

OIL PROBE POINTS TO JURIST

MARINES TO START SOUTH WEDNESDAY

U. S. and Nicaraguan Officials Reach Agreement on Elections.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Departure of the additional 1,000 Marines ordered to Nicaragua was definitely fixed today for Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

NICARAGUA TO LEGALIZE AMERICAN SUPERVISION

WASHINGTON, March 19.—American and Nicaraguan officials have reached a compromise in the Nicaraguan election controversy, it was learned at the state department today.

Ranger Women Are Entering Contest To Win California Trip

The interest taken by Ranger women in the California-Pacific tours has exceeded the expectations of the merchants participating in the plan.

The tour will consist of an 18-day trip to Los Angeles, Catalina Island, San Francisco, Yellowstone Park and Colorado Springs with every expense paid, and the successful contestant may choose her own woman companion to accompany her.

The firms participating are The Fountain, K. C. Jones Milling Company, Hodges Motor Company, Ranger Garage, J. F. Dill, Speed's Bakery, S. & H. Store, Times Publishing Company and Oil City Pharmacy.

Ranger Policemen To Give Testimony In Harsha Case Hearing

Chief of Police Jim Ingram, Policeman Sam Vire and V. A. Bruner, employes of the Paramount Drug Store, Ranger, have received summons to appear before the federal grand jury, which convenes in Fort Worth, Monday, March 26.

The trio are to testify before the grand jury in regard to the capture here on Dec. 2, last year, of H. H. Harsha, who is alleged to have broken into the narcotic case of the Paramount Drug store and secured a quantity of narcotics.

When arrested Harsha is said to have had over \$850 in money on him, a quantity of narcotics and needles and was driving a new Peerless coupe.

He was taken to Abilene shortly after his arrest and was later released under a \$5,000 bond.

Bruner was in the store when the man went to the back, after he had asked if he might apply some medicine to a minor injury.

Bruner told police after the man was caught that he had detected the stranger robbing the case and that the latter ran from the store, throwing the narcotics into the gutter as he ran.

T. & P. To Open New \$5,000,000 Terminal

The Texas & Pacific Railroad company Tuesday will open its new \$5,000,000 "West Yards" and switching terminals in Fort Worth.

The next improvements to be made in Fort Worth by the Texas & Pacific will be to lower the grade between the terminal and the West Yard, it was stated.

TEXAS ACREAGE TO BE INCREASED DURING 1928

AUSTIN, March 19.—If the Texas farmers' intentions to plant are carried out this year there will be increases in corn, barley, white and sweet potatoes, grain sorghums, peanuts and tame hay. Decreases are indicated in the acreage of oats and rice. The fall-sown wheat acreage increase 8 per cent over that of the year before, and the estimated total sown of 2,629,000 acres.

CAPT. HAMER TO TELL STORY TO GRAND JURORS

AUSTIN, March 19.—Ranger Captain Frank Hamer will testify before the Upton county grand jury regarding his recent statement that a ring to "frame" bank robbers and secure the \$5,000 reward offered by the Texas Bankers' association for dead robbers is being worked.

NEARBY FARMS PLAN GREATER MILK OUTPUT

New Milk Route May Be Established to Cheaney, Alameda and Staff.

A large assemblage of farmers and dairymen of the Cheaney community conferred with representatives of the Ranger chamber of commerce and the Banner Ice Cream company, Saturday night at the Cheaney church, in the interest of the establishment of a milk and cream route.

Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan, live stock and poultry director of the chamber of commerce, Wayne C. Hickey, secretary of the same organization, J. C. Patterson, county agent and C. E. Shields, manager of the Banner Ice Cream company, were the Ranger representatives at the meeting.

Patterson explained that the object of the meeting was to work up interest in the dairy business and to establish a milk route that would run out of Ranger. The proposed route is from Ranger to Crossroads, Cheaney to Alameda, to Staff and back to Ranger.

The milk trucks belonging to the Banner Ice Cream company would make the route each morning and collect the cream and milk from the various dairymen and pay for the amount collected each week.

Patterson said that the establishment of a daily milk route in the rural communities would bring the dairy man seven to ten cents more for sweet cream than they were now getting for sour cream.

Patterson further said that unless the cooperation of the farmers and dairymen in the Ranger community was secured it would be useless to put a truck on the route, inasmuch as it would not pay for itself.

C. E. Shields told the farmers that the consumption of milk products was increasing each year and that his company would take all the winter milk, sweet and sour cream that they produced but that his company preferred to have the sweet cream for the manufacturing of ice cream.

The Banner now has six ice cream plants in operation in West Texas and has two more under construction. "If the farmers of the Ranger territory sell us more milk products we can use we will fix a cream and ship to other plants," Shields told the Cheaney farmers.

Shields told the crowd that at one time his company installed a butter plant but was compelled to dismantle it and ship to another point because of the inability to secure dairy products from the farmers of this community. He said if the business warranted it, it was possible that the butter plant would be brought back here and reinstalled.

Dr. Buchanan and Mr. Hickey in short talks assured the community that the Ranger chamber of commerce and the local banks would give all the assistance possible to the establishment of better dairy conditions in this portion of the county.

Hickey said this morning that similar meetings would be held at Crossroads, Alameda and Staff in the interest of the better dairy movement. A movement is now on foot to bring to Ranger two car loads of thoroughbred milk cows to be sold at the least possible cost to the farmers of the Ranger community.

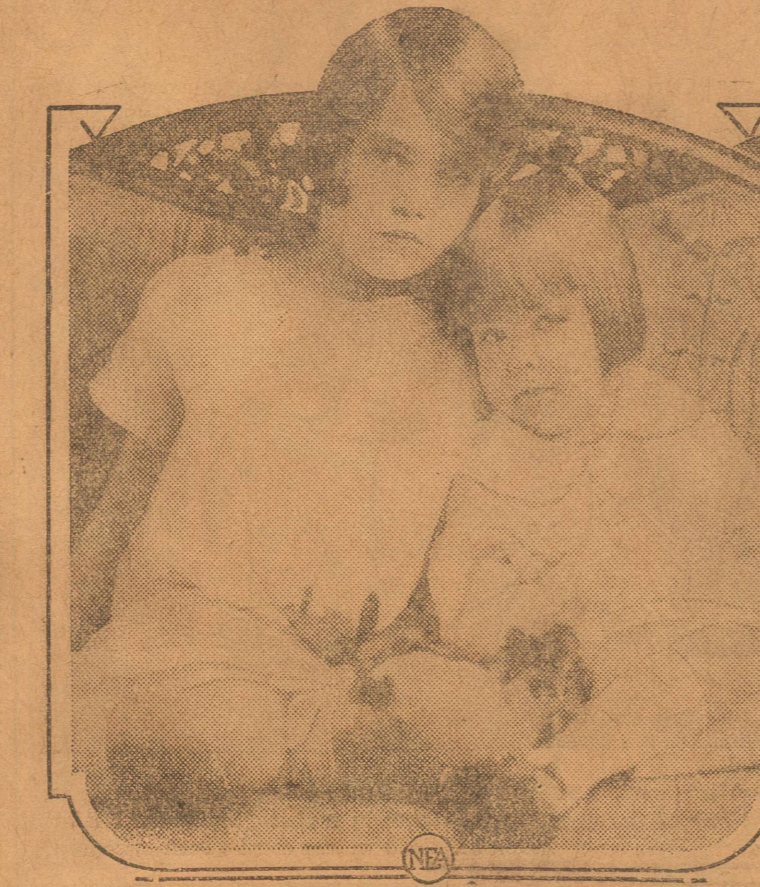
All of the Cheaney residents expressed the opinion that if such a milk route was established they would give their utmost cooperation and furnish as much milk and cream as possible to the Ranger plant.

Amarillo Ready To Greet Cattlemen

AMARILLO, March 19.—The vanguard of the 5,000 cattlemen of the southwest expected here tomorrow for the 52nd annual convention of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' association were arriving today.

Many of the cattlemen came here from Fort Worth where they attended the fat stock show last week. President R. M. Kleburg of Corpus Christi, will call the three day convention to order tomorrow morning. Speeches of welcome will be made from Mayor Lee Bivens of Amarillo, Congressman Marvin Jones and W. W. Bogel, Marfa. Governor Moody is scheduled to be the principal speaker tomorrow.

Their Grandpaw Is Grafters' Foe



Here are Ellen and Gloria (right) Gudger, daughters of Commander and Mrs. Emmett Gudger of Newport News, Va. They are granddaughters of Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, who as chairman of the Senate Public Lands committee, had charge of the Teapot Dome oil investigation. The senator is a widower and these are his only grandchildren. Ellen bears a marked resemblance to the senator.

1 Killed, 1 Injured In Blazing House

Victims Believed To Have Been Trapped While Robbing Home

DENTON, March 19.—Jim Kelman, 34, was dead today and Leslie Briggs, 19, was expected to die of burns suffered in a fire last night which destroyed a house here.

Kelman was found in the house with his clothing afire, by firemen. He died shortly after.

Briggs was found in an automobile three blocks from the fire. His face, head and hands were badly burned.

Police said that charges of arson and burglary had been filed against Briggs. They believed the men set the house on fire while burglarizing it and were trapped in the flames.

ONE MAN KILLED, 12 HURT IN COLORADO HOTEL BLAZE

DENVER, Colo., March 19.—One man died of burns in a hospital early today, two others are in a serious condition and 10 are suffering from injuries received in a fire at the Hotel Colorado here.

Two Girls Win High Honors at Texas U.

AUSTIN, March 19.—The initiation of Miss Zena Hindinger of Austin and Miss Elizabeth F. Gilson of San Antonio by Gamma Epsilon Pi, national honorary scholastic fraternity at the University of Texas. Both students are juniors and are the two students having the highest scholastic average during the past semester. Miss Gilson has to her credit five A's and one B.

ABILENE SCHOOLS FLY OLD GLORY EVERY DAY

ABILENE, March 19.—New American flags are unfurled every morning at each of the 10 schools in the Abilene public school system. The Abilene American Legion post supplied the flags for the schools.

Saves Peach Trees From Jack Frost By Icing Them

ABILENE, March 19.—Dr. T. B. Bass, superintendent of the Abilene state hospital, has attempted to outfit his peach trees.

Dr. Bass tried freezing the trees to keep them from blooming and budding until after the danger of frost is past. The physician placed 100-lb blocks of ice around two of the trees, 50-lb blocks around another one and left one uncovered. The trees with the 100 pounds of ice have shown no signs of blooming, while the one with 50 pounds of ice is half in bloom and the one exposed to nature is in full bloom.

BIG PACKERS LOSE CASE IN HIGH COURT

Swift and Armour Fail to Cancel 1920 Packers' Consent Decree.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Swift and Armour packing interests lost in the United States supreme court today an attempt to cancel the famous 1920 packers consent decree.

Justice Brandeis announced the court's decision. The 1920 decree entered in the District of Columbia supreme court as the culmination of anti-trust suit started by the federal government, was signed by 135 defendants, including representatives of all the "big five" packers.

TRIAL OF HILL IS UNDER WAY AT EASTLAND

Task of Selecting Jury From 127 Men Begun; One Selected.

Robert Hill, 22, the last of the alleged bandit gang, who, on December 23, held up the First National bank of Cisco, to be tried in connection with the robbery, is on trial before Judge Geo. L. Davenport of the 91st district court, the case having been called this morning.

Hill, clean shaven and neatly dressed in a new suit of clothes, is pleading guilty to the charge of robbery with fire arms. District Attorney J. Frank Sparks stated that the state would insist on the death penalty.

H. L. Flewellen of Ranger, appointed by the court to represent Hill, has indicated that Hill will go on the witness stand and tell the story of the Cisco bank hold up. At the request of Flewellen, Judge Davenport this morning appointed Milton Lawrence of Eastland to assist in the defense.

The state is represented by District Attorney Sparks, First Assistant District Attorney Sterling C. Holloway and Judge W. W. Hair of Abilene, special prosecutor appointed by Governor Moody.

Due to the limited space in the corporation court room in the Eastland City Hall where the case is being tried, Judge Davenport ordered the trial moved upstairs to the large auditorium. The presence of a number of women among the spectators prompted the court to request that there be no smoking in the courtroom.

Of the special venire of 250 men summoned from which to select a jury, only 150 answered present duty at the court house this morning. Of this number 23 were excused for cause, leaving 127 from which to select the jury.

Ed Agnew of Rising Star was the first venireman called for interrogation. His examination had not been completed when Judge Davenport adjourned court a few minutes after 12 o'clock until 1 p. m.

The testimony in the Hill case will be largely the same as that given in the Ratliff and Helms cases, companion cases, unless Hill goes on the stand and tells his story of the hold up. Neither of the other two defendants went on the witness stand.

Shortly after the noon recess one juror had been tentatively selected. He is O. T. Bennett, 23, a farmer living near Comman.

The remainder of the afternoon will be taken up in selecting the other 11 members of the jury.

Mexico To Extend Banana Production

MEXICO CITY, March 19.—Land owners in the region of the Pentepec river, near Tuxpan, Vera Cruz, have been experimenting with the growing of bananas there and expect this region to rival the Tabasco and southern Vera Cruz districts and El Hule district of Oaxaca. The roatan banana is being grown, this being considered the best for shipment to the United States. Several million bulbs have been ordered and will be planted this year.

This region is so located that it has the advantage of two navigable rivers and will also be traversed by the Tampico Short line, now under construction.

MEXICAN TEACHER WILL INSPECT U. S. SCHOOLS

MEXICO CITY, March 19.—Prof. Rafael Ramirez, chief of the section of cultural missions of the department of public instruction, has left for the United States where he will make a study of the country school system. He will be gone for several weeks and will visit the central and eastern states.

Misdirected Letter Hints Involvement of Federal Judge

Chairman Nye Finds Testimony of Startling Nature During Hearing Held at Chicago; Special Executive Session of Senate to Meet.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—A special executive session of the senate Teapot Dome committee was called this afternoon by Chairman Nye to determine what will be done to check up on recent sensational stories heard by the committee in Chicago regarding an "alleged mysterious package" supposedly intended for a Washington, D. C., man, but misdirected to Washington, Ill.

Ranger Rifle Club Becomes Affiliated With National Body

Official notification of the affiliation of the Ranger Rifle club, which was the name selected for the volunteer police force marksmen, with the National Rifle Association of America, was received today by Wayne C. Hickey, secretary of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce.

The notification stated that the charter for the Ranger organization would be sent at once.

C. B. Lister, secretary and treasurer of the national organization, urged that the Ranger association practice at regular intervals and keep up the enthusiasm in the club. He suggested that inexpensive prizes be awarded the high man of each practice shoot.

The rifles that were ordered some time ago by the club have been received and rifle practice will be started, probably this week. Pistol practices have been held since the organization, over a month ago.

Ranger Stores Are Preparing Alluring Display For Spring

Spring arrives—the stage is set and at last season's models stop lingering off the stage of fashion. Those of spring 1928, appear more alluringly gay than ever, more youthful and more chic.

The spring goods are being prepared for their initial display, Thursday and Friday at all of the stores in Ranger.

Everything from the newest slipper to the latest in artificial shoulder corsages will be on the counters of all of the leading merchants in Ranger. New spring creations, lightweight garments, two-piece tailored suits, everything that comes with the first sweet breath of spring will be shown to the residents of Ranger and surrounding trade territory those two days.

Not only will women's clothing be arrayed in the shop windows of Ranger's stylish shops but men's clothing stores as well. In the men's stores will be found the latest style in spring suits. Suits of light tans, gray and blue gray, the leading colors for 1928 spring wear will be placed on sale, along with new spring topscoats of the regulation straight lined box model of the button through style.

The two days of showing of new spring goods will mark the sixth annual spring opening and pre-Easter display that has been held in Ranger.

All stores in Ranger will participate. The automobile show rooms will be filled with new models of their respective models; new spring furniture will be on display at the various furniture stores, new electrical appliances, new drug store stock, in fact everything that tends to mark the opening of the spring season will be shown.

Stores are now opening their spring stock and are brightening their stores in preparation for the two-day display.

Helms Transferred To Jail at Dallas

Henry Helms, convicted by an Eastland county jury on a charge of robbery with fire arms in connection with the hold-up of the First National bank of Cisco on December 23 last, and sentenced to death, was transferred Sunday to the Dallas county jail from Eastland where he had been held since his arrest a few days following the robbery. Deputy Sheriff "Cy" Bradford and Lee Reid took Helms to Dallas.

Attorneys for Helms, after Judge Davenport of the 91st district court overruled their motion for a new hearing in the case, gave notice of appeal to the court of criminal appeals at Austin and this appeal is now being perfected.

MYSTERY PACKAGE MAY INVOLVE JUDICIARY

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The senate Teapot Dome committee has under investigation startling information gathered in Chicago which it was learned today may possibly involve a member of the judiciary.

The information was obtained in executive session of the Teapot Dome special sub-committee and was of such a serious character that the committee is making public no names or details until it can test the authenticity of the stories.

Chairman Nye who, with Senator Norbeck, conducted the Chicago hearing, told the United Press today it is true there was a "mystery witness" at Chicago. Rather than put him on the stand directly, said Senator Nye, "we had him come to visit with us. His testimony was of such a startling nature that we did not feel justified in bringing it out publicly before we had time to investigate it."

The witness told of receiving a mystery package. One version was that it contained bonds for a Washington man but was misaddressed to a man in Illinois.

It was said that the man for whom the package was intended was "possibly" a member of the judiciary, but Nye refused to make any direct comment on that phase of the situation.

Asked whether the committee intended to call a local judge for examination, Nye explained he could see no reason for doing so now. "There are further angles to be checked before such a course would be taken, if at all."

It was reported that the mystery package emanated from a Sinclair company.

Justice F. L. Siddons, who sentenced Sinclair, W. J. Burns, Sherman Burns and H. Mason Day recently for contempt of court, said today he had seen published reports that the committee in Chicago called a man named F. L. Siddons, Chicago, who did not appear. He was also advised that papers were quoted as saying that the package allegedly containing bonds was intended for F. L. Siddons, Washington, D. C. Thereupon he told the United Press he could not make a too sweeping denial of having received any package or knowing of such a package or of any one's intention to send him any package.

Oklahoma Runner In Lead In Big Race

WINSLOW, Ariz., March 19.—Andrew Payne, Claremore, Okla., is the new leader in setting the pace in the trans-United States race today with the withdrawal of Arthur Newton, 44 year old Rhodesian runner who blazed the way for almost two weeks.

Newton gave up six miles out of Two Guns, Ariz., on the 16th day's heat in the Los Angeles to New York event. He said his injured leg had failed to respond to treatment.

Police Will Guard Hungarian Visitors

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Thirty police officers were ordered to post in the vicinity of the white house today to prevent any demonstration against the group of Hungarian visitors who came here to call on President Coolidge after having participated in the unveiling of a statue to a Hungarian patriot in New York.

AMERICAN ADMIRAL ON GOOD WILL CRUISE

MANILA, P. I., March 19.—Admiral M. L. Bristow sailed today aboard his flagship with destroyers on a good will visit to Knobe, Nagasaki and probably Yokohama, Japan. The destroyers later will go to China.

HOLD LITTLE HOPE FOR SENATOR'S RECOVERY

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Senator W. N. Ferris, democrat, Michigan, has bronchial pneumonia and his recovery is doubtful, Rear Admiral C. T. Grayson, his physician, said today.



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**Bar Poor Students**

The University of Chicago is  
 adopting new and stricter require-  
 ments for prospective students, and  
 hereafter will limit its freshman class  
 to 750.

A few years ago, when college  
 presidents talked about an "aristoc-  
 racy of brains," there was a good  
 deal of worried comment. But it  
 has died down by this time, and  
 there probably will be no protests  
 over Chicago's action.

Indeed, it is hard to see how Chi-  
 cago could do otherwise. There is  
 no sense in admitting to a university  
 a student who obviously cannot make  
 the grade. Trouble and expense are  
 saved if future "flunkers" are kept  
 out from the beginning.

So long as students are not barred  
 on social or religious grounds—and  
 these have no place in Chicago's new  
 restrictions—no one need worry  
 that any injustice will be done any  
 ambitious youth.

**Says Ranger Schools  
 Fail In Fire Drills**

(Continued from page one.)  
 Professor R. F. Holloway, super-  
 intendent of the Ranger public  
 schools, said this morning that it was  
 true that the program had not been  
 carried out as it should have been.  
 "The literature of the department  
 was distributed to the principals of  
 all the different schools," he said,  
 "but perhaps the program of fire  
 drills and fire programs were not  
 carried out as faithfully as they  
 should have been. In the future the  
 program as outlined by the state  
 will be carried out diligently."

**PUBLIC RECORDS**

Warranty deed, B. B. Longacre to  
 Francis (Little) Osborn, lot 4, block  
 4, Tebbis Neal subdivision, lot 1,  
 block 107, Cisco, \$175.

Warranty deed, Nugent Sudderth  
 et ux to Mrs. R. C. Garwile, lots 10,  
 11, block 24, Joe Young addition to  
 Ranger, \$10.

Release of vendor's lien, Joe Young  
 to Luda Greenfield, lot 6, block 1,  
 Young addition to Ranger, consid-  
 eration \$200.

Quitclaim deed, John Crawford to  
 Dr. A. K. Wier, lot 6, block 1, Joe  
 Young addition to Ranger, consid-  
 eration \$50.

Assignment, lease, O. J. Urban et  
 al. to Frank Barnhart et al., south-  
 west 1-4 of section 6, block 1, H. &  
 T. C. Ry. Co. survey, 160 acres, con-  
 sideration \$10.

Abstract of judgment, G. G.  
 Wright vs. Joe Burkett et ux, \$2-  
 139.39, cost of suit \$33.90.

Warranty deed, J. L. Thompson to  
 R. G. Lawton, lot 13 block 5, Hodges,  
 Young and Rawls addition to Ranger,  
 \$4,347.56.

Warranty deed, J. B. Stackable et  
 ux to J. L. Thompson, lot 13, block  
 5, Hodges, Young and Rawls addition  
 to Ranger, consideration \$2,500.

Release of vendor's lien, L. C. G.  
 Buchanan to J. B. Stackable, notes 1  
 to 48, inclusive, each for \$35.53.

Release of vendor's lien, C. A.  
 Love to W. B. & T. P. Rucker, west  
 50 feet lots 2 and 4, block 22, Daugh-  
 erty addition to Eastland, \$1,900.

Release vendor's lien, W. J. Walk-  
 er, guardian, to H. V. Friedman, lots  
 1, 2, 3, block 43, Cisco, consideration  
 \$2,000.

**New German Army  
 Uses Messenger Dogs**

By United Press.  
 BERLIN, March 19.—In the new  
 Germany army messenger dogs are  
 playing a large role. Ever since the  
 war their number has been increased.  
 At present there are attached to each  
 infantry and artillery regiment, re-  
 spectively, 24 and 12 well trained  
 messenger dogs.

Entirely new methods are employ-  
 ed for the training of these dogs.  
 Formerly a messenger dog could only  
 be used on routes which it had pre-  
 viously traveled with its leader. The  
 dogs trained in German army dog  
 school are able to find their way to  
 spots where neither they nor their  
 leaders have ever been before.

This is an enormous advantage  
 since it makes the dog independent  
 of its leader and enables it to carry  
 messages to outposts and patrol par-  
 ties in unknown territory.

A little oil makes a good lubricant.  
 Thirty-three million barrels, however,  
 cause a lot of friction.

**Society and Club  
 News**

MISS JANET E. LAMB  
 Phone 224

**TUESDAY.**

Mrs. Charles Mendenhall will be  
 hostess to the Blue Bonnet Sewing  
 club.

Violin and piano recital given by  
 pupils of Miss Gillian Buchanan, at  
 the Gholson hotel, 7:45 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jameson enter-  
 taining the Pastime club at 8 o'clock.

**COLUMBIA STUDY CLUB  
 MEETING POSTPONED.**

The Columbia Study club meeting  
 which was scheduled for Tuesday  
 morning, March 20, has been post-  
 poned until Friday morning, when it  
 will meet at 9:30 o'clock at the home  
 of Mrs. Stanley McAnelly, 901  
 Spring road.  
 Miss Emily Dreinhof will give  
 the resume of the book.

**VIOLIN AND PIANO  
 RECITAL PROGRAM.**

Violin and piano pupils of Miss  
 Gillian Buchanan will give a recital  
 Tuesday evening, March 20, at 7:45  
 o'clock at the Gholson hotel as fol-  
 lows:

"Happy Recollections," Leora Bil-  
 hartz and Macon Younce.  
 Just a Bunch of Flowers, Neva Mae  
 Richardson.

May Day Queen, Talmadge Carter  
 and Diane Harkrider.  
 (a) Fairyland Music.  
 (b) Water Mill, Bernice Reurer.

Woodland Concert, Elizabeth Mc-  
 Lester.  
 Until Tomorrow, Jasper Woods and  
 Julianna Connelly.

(a) Little Fairy March.  
 (b) A Day's Journey.  
 (c) Etta Waltz, Talmadge Carter.  
 A Little Prince, Billie Ocheltree  
 and Elsay Miller.

Daddy's Waltz, Eva Littlejohn.  
 (a) Rainbow Waltz.  
 (b) Pop Goes the Weasel, Juliann  
 Connelly.

An April Song, Talmadge Carter.  
 Spanish Dance, Alex Houston.  
 America First, Crystal Harwood  
 and Marion Kimbro.

Moon Racket, Leora Bilhartz.  
 Gavotte, Jasper Woods.  
 Troops on Parade, Macon Younce.

Valse, Donkey Ride, Jasper Woods,  
 Juliann Connelly and Alex Houston.  
 The High school students of Miss  
 Buchanan will give their recital  
 Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock at  
 the Gholson hotel.

**RANGER PERSONALS.**

Paul G. Fruehoy, who has been  
 transacting business in the city, left  
 Monday for Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders Gregg spent  
 Saturday in Fort Worth attending  
 the Fat Stock show.

Master Wallace Arant Jr. is ill at  
 the West Texas Clinic and Hospital  
 with pneumonia.

Joe Aitman, warehouse foreman  
 for the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil  
 company, was operated on this morn-  
 ing at the City-County hospital for  
 appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Graziola were  
 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J.  
 Gardenhire in Frankell Sunday.

H. B. Strain, of Graham was a  
 business visitor in Ranger Monday.  
 B. C. Stroble, wire chief for the  
 Southwestern Bell Telephone com-  
 pany, was called to Grandview Sun-  
 day on account of the serious illness  
 of his mother, Mrs. H. H. Stroble.

W. L. Sterling, employe of the  
 Southwestern Bell Telephone com-  
 pany, spent the week-end in Fort  
 Worth.

**MENUS FOR THE FAMILY**

(By Sister Mary)

Breakfast—Steamed figs, cereal,  
 cream, creamed salt codfish, corn  
 bread, milk, coffee.

Luncheon—Molded spinach with  
 creamed oysters, pear and rice pud-  
 dings, milk, tea.

Dinner—Italian braised liver, boiled  
 rice, French endive and grapefruit  
 salad, cottage pudding with maple  
 sauce, milk, coffee.

Beef's lamb's or pig's liver can be  
 used, although calf's liver is consid-  
 ered the most delicate. There is no  
 particular difference in the cooking  
 except that beef liver, being tougher  
 than the others, requires thorough  
 parboiling before cooking by the de-  
 sired method. When liver of any  
 kind is sliced for boiling or pan-broil-  
 ing it is better if boiling water is  
 poured over the slices and allowed to  
 stand 10 minutes before cooking.  
 Beef's liver should be parboiled for  
 five minutes if sliced, and 20 minutes  
 if whole.

**Italian Braised Liver.**  
 One pound liver, 3 branches of  
 parsley, 1 medium sized onion, 1-4  
 pound small mushrooms, 1 tablespoon  
 olive oil, 4 tablespoons non-alcoholic  
 sherry or lemon juice, 2 slices bacon,  
 1-8 teaspoon pepper.

Cut liver in slices for serving.  
 Mince together parsley, onion peeled  
 and mushrooms cleaned and peeled.  
 Put oil in casserole and turn dish to  
 coat evenly. Add one slice of bacon  
 and sherry or lemon juice. Cover  
 evenly with minced parsley, mush-  
 rooms and onions. Then add alter-  
 nating slices of liver and bacon, hav-  
 ing bacon for the last slice. Cover  
 closely and bake one hour in a hot  
 oven. Serve from masserole.

**51 Chinese Soldiers  
 Executed at Shanghai**

By United Press.  
 LONDON, March 19.—The Man-  
 chester Guardian received a dispatch  
 from Shanghai today which said the  
 Chinese Nationalist government had  
 announced the execution of 51 Chi-  
 nese soldiers and Nanking bandits re-  
 sponsible for the famous Nanking in-  
 cident last spring which led to anti-  
 foreign demonstrations.

There are 3,000 bootleggers in  
 Washington, says a statistician. That  
 may be one reason why much of the  
 legislation is all wet.

Rents get heavier and heavier. In  
 New Jersey the other day an apart-  
 ment house fell in.

Six machine guns were reported  
 missing in Chicago. Evidently some  
 gangster forgot to stick to his guns.

**AIRPLANE VIEW OF FLOODED REGION**



Here is the first airplane view of the Santa Clara valley flood. It shows the  
 devastated section of Santa Paula, hardest hit of any of the towns in the  
 path of the torrent from the wrecked St. Francis dam. With a population of  
 7500, at least 100 persons are known to have been drowned here when build-  
 ings in the lower part of the city were swept away. This aerial picture was  
 taken by a photographer for NEA Service and transmitted by telephoto. The  
 flood waters can be seen sweeping into the town.

**Both Same Age**



NEA Springfield Bureau  
 Robert Wadlow (right) of Alton,  
 Ill., is 6 feet 4 inches tall. But  
 then, he's only 10 years old, so he  
 still has plenty of time to grow  
 up. Doctors say he ought to reach  
 8 feet without stretching himself.  
 The 214-pound youngster is one  
 of four normal children of parents  
 who are actually less-than aver-  
 age height. At the left is Ray  
 Carter, a neighbor boy who is the  
 same age as Robert.

**WASHINGTON  
 LETTER**

By RODNEY DUTCHER,  
 NEA Service Writer.  
 WASHINGTON, — One observes  
 with something akin to indignation  
 that at least one congressman who  
 throws large and popular annual  
 liquor parties here for his friends  
 voted in favor of the prohibition bu-  
 reau's policy of using poisons to  
 make alcohol unfit for beverage pur-  
 poses.

The question doubtless will go un-  
 answered whether this gent was  
 thinking more of the votes back home  
 than of the health of his friends or  
 whether it's just that he is confident  
 of his source of supply. Probably the  
 latter, as no one reported sick after  
 the last party.

The large signs jutting out into  
 the corridor which advertise the offices  
 of the Senators, Walsh, Tom of Mon-  
 tana and Dave of Massachusetts, do  
 not indicate any lack of modesty.  
 Other senators are content with min-  
 ute bronze plates with their last  
 names and abbreviations of their  
 states, the same being hard to read.

But Senator Dave moved from the  
 third to the fourth floor of the sen-  
 ate office building and took an of-  
 fice about two doors from Senator  
 Tom's. So many of Senator Dave's  
 callers wandered in on Senator Tom  
 and so many of Senator Tom's call-  
 ers were ushered in to Senator Dave  
 that their secretaries decided to erect  
 signs large enough to end the con-  
 fusion.

This Senator Robert F. Wagner of  
 New York is doing a great deal to  
 aid the reputation of Tammany Hall  
 in Washington. Wagner, who deliv-  
 ered his maiden speech on his resolu-  
 tion for an investigation of unem-

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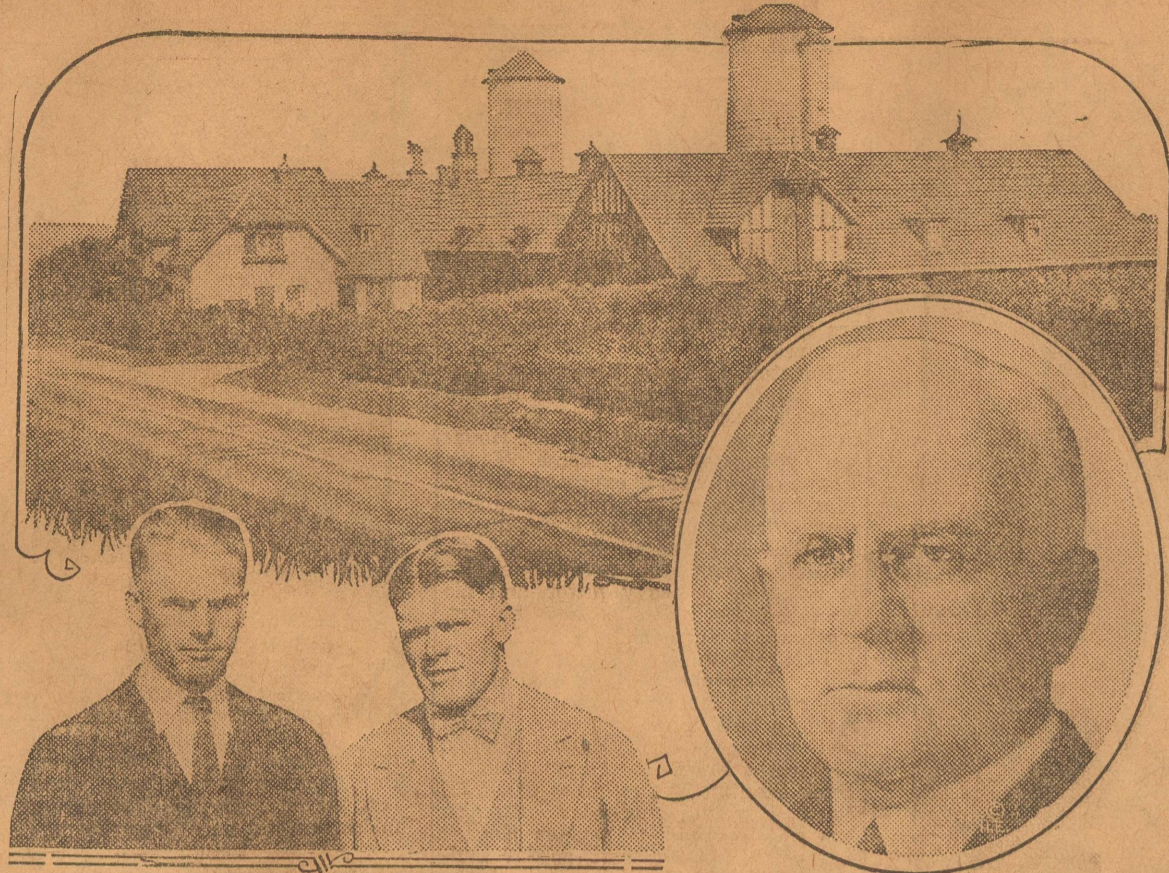
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**TWO BROTHERS FIND NO PROFIT IN  
OPERATING COUZEN'S 774-ACRE FARM**



Above is a view of some of the almost palatial buildings on the 774-acre farm owned by Senator James Couzens, shown at right. Lower left are Mark and Frank Williamson, brothers who failed to operate the big estate at a profit.

By United Press.  
PONTIAC, Mich.—The two practical farmers who undertook to farm the 774-acre estate of Senator James Couzens near here, getting their rent free and their taxes paid, have given it up because they couldn't make a go of it.

Such is the surprising finale to a unique experiment in practical farming, that has been watched with great interest by the farmers and agricultural experts.

It was begun 18 months ago when Senator Couzens chose Frank and Mark Williamson out of more than a thousand applicants to take over his farm and convert the ever-increasing losses into an appreciable profit. Both boys were well equipped for the job. One of them, Frank, had been raised on a farm and graduated from Michigan State college. The other had been a practical farmer all his life.

The experiment in tenant-farming so great an estate as this was to last five years. But an auction sale of the stock and equipment put on the estate by the Williamson brothers is to curtail this agreement by the end of this month.

Yet this test was by no means a failure, if the word of either party to the deal is accepted. Senator Couzens, previous to this agreement, figures he had been losing as much as \$35,000 a year in the operation of his estate, which he calls Wabeek Farms.

Not a Paying Business.  
Under the Williamson operation, however, he reports that the boys cleared about \$5,000 in their 18 months there, and all it cost him was \$8,000 a year in taxes and the rent he might have collected for the use of the farm.

But it was not a paying business proposition, and the boys look upon the venture as impractical from the viewpoint of farming. It is a great show-place not far from Pontiac and only 25 miles from Detroit, situated on a main highway.

"We haven't failed in the operation of Wabeek Farms," Frank Williamson declared. "And the relations between the senator and us are of the best. But Senator Couzens wants his place kept up as a show-place and we can't afford to pay a force of men to have this done. We have farmed the farm as farmers, not as million-

aires."  
Those Curious Tourists.  
"We have worked the farm with six regular farm hands and a much larger crew during harvest time. The force of men we have had could maintain any good farm of this size. But we can't keep a staff as guides for interested spectators on the estate, and make money."

The main argument against this experiment, as advanced by Frank, is its over-capitalization. For example there's the \$125,000 cow-barn.

"Whoever built this barn for Senator Couzens apparently wanted to design something showy and different," says Frank. "The stanchions for the cattle open into separate compartments so that each has to be cleaned separately instead of being built so a hose could be turned down the row of feed troughs all at once. This feature alone necessitated much more labor than open troughs would."

Invests \$17,500.  
The Williamson brothers say they invested about \$17,500 in cattle, sheep, hogs, horses and equipment for the farm. They had an estate of 774 acres to work, 500 of which are tillable. When their property is disposed of at auction, they believe they will have operated the place at a profit, although they are reluctant to put this at the figure set by Senator Couzens.

If the boys had had to pay rent and taxes, however, they would have lost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 for the 18 months they operated the farm, in the belief of the senator.

Despite the wonderful conveniences at the farm, the boys met with difficulties with Pontiac health authorities and with Couzens himself. At one time, it is said, health officials contended the milk from the Williamson cows exceeded the permissible bacterial count. The boys denied this, saying the count was unusually low, due to the clean equipment and modern methods used at the farm.

The Capitalistic Farmer.  
But Senator Couzens himself disagreed with them on the standards of cleanliness maintained at Wabeek Farms. Although the boys said they were keeping the place clean "according to farming standards," Couzens maintained they didn't suit him.

"It is impossible for a capitalistic farmer to reap the usual agricultural benefits," is Frank Williamson's parting remark. "A large part of the benefit from the farm comes in food, shelter, fuel and other necessities. Property built up with high-priced buildings and show equipment will not give those returns to either tenant or owner."

Even their close proximity to the big markets of Pontiac and Detroit failed to make their venture profitable.

Now speculation is rife as to what Senator Couzens will do with his farm. At present he refuses to give it any attention, at least until congress adjourns.

"But I will never attempt another such plan," is his conviction.

To Sell 100 Cows.  
The brothers have 100 head of milk cows and scores of sheep and hogs. These will be disposed of at the auction along with their tools and other equipment. Their herd of feeding cattle will be shipped to pasture for the summer. They have not decided yet what they will do after the sale, although they say they have received several luring offers to manage farms.

Frank Williamson maintains, a sale of the farm is not a paying proposition when done properly.

**Decision On Tax  
Reduction Is Delayed**

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, March 17.—The administration has decided to delay consideration of tax reductions until after April 1.

Complicated treasury financing and slow returns of March 15 income tax collections to the treasury resulted in the decision.

Treasury officials said tonight it would be impossible to give congress any estimate of tax revenue for 1928 before the end of March and that necessarily will postpone action on the \$289,000,000 tax reduction bill, already passed by the house which is now before the finance committee.

The democrats have \$250,000 for the presidential campaign, says Chairman Clem Shaver. That's almost as much as the republicans spent to elect a sheriff.

**Gripings  
By GUS**

It looks like one of the main issues in the coming campaign will revolve around the question of the derrick at the lower end of the main drag.

There are the anti-derrickers and the pro-derrickers. We are a pro-derrick and will give no quarter to the anti. Anything they have to say in support of their contentions will be ignored as far as we are concerned.

There have been less traffic accidents on that corner since the derrick was put there than there ever were in half the same time without the derrick.

Now we are going to have a beautiful flower bed at its base. That is fitting and as it should be. The material is on the ground and workmen are building the forms to make a concrete base for it and a retaining wall for the dirt. It won't be long until it will be a mass of blooming flowers there.

Cull Moorman is an anti-derrickeer. We think he is planning to organize and circulate a petition. You are warned to keep your name off that petition. You may have signed a petition or so already that you wish you had your name off of. . . it has happened that way.

If he or any of his gang ask you about the derrick, tell them that you are for it because you can't think of any reason why anybody should be against it and then stick tight and let 'em holler.

Only one out of three freshman boys at Ohio State university smokes, a survey revealed. Maybe the habit is getting effeminate.

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**Moody Scheduled To  
Speak at Amarillo**

By United Press.  
AMARILLO, March 17.—Governor Dan Moody is scheduled to speak here next Tuesday at the initial session of the Texas-Southwestern Cattle Raisers' association.

Headquarters were opened here this week by officials of the association, who look for more than 5,000 cattlemen from all sections of the country. This convention will be the fifty-second annual meeting of the cattlemen. It will extend through Thursday.

Special trains will be run from Kansas City, Denver, Oklahoma City, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. The delegates will be officially welcomed by Mayor Leo Bivins and Congressman Marvin Jones.

**Will Christen New  
Steamer at Houston**

By United Press.  
HOUSTON, March 19.—One hundred and fifty Wichita Falls citizens will come here tomorrow for the christening of the Southern Steamship company's new steamer Wichita Falls.

Miss Eva Catherine Rayzor of Wichita Falls will break a bottle of Lake Kemp water over the bow of the new steamer in the christening exercise.

The new steamer will ply between Port Houston and Philadelphia.

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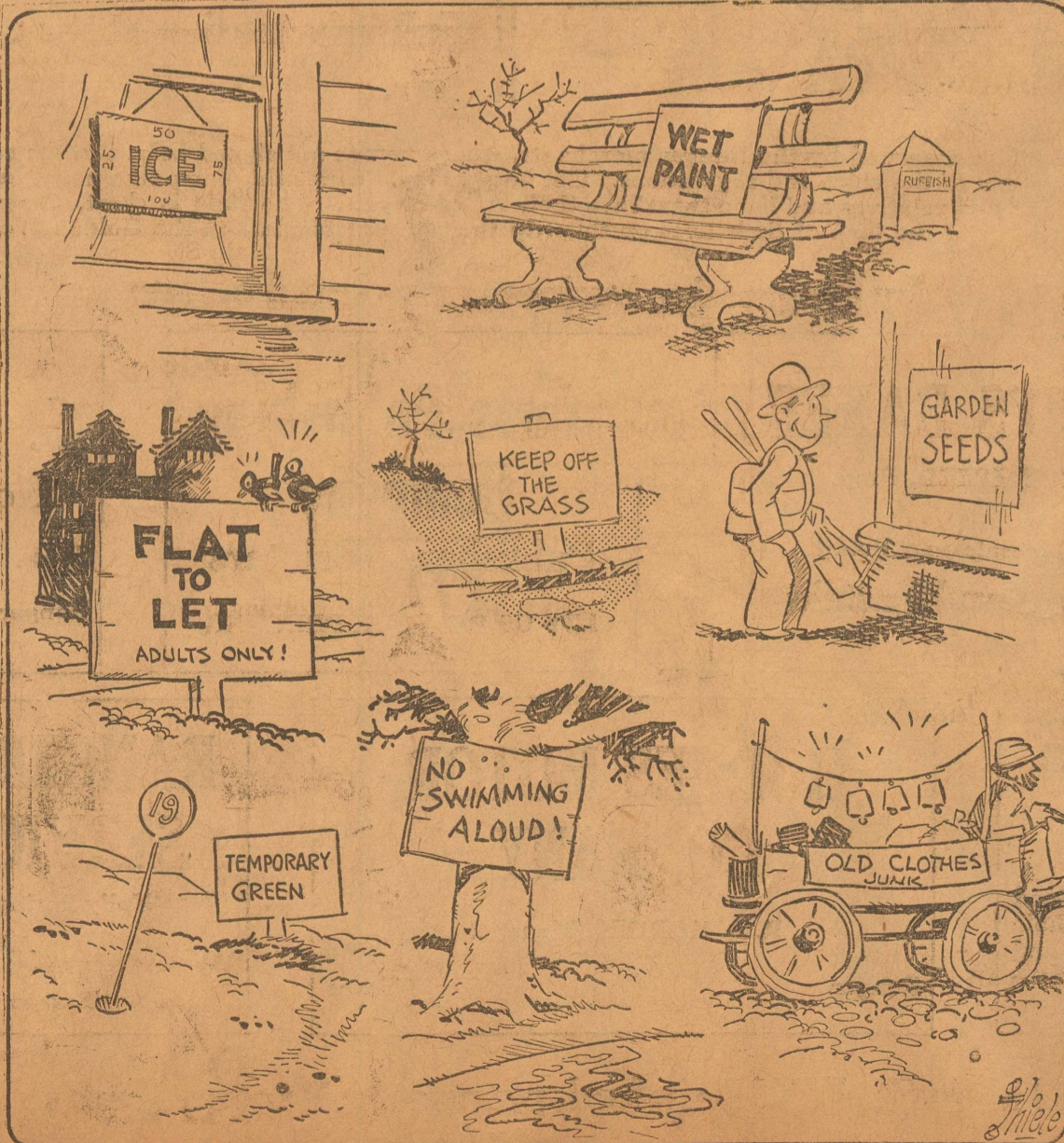
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### HOOKS AND SLIDES

**Terrors of Shelby.**  
Another reference to the "Battle of Shelby" is made in the latest magazine biography of Jack Dempsey. This one, as well as nearly every life story of the former champion, recounts the terrorism of the hard two-gun men from the cow ranches and the oil fields who took their irons into the arena to see that no harm would come by their Tom.

Our grandchildren as a result, will read in the history of pugilism that the great Dempsey had to "carry" Gibbons and blot his own record with a fifteen-round decision because if he had scored a knockout he would have been shot.

It may give those youngsters a thrill to think of those old hard days in that wild west of 1923 and to visualize the ringside seats filled with desperadoes with heavy artillery parked on their lap and the head laid on Dempsey and Jack Kearns.

To those who were on the scene in Shelby for six weeks before the fight and a few days after, the wonder arises if the writers of those blood-curdling biographies were ever near Shelby.

The only gun seen in or near Shelby at that time was strapped upon the lanky leg of Jim Allsop (no kidding), who was the chief and the police force of Shelby. That piece of artillery barked only once, and then it barked within the holster and nearly disabled the chief.

**Few Bad Men About.**  
One night a fire broke out in a little house across the tracks where some of the wildness of the town was on the market. The chief saw the smoke and the flames and he ran down the one street in Shelby sounding the alarm. He tripped in a hole, fell down on his face and the gun went off. The chief then put the safety lock on the musket and did the rest of his patrolling at a leisurely walk.

Some of the railroad detectives from the Great Northern had guns with them, but they didn't need them. A good mean look at the tough mer of the plains was sufficient to head them in the direction of the pikes.

There was a gun or two in the legal possession of some of "revenuers" who came into the town to close up the drinking parlors, but they never had to use them. They found most of the places deserted

when they arrived from Butte and the bootleggers were plying their trade with a bottle on their hip and two-finger glasses in their pocket.

The tip on the desperate character of the natives and the general display of shooting irons came the day of the fight when some of the ticket men asked for some protection. Difficultly was found in getting irons to frustrate any attempt to make away with the receipts.

Until the day of the fight, Dempsey never saw Shelby and Kearns wasn't around the town very much. They made their headquarters in Great Falls and the inhabitants of that enterprising town didn't take their fight any too seriously. Kearns did a lot of talking about threats from the ruffians in Shelby but he knew it was good publicity.

It might have been that a stray shot would have been directed at Kearns for he wasn't exactly popular in that section. He had been in a jam years before in Montana and some of the older residents remembered him.

Gibbons, of course, was more popular than Dempsey for reasons that do not have to be repeated. But Dempsey wasn't despised to the point of being made a target for gun play. Everyone around there knew that Dempsey would fight whether he got the money or not and they knew that Kearns was doing all the forcing for the last penny.

If anyone had been bent on shooting Dempsey for being rough or mean with Gibbons there would have been some salvoes when Dempsey held Gibbons with his head out of the ring between the ropes and beat him on the back of the neck and when he fowled him below the belt a dozen times. But there was no shooting.

With the exception of some of the staff in Dempsey's corner there was no bulging hips around the ringside that indicated a rod. Ask Damon Runyon, Hugh Fullerton, Dick Little, Eric Hayes, Heywood Borun, Hyge Igoe, Bill Corum, Warren Brown, or any other newspapermen who were present, how many guns they saw trained on Dempsey.

Just another good story gone wrong.

A Russian professor brings a movie showing how the brain works. We'd like to see a closeup of the mind of a person just as he says, "It never rains when you carry an umbrella."

### Levine Lands—on the Horsehide



Charles Levine, first trans-Atlantic air passenger, ready to land on the horsehide between innings of a New York Yankee-Boston Braves exhibition game at St. Petersburg, Fla. With him at the plate are Emil Fuchs, owner of the Braves and Mabel Boll, who flew with Levine from New York to Cuba to Florida.

### Britishers Expect Bobby Jones to Win Open Title Again

LONDON, March 19.—While hoping that one of their own countrymen will be successful, British golfers are almost looking forward to Bobby Jones creating a record by winning the British Open championship for the third time in succession.

This feat was accomplished by three men when the championship was over 36 holes, but no one has

made the grade since the distance was doubled.

In the years 1868-69-70-72, in the days when the championship was always held at Prestwick, Tom Morris won it four times in succession, there being no contest in 1871.

Five years afterwards Jamie Anderson, of the St. Andrews club, began a series of three successive victories, followed the next three years by a hat trick by Bob Ferguson.

Since the competition has been extended to 72 holes, four men, including Bobby Jones, have won it on two successive occasions.

### Youngsters To Vie This Year For Honors In The Texas League

By RALPH A. ANDERSON.  
Written for the United Press.

DALLAS, March 19.—There will be numerous youngsters who will flash as stars across the Texas league horizon this year if their spring training actions can be taken as a means of measuring their ability. Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, Waco, Wichita Falls and San Antonio all have players expected to develop into stars this year.

Houston, in Louis Benson and Carey Selph, is touted as having the league's best double play combination. George Watkins, another Houston youngster with some Texas league experience, is expected to star. Watkins is a great fielder and has shown flashes of hitting strength.

Dallas has Russell Saunders, an outfielder with great possibilities. He is rated as a heavy hitter and his work so far indicates that he can move about under a fly ball.

Fort Worth has Lenox at third base. Harrington at second is another likely looking prospect. Lenox fields a ball much after the fashion of Traynor of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

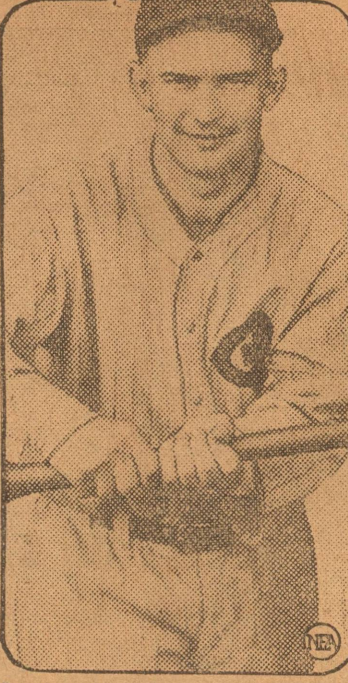
Wichita Falls fans are praising Buck Stanton at first base and Sam Jones, a young outfielder. Stanton has a job ahead to replace George Lafayette, but his work so far indicates that he will fill the gap, maybe not as well as the veteran but well enough to show that first base will not be a weak spot on the team.

San Antonio has Leslie Cox, former Texas university pitcher, who can be classed as coming under the rookie rule and Manager Frank Gibson is counting on this youngster to win more than his share of all games.

Wichita Falls starts the season with a veteran ball club changed in really only one place, at first base, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Waco have clubs practically rebuilt from stern to stern. Dallas has about half the old-time Steers back. Beaumont will have a club almost bereft of familiar faces.

Speaking of proverbs, the New Yorkers probably are saying it these days: "Oily to bed and oily to rise, makes national committee healthy and wealthy and wise."

### Stars for Reds



Here's "Pid" Purdy, a full half-foot shy of six feet and weighing but 150 pounds, who is being hailed as the real find of the season for the Cincinnati Reds by their manager, Jack Hendrick. Purdy played on the Pacific coast last season and was a sensation in hitting and patrolling the outfield.

### Ten Texas U. Frosh Get Quint Numerals

AUSTIN, March 19.—Numerals have been awarded by the athletic council of the University of Texas to 10 members of the freshman basketball squad. Those receiving the letters were Hardy D. Akin of Port Arthur, James Miller of San Antonio, Charles J. Pilgrim of Eagle Pass, Herman Bucksman of Dallas, Nick Gatoura of Austin, Allen Ingram of San Antonio, Max M. Merrick of Big Spring, Earl Taylor of Brownwood, Rutledge Vining of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Henry Easterling of Temple.

A dash of winter now and then is relished by the coal yard men.

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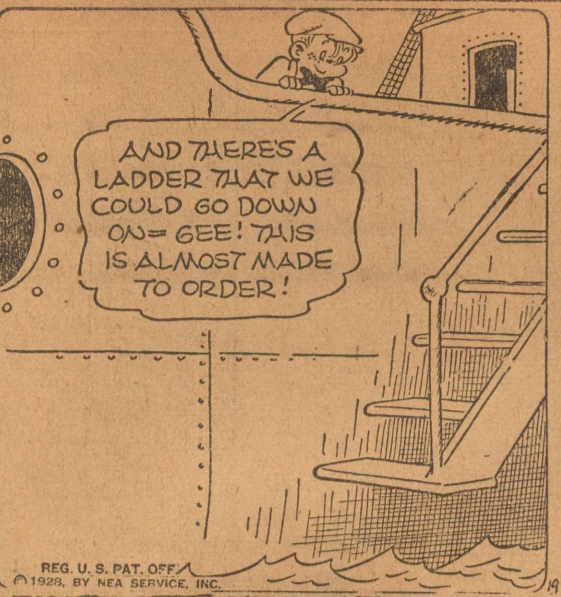
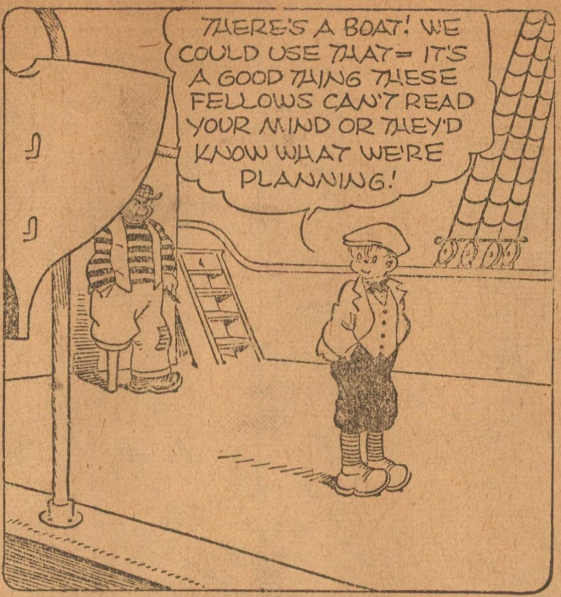
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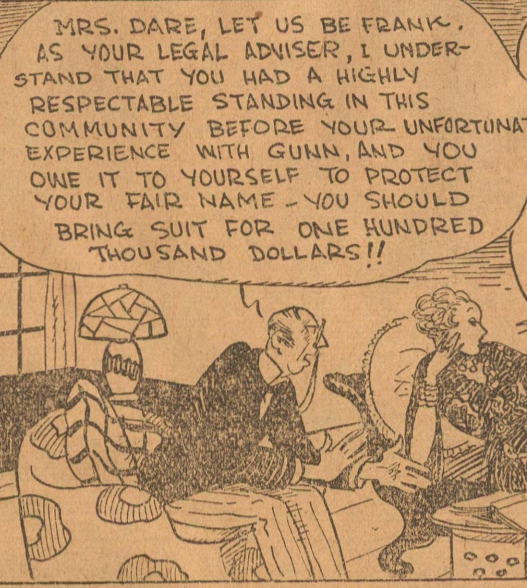
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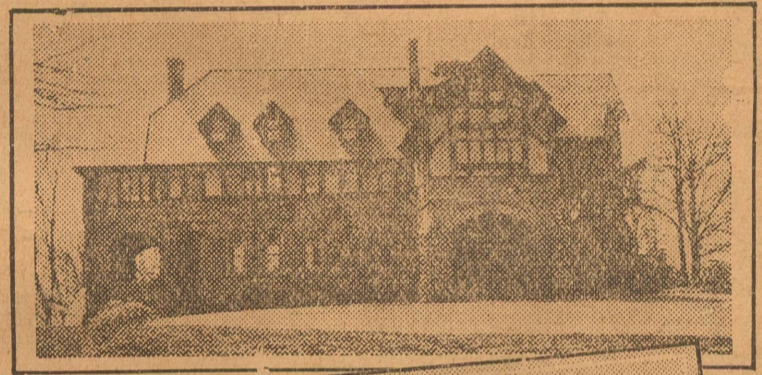
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HEARING THE GOSSIP ABOUT POP AND THE WIDOW DARE FROM MRS. SNOOD, ATTORNEY HAWK, SEEING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR PUBLICITY IN THE CASE, MAKES A HURRIED CALL ON THE WIDOW



By Taylor

THE "SUMMER WHITE HOUSE"—TWO POSSIBILITIES



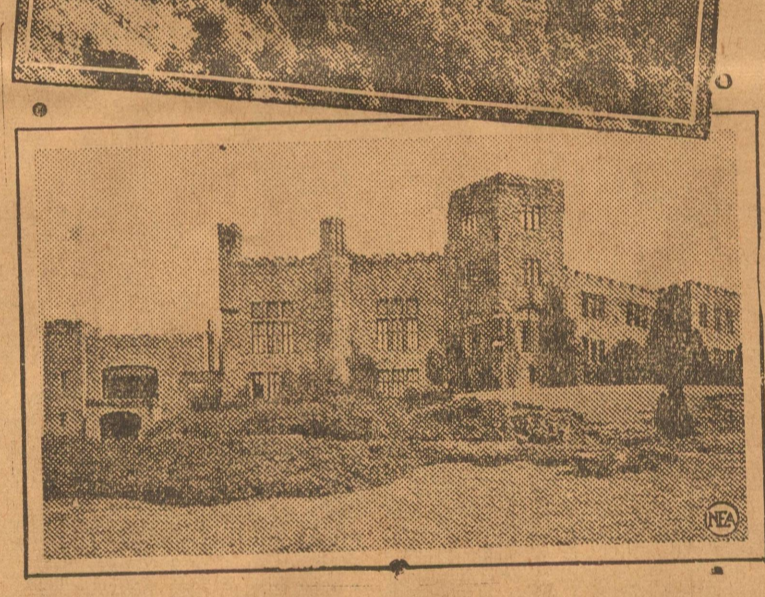
ABOVE—"Zealandia," mountain top estate at Asheville, North Carolina, offered to President Coolidge as a "summer white house."



ABOVE—A view of the "Great Smokies" magnificent "land of the Sky" mountain chain.



BELOW—Mount Pisgah, in the Pisgah National Forest, near Asheville.



BELOW—"Overlook" the Sunset Mountain home of Fred L. Seely at Asheville, also placed at President Coolidge's disposal.

The "Canary" Murder

THE STORY THUS FAR Vance believes Skeel innocent of the murder of Miss Odell and that he lay hidden in a closet. Markham ridicules the theory but Vance is unshaken. Mannix, under pressure, reveals that he had been calling, the night of the murder on a Miss Frisbee, who occupied the apartment adjoining the "Canary's." At five minutes to 12 he saw Cleaver sneaking out the side door of the building—the door thought to have been bolted on the inside all night. Cleaver later admits this, saying he had slipped in the side way and tiptoed out after hearing a man's voice in the Odell apartment. He says he saw Dr. Lindquist standing in the alleyway.

CHAPTER XXXVII At that moment Swacker came in and whispered something to Heath. The sergeant rose with alacrity and followed the secretary out of the room. Almost at once he returned, bearing a bulging Manila folder. Handing it to Markham, he said something in a low voice inaudible to the rest of us. Markham appeared both astonished and displeased. Waving the sergeant back to his seat, he turned to Cleaver. "I'll have to ask you to wait in the reception room for a few minutes. Another urgent matter has just arisen." Cleaver went out without a word, and Markham opened the folder. "I don't like this sort of thing, Sergeant. I told you so yesterday when you suggested it." "I understand, sir," Heath, I felt, was not as contrite as his tone indicated.

ated. "But if those letters and things are all right, and Cleaver hasn't been lying to us about 'em, I'll have my man put 'em back so's no one'll ever know they were taken. And if they do make Cleaver out a liar, then we've got a good excuse for grabbing 'em." Markham did not argue the point. With a gesture of distaste he began running through the letters, looking particularly at the dates. Two photographs he put back after a cursory glance; and one piece of paper, which appeared to contain a pen-and-ink sketch of some kind, he tore up with disgust and threw it to the waste-basket. Three letters, I noticed, he placed to one side. After five minutes' inspection of the others, he returned them to the folder. Then he nodded to Heath. "Bring Cleaver back." He rose, and, turning, gazed out of the window. As soon as Cleaver was again seated before the desk Markham said without looking round. "You told me it was last June that you bought your letters back from Miss Odell. Do you recall the date?" "Not exactly," said Cleaver easily. "It was early in the month, though—during the first week, I think." Markham now spun about and pointed to the three letters he had segregated. "How, then, do you happen to have in your possession compromising letters which you wrote to Miss Odell from the Adirondacks late in July?" Cleaver's self-control was perfect. After a moment's stoical silence, he merely said in a mild, quiet voice: "You, of course, came by those letters legally." "I regret to confess," he said,

"that they were taken from your apartment—though, I assure you, it was against my instructions. "But since they have come unexpectedly into my possession, the wisest thing you can do is to explain them. There was an empty document box in Miss Odell's apartment the morning her body was found, and, from all appearances, it had been opened Monday night." "I see," Cleaver laughed harshly. "Very well. The fact is—though I frankly don't expect you to believe me—I didn't pay my blackmail to Miss Odell until the middle of August, about three weeks ago. That's when all my letters were returned. I told you it was June in order to set back the date as far as possible. The older the affair was, I figured, the less likelihood there'd be of your suspecting me." Markham stood fingering the letter undecidedly. It was Vance who put an end to his irresolution. "I rather think, don't you know," he said, "that you'd be safe in accepting Mr. Cleaver's explanation and returning his billets-doux." Markham, after a momentary hesitation, picked up the Manila folder, and replacing the three letters, handed it to Cleaver. "I wish you to understand that I did not sanction the appropriating of this correspondence. You'd better take it home and destroy it—I won't detain you any longer now. But please arrange to remain where I can reach you if necessary." "I'm not going to run away," said Cleaver; and Heath directed him to the elevator. (Saturday, Sept. 15; 10 a. m.) Heath returned to the office, shaking his head hopelessly. "There musta been a regular wake at Odell's Monday night." "Quite," agreed Vance. "A mid-

night conclave of the lady's admirers, Mannix was there, unquestionably; and he saw Cleaver; and Cleaver saw Lindquist; and Lindquist saw Spotswoode—" "Humph! But nobody saw Skeel." "The trouble is," said Markham, "we don't know how much of Cleaver's story is true.—And, by the way, Vance, do you believe he really bought his letters back in August?" "If only we knew! Dashed confusion, ain't it?" "Anyway," argued Heath, "Cleaver's statement about phoning Odell at twenty minutes to twelve, and a man answering is verified by Jessup's testimony. And I guess Cleaver saw Lindquist all right that night, for it was him who first tipped us off about the doc. He took a chance doing it, because the doc was liable to tell us he saw Cleaver." "But if Cleaver had an allurin' alibi," said Vance, "he could simply have said the doctor was lying. However, whether you accept Cleaver's alibi or not, you can take my word for it there was a visitor, other than Skeel, in the Odell apartment that night." "That's all right, too," conceded Heath reluctantly. "But, even so, this other fellow is only valuable to us as a possible source of evidence against Skeel." "That may be true, Sergeant," Markham frowned perplexedly. "Oily, I'd like to know how that side

door was unbolted and then rebolted on the inside. We know now that it was open around midnight, and the Mannix and Cleaver both used it." "You worry so over trifles," said Vance negligently. "The door problem will solve itself once we discover who was keeping company with Skeel in the Canary's gilded cage." "I should say it boils down to Mannix, Cleaver and Lindquist. They were the only three at all likely to be present; and if we accept Cleaver's story in its essentials, each of them had an opportunity of getting into the apartment between half past eleven and midnight." "True. But you have only Cleaver's word that Lindquist was in the neighborhood. And that evidence, uncorroborated, can't be accepted as the hilly-white truth." Heath stirred suddenly and looked at the clock. "Say, what about that nurse you

wanted at eleven o'clock?" "I've been worrying horribly about her for an hour," Vance appeared actually troubled. "Really, y' know, I haven't the slightest desire to meet the lady. I'm hoping for a revelation, don't y' know. Let's wait for the doctor until half past ten, Sergeant." He had scarcely finished speaking when Swacker informed Markham that Doctor Lindquist had arrived on a mission of great urgency. It was an amusing situation. Markham laughed outright, while Heath stared at

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Engineers To Seek Dam Break Cause

By United Press. LOS ANGELES, March 19.—The state board of inquiry today will start its investigation into the St. Francis dam disaster. The board appointed by Governor C. C. Young is headed by C. Wylie Boise, Idaho engineer. Other nationally known engineers make up the board. The investigation will be the first of a group of official inquiries through which it is expected the blame for the dam collapse and the resulting flood will be settled. Damage claims will be presented by a committee of Santa Paula when all persons in the flood area have filed their claims. The committee intends to present the bill to Los Angeles, it was said.

NORA BAYES, FAMOUS STAGE STAR, IS DEAD

By United Press. NEW YORK, March 19.—Nora Bayes, stage star for more than 20 years, died in the Jewish hospital here today. She underwent an abdominal operation last Monday.

Ranger Legion Post To Seek Members In Nearby Towns

The membership committee of the Carl Barnes Post No. 69 of the American Legion will make two trips this week in order to enroll new members for the post, according to Dr. C. C. Craig, post commander. The membership body will go to Frankell and Strawn. Legionnaires in both places have arranged to have all ex-service men that they can get together to meet at an appointed place for the committee to confer with them. The committee went to Olden about a week ago and enrolled several new members for the local post. The Carl Barnes post now has the largest membership of any in Eastland county, having approximately 125 members on its roster. The quota for 1928 has been set at 200 members by the national committee and the local committee, under the direction of Dr. Craig, is endeavoring to get this number by the time of the district convention.

Names Desired Of Former Marines Living in County

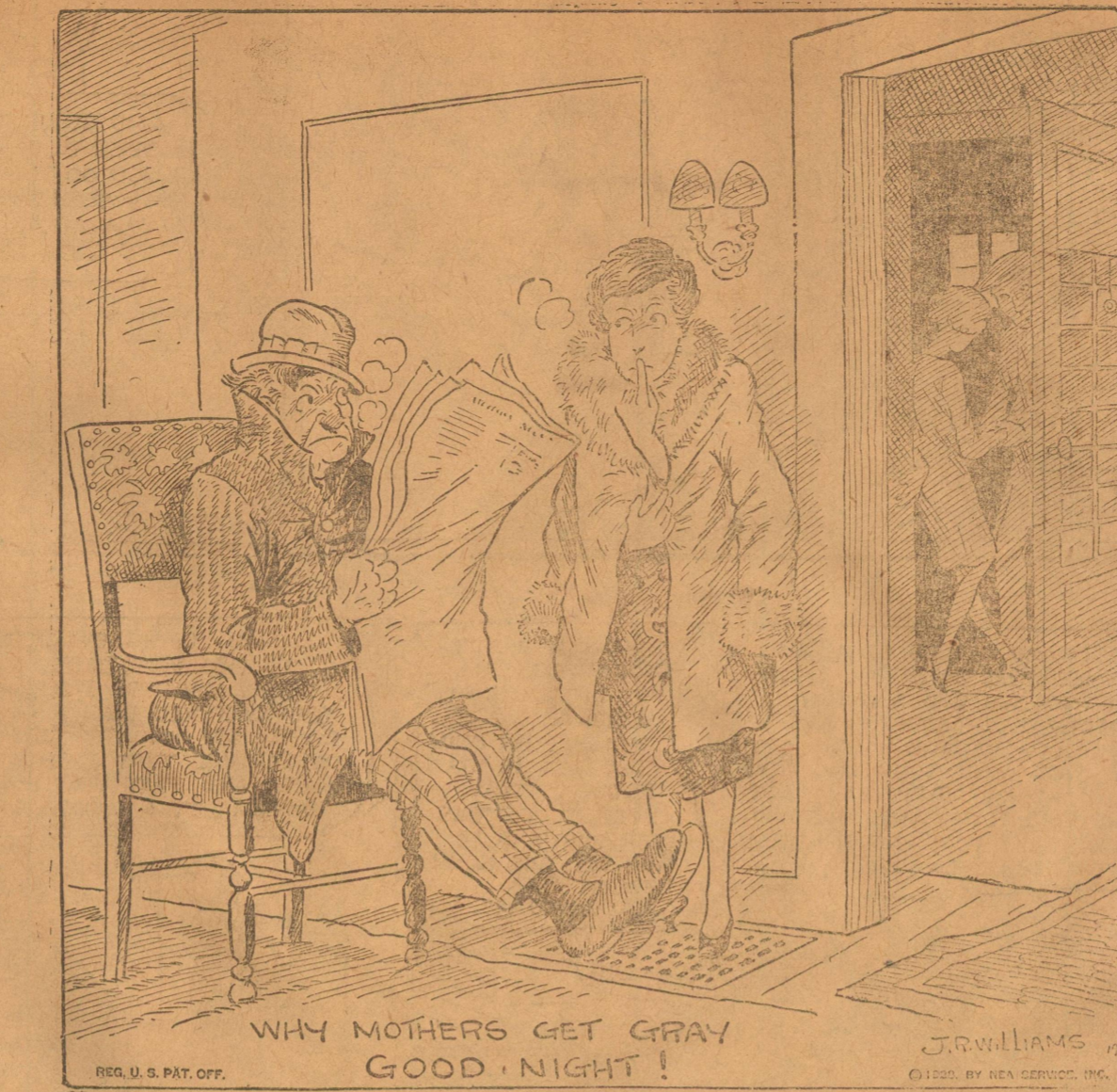
A letter from A. H. Romick, vice president of the Marine Corps league, has been received by Wayne C. Hickey, secretary of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce, asking him to send the names of all former marines in this part of the country. He asks that the names of all those who served with the marines before the war, during the war or after the war, be sent to him. Romick is working in the interest of the sixth national convention of the marine corps, which will be held in Dallas in November. Many marines notables, including Major General John A. Lejeune, United States marine commandant, and Gene Tunney, former marine and now heavyweight champion of the world, will attend the convention. The marine football team will play one game with some Texas college team, the letter said.

The "Canary" Murder

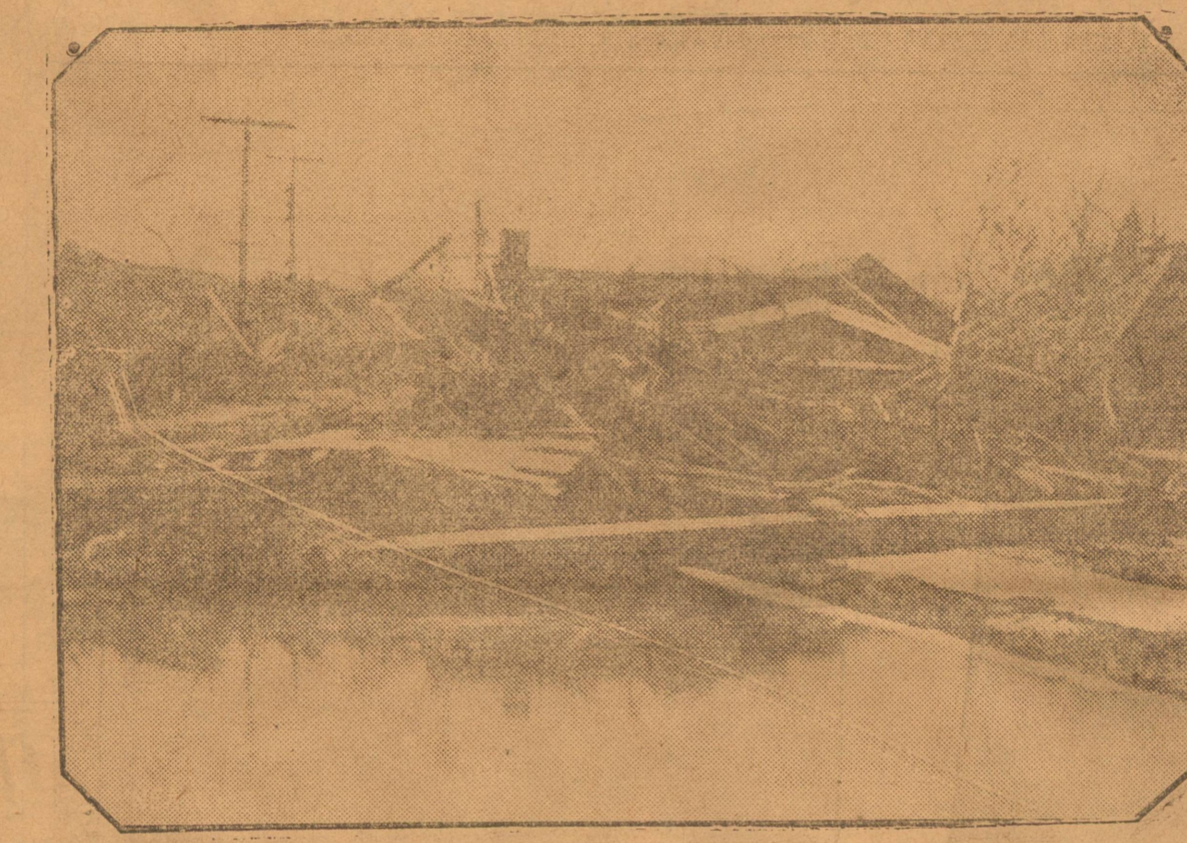
Vance with an uncompromising astonishment. "It's not necromancy, Sergeant," smiled Vance. "The doctor realized yesterday that we were about to catch him in a falsehood; so he decided to forestall us by explaining personally. Simple, what?" "Sure," Heath's look of wonderment disappeared. As Doctor Lindquist entered the room I noted that his habitual urbanity had deserted him. His air was at once apologetic and apprehensive. That he was laboring under some great strain was evident. "I've come, sir," he announced, taking the chair Markham indicated, "to tell you the truth about Monday night." "The truth is always welcome, doctor," said Markham encouragingly. Doctor Lindquist bowed agreement.

"I deeply regret that I did not follow that course at our first interview. But at that time I had not weighed the matter sufficiently; and, having once committed myself to a false statement, I felt I had no option but to abide by it. "However, after more mature consideration, I have come to the conclusion that frankness is the wiser course.—The fact is, sir, I was not with Mrs. Breedon Monday night between the hours I mentioned. I remained at home until half past ten. Then I went to Miss Odell's house, arriving a little before eleven. I stood outside in the street until half past eleven; then I returned home." "Such a bare statement needs considerable amplification." "I realize it, sir; and I am prepared to amplify it." Doctor Lindquist hesitated, and a strained look came into his white face. His hands were tightly clenched. "I had learned that Miss Odell was going to dinner and the theatre with a man named Spotswoode; and the thought of it began to prey on my mind. It was Spotswoode to whom I owed the alienation of Miss Odell's affections; and it was his interference that had driven me to my threat against the young woman. "As I sat at home that night, lecturing my mind morbidly on the situation, I was seized by the impulse to carry out that threat. Why not, I asked myself, end the intolerable situation at once? And why not include Spotswoode in the debacle?" Having beaten its swords into ploughshares, Russia might try beating its loafers into ploughshares. Famous last words: "I think my husband trumped that trick, but I'll just play my ace to make sure."

OUT OUR WAY



IN PATH OF CALIFORNIA FLOOD



At the top is a graphic illustration of the resistless, destructive power of the California flood. The house, the roof of which can just be seen, was picked off its foundations near Santa Paula and carried far down stream, to be left nearly buried under a great mass of debris borne by the swirling torrent. Below, refugees are shown getting a meal at an emergency kitchen established by the Red Cross women at Newhall.

SECRETS OF ANCIENT ETRUSCAN LANGUAGE MAY BE REVEALED

Special Correspondence. By THOMAS B. MORGAN (United Press Staff Correspondent) BOLOGNA, March 17.—The unread secret of the Etruscan tongue of pre-Roman antiquity is at last about to be revealed, according to scientific men. The world will have only to wait until April, they say, to learn the meaning of those cryptic characters, the deciphering of which has puzzled scientists and students of languages for so many centuries. Professor Alfredo Trombetti of Bologna University, noted Etruscologist is the man who will bring out this information at the forthcoming First International Congress of Etruscology, to be held at the Hague shortly before Easter. Professor Trombetti has been studying the subject for over 20 years, and is recognized by his colleagues all over the world as being one of the front rank men in his special line of study. It is stated that he will present to the congress at the forthcoming Hague meeting, translations of the most famous Etruscan inscriptions, most of which came from funeral monuments and tombs. He will also read a detailed explanation of the morphology and syntax of the language which no living man has yet been able to understand. Four or five years ago, Professor Cavaliazzi of Milan published a brochure in which he declared that he had discovered the key to the mystery tongue, but when his claims were examined by other scientists, it was seen that they could not be substantiated. One of the scientists who argued the genuineness of Professor Cavaliazzi's claim was Professor Trombetti. Interest in the reported end of the Etruscan mystery is extremely lively in learned circles both in Bologna where Professor Trombetti is well known, and in Florence and Rome. In a recent interview Professor Trombetti said: "There are two methods that up to now have been followed in the study of Etruscan inscriptions—the etymological and the combination. The first supposes that Etruscan had some affinity with other languages free of the front rank men in order to determine the meaning of a word. The second seeks the interpretation of Etruscan with Etruscan, using only evidences pertaining to that language, and without attributing to it any affinity to other languages. "It cannot be said that satisfactory results have been obtained by using either of these methods. I use the two because one serves to confirm or control the other; it does not matter from which point I begin."

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