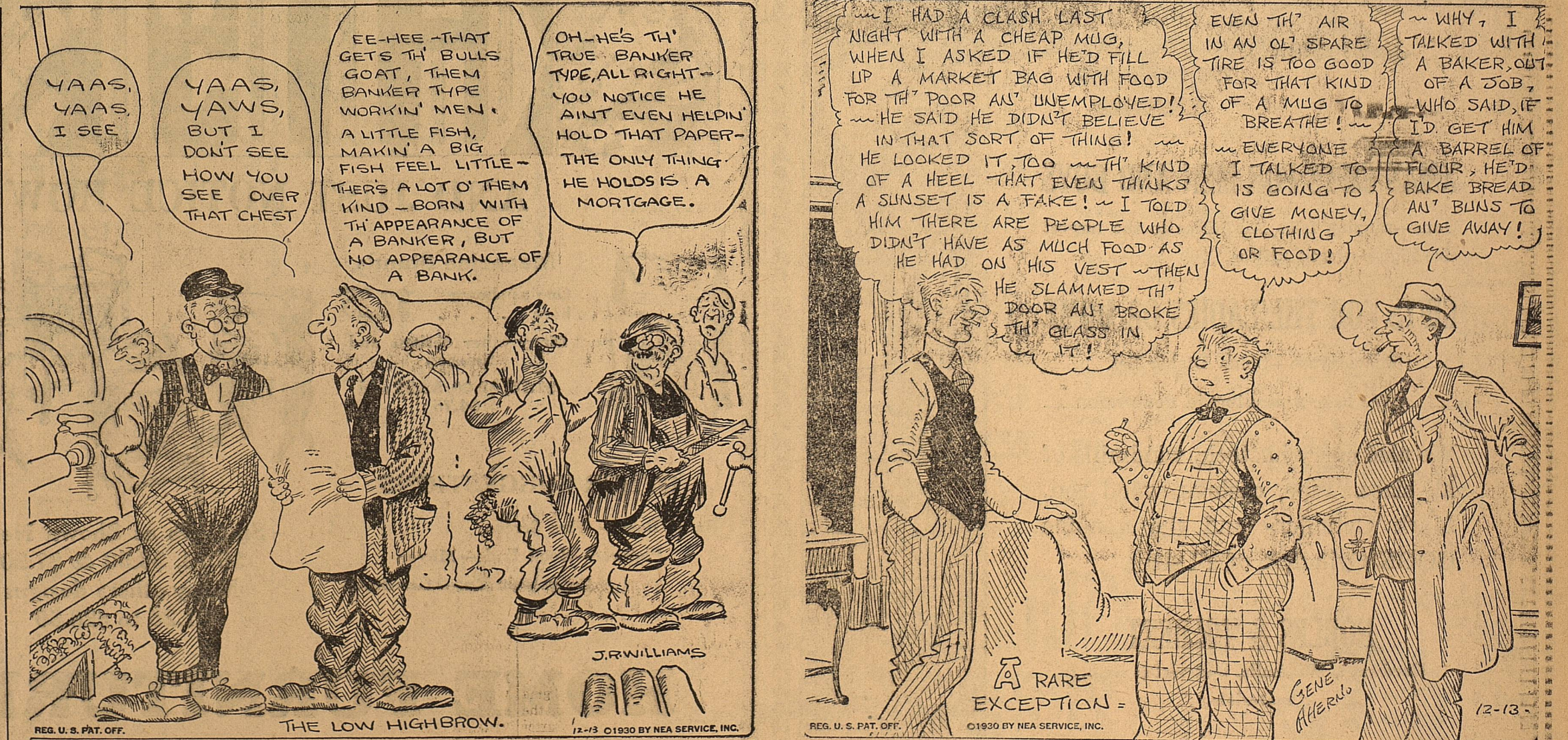


OUT OUR WAY

By Williams

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By Ahern



MANY GIFTS IN ONE

for the family

To the son or daughter away to college; to a friend who was a former resident of Midland; to anyone, why not a gift of

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WITH THE CAGERS--
(Continued from page 7)

Bridgewater of the losers was the high point man of the game with ten points while Williamson and Whimire of the winners each scored nine points. Both of these men were forced out of the game before the end however. Williamson went out with an injured knee and Whimire because of the four personal foul rule.

Texas Electric would have a better chance to advance in the race when the forwards start passing the ball more. Several times Friday evening their men shot when they had an uncovered man nearer the goal. Practice should iron out a lot of that.

The Reporter-Telegram showed up fine but missed several "crip" shots that would be disastrous when playing stronger clubs.

Clayton and the clinic club beat Southern Ice, 30-1.

Does anyone know where "Stretch" Murphy All-American center of Purdue last year is now?

Wonder if he could be here playing under the name of Clayton? He always took the tip-off to one of his forwards and then waited under the goal for the ball. And when he got it he leaned over and dropped it in for another goal. He made 22 point, to be high point man of the night and he also played a fine defensive as he is exceedingly hard to pass over or around.

Mannschreck also played a fine game at forward for the winners, taking the tipoff from the tall boy practically every time. However, the Doctors are going to have to quit playing a man for man defense all over the court or Caraway and Pope of the California will pass them out of the league. The Hospital crew has a fine chance to cop the bunting when and if they do but if they do not then I'll pick some other team.

Southern Ice seemed to have perfected a strong defense but the forwards showed up weak on going down the field when the guards had the ball. Only one field goal was made against them by the "Doctors" except the ones made by "Tall Boy"

Clayton. But how to stop him is something that the losers could never figure out.

"All teams seemed to be well pleased with the game as called by Referee Hayes of Odessa.

SPINNING WHEELS DECLINE.
MAYVILLE, Wis. (UP).—The spinning wheel business is on the decline, according to the records of Frank Fell who has been manufacturing them here for the last 25 years. Contrary to general belief, two-thirds of his output at present is for utility purposes.

BROTHER SAVES SISTER.
LA PORT CITY, Ia. (UP).—Four-year-old Clarence Riggie, saved the life of his two-year-old sister, LaVonna, here. Burning paper fell on LaVonna's head. Clarence wrapped his arms around her head, and extinguished the fire with his hands. LaVonna's hair was burned off. Clarence received badly burned hands.

ADAMS URGES INCREASED PAY FOR U. S. ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (UP).—A stirring plea for more adequate pay for naval officers, coupled with better prospects for promotion, was made lately by Secretary of Navy Adams in his 1930 annual report to President Hoover.

NAVY NO PLACE FOR WEAK SISTERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (UP).—The Navy apparently is not place for a "weak sister."

Nearly 20 per cent of the tars admitted to the "sick bay" in the Navy last year were injured in "athletic sports and exercises," according to the annual report of Secretary Adams, made public lately. Seven deaths resulted from participation in athletics, the report disclosed.

YOUR CHILDREN
by OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON
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There is so much talk about the children who are "slow" in school that the other extreme seems to have been forgotten.

What about the child who is quick, learns easily, and yet has to mark time with the most backward? That is one thing that our system of education has not yet rectified. But it will come as surely as tomorrow.

I do not believe in pushing children ahead to do work for which their brains are not ready. But there remains the fact that here and there a child can get a whole day's studies in an hour, and the rest of his time he drags through interminable classes that do not interest him and bore him to death.

Leads Some to Crime
He loses interest in school. His mind is restless and he is unhappy. He should be having some sort of extra curricular work toward his future independence. There is a crying need of a system that will take care of that.

It has been reported by investigating committees of child specialists that it is from these super-children who haven't enough to do that the ranks of adult criminals

and lawbreakers largely draw recruits. Many a brilliant mind is languishing in jail or is still free to use its ingenuity in some sort of illegal traffic. If these minds had been given interesting and legitimate occupation during the formative years of life under proper guidance and training they now would be forces in the great channels of industry, in the professions, in business, in art, and in science.

The country is robbed of these minds is its own fault. The situation needs prompt attention.

Another thing that happens to the bright child in many cases is the deadening of his powers. When the brain does not get enough exercise, something to get its teeth into, so to speak, it atrophies like a sick muscle.

Needs Other Interests
Such children become dull, inert, listless, and effortless. That is almost as great a tragedy as the other.

If there is such a child in your family, don't let this happen. It would be difficult to get him out during school hours, his program of study would not permit it, but I should provide some intense outside interest for him that will occupy that seeking mind to the full. He will have some preferences. It may be to use his hands, to make things. It may be to study a particular subject, altogether outside his daily lessons. Most such children have a consuming passion.

Whatever it is, I should fill his time, and try to get him right training in that direction. It will prepare him for life and work more quickly, but what is more it will keep his spirit from going to seed, or to rot.

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The report pictured the Navy as being far below the strength permitted under the London treaty and asked for additional officers with which to man present vessels and those which will enter the fleet under the treaty.

The report disclosed that officers salaries have only increased 11 per cent since 1908, whereas the cost of living has more than doubled.

The same conditions are in "a large measure true" among the enlisted men, Adams said, though the sailor is only on a four-year contract with the government, while the Navy is the officer's career.

Increase Urged
Adams suggested that "immediate steps be taken to increase the allowed officer strength from the present 4 per cent of the total authorized enlisted strength to 5.3 per cent."

To accomplish this, he asked that each Senator and Representative be allowed to make one additional appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy. Even this would not provide sufficient officers before 1943, he added.

The present law permits five appointments, Adams pointed out, but this has been curtailed to four by limitations placed upon appropriations.

There were 5,492 officers "of the line" in the navy at the beginning of the 1931 fiscal year, July 1, the report revealed, and a total of 8,985, in all branches of the service.

Adams recommended "strongly" the enactment of the Britten bill, which passed the Senate last session, to provide for the normal advancement of officers.

The report revealed that another re-organization of the United States Fleet was under consideration and probably would be placed in effect "before the beginning of the fiscal year 1932."

A re-organization of the fleet was accomplished by Admiral William V. Pratt, when he recently became chief of naval operations, succeeding Admiral Charles F. Hughes, who was retired from active duty.

Replacement Plan
A submarine replacement program was recommended in order its older subservibles whose operating costs have risen far beyond to retire from the fleet many of their value as fighting craft.

Modernization of the radio apparatus of the fleet has advanced rapidly, Adams' report declared. It is now approximately 67 per cent complete, he said.

The work of installing the latest under-water sound equipment on submarines and submarine rescue vessels is well advanced, the report said, "and it is believed that the chances of collision have been materially reduced and that the chances for quickly locating and communicating with a submarine, disabled and on the bottom have been considerably increased thereby."

Expansion of the 1,000-plane, five-year aircraft building program, authorized in 1926 by Congress, to provide an additional 125 planes for use aboard the new light cruisers, built and building, was made in the report. Adams estimated this would be sufficient to take care of the Navy's needs until commissioning of

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ANHYDRITE IN LOWER CRETACEOUS BASIN FOR RECENT NEWS LETTER

AUSTIN, Dec. 12.—Geologic notes on deposits of anhydrite in the Texas lower cretaceous, on rocks underlying the cretaceous in the coastal plain, on the Big Lake oil field and other relevant subjects are included in the recent news letter from the Bureau of Economic Geology of the University of Texas to geologists of Texas.

"The presence of heavy beds of anhydrite in the lower cretaceous of Louisiana having been established, it becomes of interest to determine to what extent similar deposits extend into Texas," Dr. E. H. Sell-

Hill county recorded by Dr. R. T. Hill is logged as gypsum from 2,848 feet to 2,878 feet. Cores from this well sent to the United States Geological survey have been recently examined by Dr. T. W. Stanton, who found anhydrite at a depth of 2,855 feet. The base of the Glen Rose in the well is at or near 2,640 feet and the well terminated in Trinity at 3,166 feet.

"In one of the deep wells drilled in the Luling oil field, Caldwell county, Kelly 1, anhydrite was cored at a depth of 4,422 feet. The case of the cretaceous in this well is at a depth of 4,728 feet. The thickness of the anhydrite stratum is undetermined.

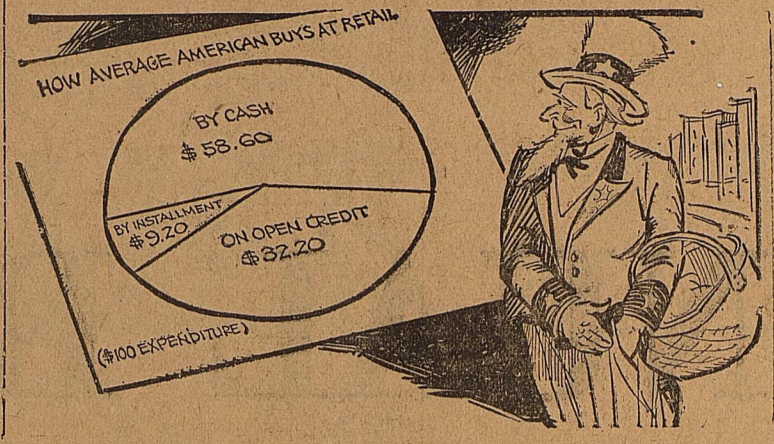
"The geologic section of Maverick county has recently been described by Vanderpool in the Journal of Paleontology for September. He finds anhydrite in the Edwards and Glen Rose formations, that of the Glen Rose occurring in thin beds and veins of which there are eleven horizons. Gypsum is found exposed three or four miles southwest of Menard in the Fredericksburg division. Similar deposits are reported in the northwestern part of Gillespie county.

"Prof. L. S. Brown of the University of Texas department of geology has made during the past summer a petrographic study of the cap rock and of some of the salt domes of the gulf coast. It is not impossible that from these studies some clue may be obtained as to the age of the anhydrite in the salt domes."

Regarding the rocks underlying the cretaceous in the coastal plain, Dr. Sellards said, "An additional record has been obtained in Ellis county where the Triangle Corporation No. 1 Hale on the Benjamin Smith survey one mile west of Avalon has reached the pre-cretaceous. The base of the cretaceous in this well was reached at a depth of 3,053 feet. Immediately under the cretaceous approximately one hundred feet of red, much slicken-sided, shale was encountered and underneath the shale, gray quartzitic sandstone. The quartzitic sandstone is very similar to that found in many other wells under the cretaceous in the Balcones fault region and in the opinion of H. D. Miser who has examined a number of these samples more nearly resembles the Stanley than any other of the Ouachita series of formations."

Of the Big Lake oil field, Dr. Sellards said, "Since publication of our bulletin containing a paper on producing horizons in the Big Lake oil field, one additional deep well has been completed, the Big Lake Oil company well No. 4-C. This well at a depth of 8,697 feet had an initial production on October 5 of 2,738 barrels of oil and 53,070,000 cubic feet of gas, and had increased on

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By ALLARD SMITH, Executive Vice President, The Union Trust Co., Cleveland, O.

Contrary to general belief, the greater portion of retail sales in this country are for cash and not on credit or installments. Actually, of every \$100 of retail purchases, the average American buys \$58.60 worth for cash, \$22.20 on open account and \$9.20 on installments.

Although credit purchases total \$20,000,000,000 annually, American buyers are so honest that losses are no larger than \$200,000,000 or one per cent. On charge accounts all but 0.6 per cent are paid, while the loss on installment sales is 1.2 per cent. These figures just made available were compiled by the Department of Commerce for 1927. They are based on reports from 23,779 retail establishments with net sales of \$4,746,314,000, believed to be a representative sample of the country as a whole.

Installment credit is most popular in such lines as automobiles, furniture, musical instruments, and stoves. It is estimated that over 60 per cent of all automobile sales are by installment. The retail lines enjoying the best cash business are clothing with 78 per cent, shoes with 89 per cent and drugs with 85 per cent.

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