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## OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT GOV. O'DANIEL WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR SENATE

BY HARRY BENGE CROZIER  
AUSTIN, Texas—Death and taxes are the great varieties. The two have joined together to bring about a situation that never confronted Texas before. Seldom ever, perhaps, in organized government has a legislative assemblage wrestled with a measure to impose heavy taxes on its citizens in the very midst of an important and exciting political contest. That condition, precipitated by the untimely death of United States Senator Morris Sheppard, has provoked a super-tenseness here at the seat of government, and set the stage for some history making weeks.

For whatever their opinion may be worth, it may be stated here that nearly all of the members of the legislature believe that Gov. O'Daniel is a candidate for the Sheppard seat—and that notwithstanding there were some words of camouflage and a few somewhat on the weasel side in the message that he sent to the House of Representatives more than a week ago in his radio broadcast of Sunday morning.

Some of the thinking about Governor O'Daniel's plans must indeed be of a wishful nature. It would be distinctly not of the nature of men, terrorized as small children at the governor's scornful words, not to wish that the man who has consistently used the House of Representatives during two regular sessions as a whipping post, should move on to other pastures, green or no. And there is no reluctance on their part to further his journey to Washington.

It must be considered as a political factor in the contest that now is to eventuate on June 28th, that the men who are afraid of Governor O'Daniel and the men who love him politically not at all are as much in favor of his running for the Senate as are his idolaters. The representatives who have been most bitter against him were the ones voting with

for the resolution lauding his qualifications for service in the United States Senate.

The factor is one that necessarily is being taken into consideration by the others who are already running or are contemplating entering the lists. It is, however, one of the delusive elements of politics that once a man hears the political call, his eyes are obscured in the ego aura of brilliant colors of victory. Gerard Mann, Martin Dies, youthful men and ardent, who know only the taste of victory, are on their way.

Springboard for Johnson  
Entirely without design, for the invitation was extended weeks before the sudden death of Senator Sheppard, young Lyndon Johnson, go-getting favorite of the President and the Administration, posed on a springboard before the legislature and a host of visitors here Monday before a joint session. Johnson playing necessarily a non-political role for the moment to make the plunge. If he does, it looks like three parts of yout against a heavy portion of magic. They'll be taking bets every-which-a-where.

Meanwhile the legislature on the Senate side is going about the prosaic and thankless task of shaping a tax bill. The Senate workmen probably will finish their carpentry work on the \$23,000,000 measure by the middle of the week. After that, you can look for a few heavy sessions of night work by a free conference committee. Then, before many days have elapsed, Governor O'Daniel will be poring over a tax bill that may mean much in his life.

## Eastland Girl Is Initiated In Club

LUBBOCK, Texas, April 22.—Miss Joanne Cox of Eastland was formerly initiated into the Kappa Kappa Club of Texas Technological College wherein this group of girls made their annual pilgrimage to Santa Fe during the Easter holidays.

Fifty girls made the trip in two chartered buses, which left Lubbock early Thursday morning, April 10. Friday the girls went to Frijoles Canyon and Saturday morning made a tour of places of interest near Santa Fe. The annual Easter breakfast was held Sunday morning followed by a trip to see the Indian dances. Sunday night the pledges were initiated to Camp Arrowhead.

## CICSO WOMAN CHARGED IN MURDER CASE

A charge of murder was filed against Gertrude Williams, colored, in justice court in Cicso, following a shooting in front of the Gertrude Williams home in north of Cicso.

Dorothea Smith, shot ones through the left breast just above the heart with a .32 caliber revolver bullet, died enroute to a doctor, investigating officers said.

Details of the shooting and the cause of it were not clear to the investigating officers. So far as could be determined there were no eye witnesses other than the two women involved. According to evidence adduced at the inquest before Justice W. E. Brown, the Smith woman was standing in front of the Williams home and after the shot was fired staggered across the street to her own residence, but she died enroute.

George Smith, husband of the dead woman, was in his home at the time. Bubba Grayson and Hopper Smith, two colored men, placed the Smith woman in her own car and drove to a doctor's residence, but she died enroute. The Williams woman went immediately to the city hall, where she surrendered to officers and handed them a .32 caliber revolver from which two shots had recently been fired. After charges were filed, she was placed in county jail in Eastland.

## Eastland Youth Is Now Sergeant



In orders just issued by Colonel H. R. Harmon, commanding officer at Kelly Field, John Frank Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Williams, 202 W. Plummer Street, Eastland, was promoted from the rank of private to sergeant.

Military authorities at Kelly Field stated that Sergeant Williams' promotion was based on his attention to duty and soldierly qualities.

Promotions in the air corps, even at this time of a national emergency, are not easily obtained. They must be earned by application and hard work.

## McMurray Golfers In Win Over Ranger

The Ranger Junior College golf team played the McMurray College golf team in Abilene Saturday afternoon, with McMurray winning five matches to none for Ranger Junior College.

The two teams will play again at the Ranger Country Club course Saturday, April 26.

The Ranger team is composed of Wayne Adkins, Howard Stephens, L. J. Capell, Frank Champion and J. B. Houghton.

## He Missed the Rat But Shot Off a Toe

FORT WORTH, Tex.—G. W. Emms has braved many dangers in his duties as a fireman, but he says it's okay with him if he never meets another rat.

Emms grabbed his shotgun and blazed away when he saw a rat in his garage as he went to work one morning. He shot off the tip of his right toe.

Emms grabbed his shotgun and opened to the rat.

## German Blitz Strikes More Than Half of Greece



After two weeks of blitzkrieg, about half of Greece's 50,000 square miles has fallen to the axis. Map shows receding British-Greek defense lines and extent of penetration by German-Italian forces.

## Total Cost of Being a Candidate For United States Senator Could Be Three-Cent Stamp On a Letter

By Gordon K. Shearer  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
AUSTIN, Texas—The race for United States Senate to succeed the late Sen. Morris Sheppard will be a free-for-all in more ways than one.

The election will be a special one without party primary. It will cost a candidate only a three cent stamp to enter from any part of Texas. If he is in Austin he can save the stamp by filing his candidacy in person at the office of the Secretary of State. Unless he has a friend who is a notary public he may have to pay a 50 cent acknowledgement fee.

To become a candidate he must furnish the Secretary of State with a certified statement setting forth:

- (1) That he is a candidate for United States Senator.
- (2) His age, occupation, the county of his residence and his postoffice address.
- (3) That he is a member in good faith of the political party upon whose ballot he wishes his name to appear, that if a voter at the preceding election, he voted for the nominees of said party.
- (4) That he will during his term of office, if elected, endeavor to truly respect the wishes of his constituency and to abide by and support such measures as may be endorsed by the primary voters of his party in this state, and that he will use all honorable means at his command to secure the appointment for such applicants for positions in the Federal service as received a majority of the votes at any primary he by the members of his party to determine their wishes with reference thereto. Said application to be signed by the candidate and properly acknowledged before some person authorized to take acknowledgments.

The foregoing provisions are state law. In some respects the relations appear to be a jumble of confusion between a special election and a primary election.

Secretary of State William J. Lawson has attorneys trying to unscramble the apparent confusion.

Best opinion seems to be that in certifying the names of applicants to county clerks for the special election, the Secretary of State will have to make up a ballot with party designations for each candidate.

A concluding paragraph of the article on special election of U. S. Senators requires that the names shall be printed on the official ballot "in the column under the title of the office for which he is a candidate."

This apparently contemplates a democratic column. A republican column, etc. If it is followed literally all the democratic candidates would be listed in one column; those of other parties in separate columns.

Another suggestion has been that the party designation be printed after the name of each individual candidate.

If Attorney General Gerald Mann should become U. S. Senator the governor would appoint Mann's successor for the balance of the term expiring Dec. 31, 1941. If Cong. Martin Dies of

Orange should become U. S. Senator a special election would be called in his congressional district to name a successor. The district comprises Angelina, Hard, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby and Tyler counties.

Rep. Jack Love of Fort Worth was the lone member of the House of Representatives who did not agree to the house resolution requesting Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel to become a candidate for U. S. Senator.

Rep. Dallas Blankenship of Dallas was in the speaker's chair when the resolution was adopted and had announced its unanimous passage.

Love objected. When the governor's reply to the resolution was read in the house, there were shouts as the governor meticulously noted the one dissenting vote.

## Desdemona Boy Wins 4-H District Award for Poultry

Bobby Revels, of the Desdemona boys 4-H Club was district winner in the Extension 4-H Poultry Program, which entitles him to twenty-five baby beef type turkeys.

The turkeys will be of the breed selected from an outstanding breeder, according to John A. Wright, Assistant County Agent.

Each contestant was required to have been an active poultry member of the club during the previous year, and completed at least one full year of club work involving result demonstrations.

The contest was judged and the winners determined by the Club delegate's record of club achievements, and his participation in club or community activities, such as exhibits, team demonstrations, judging contests, meetings, and community affairs in relation to the agricultural program.

Bobby is seventeen years old, lives on a farm, and has been in 4-H Club work for five years. Most of his demonstrations were poultry, and he has always carried out a good one.

## Eastland Boy To Enter Drake Relays

Joe Sparks, University of Texas student, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sparks of Eastland, is among the 500 topnotch college and university track who will compete in the 32nd annual Drake Relays Friday and Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa.

## Three Month's Fire Loss Would Buy 336 New Bombers

Fire losses in the United States during March have been estimated by the National Board of Fire Underwriters at \$31,471,000, an increase of 21 per cent over the estimated losses of \$26,102,000 for February 1941, and an increase of 6 per cent over the estimated figures for March 1940, it was announced yesterday.

The estimated March fire losses brought the total for the first quarter of the year to \$84,043,000, it was pointed out by W. E. Mallalieu, director of activities with which the National Board of Fire Underwriters is this year observing the 75th anniversary of its founding.

"These fire losses amounting to \$84,000,000 in only three months," Mr. Mallalieu said, "equal the delivered price of approximately 336 Consolidated B-24, four engine, long range, heavy patrol bombers which are being built for the United States Army."

"This comparison between the value of property destroyed by fire and the quantity of defense material such a sum could buy forcibly illustrates the necessity of reducing the national fire waste in this time of emergency. The National Board of Fire Underwriters is devoting its 75th anniversary year activities to impressing upon the American people that National Defense can be greatly strengthened by a more effective fire defense. Fires in defense industries can seriously interfere with our preparation to protect our democracy. It is the duty of every American to try to prevent fires. And most fires can be prevented."

Meetings of landowners in the Palo Pinto Soil Conservation District will be held this week at Tudor, Desdemona and Ranger to help Leslie Hagaman, soil conservation district supervisor and agricultural workers tell how the soil conservation district will operate, what the district can do to help landowners put soil conservation plans into practice on their lands and how the owner can get this assistance. Mr. Hagaman is urging all Eastland County landowners whose lands are East of the Jake Hammond Railroad to attend one of the meetings.

Wednesday night the meeting will be held in the Tudor School, Thursday night in Desdemona High School and Friday night at Ranger at 8 o'clock in the Soil Conservation offices.

Hagaman will be in charge of the meetings and will be assisted by representatives of the Soil Conservation Service, Vocational Agriculture teachers and the county agent and assistant county agent.

Picture slides of good soil conservation practices will be projected on a screen at each meeting.

## THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS: Showers tonight and Wednesday.

## Mrs. W. L. Garner To Be Buried In Strawn Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. W. L. Garner, mother of Bran and Carl Garner of Ranger, who was killed in an explosion at her home in Aspermont Monday, will be conducted from the Strawn Merchandise Company funeral chapel Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with burial in Mount Marion Cemetery, Strawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner had been working in the yard at their home Monday afternoon when Mrs. Garner went into the house to bathe and dress. Shortly after she entered the house Mr. Garner heard an explosion and saw smoke issuing from the windows. It was believed that she died instantly from the fumes of the explosion of an oil stove. The home and its contents were destroyed by the fire which followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Garner and son, Gene left Monday evening for Aspermont, immediately upon receipt of word of the tragedy. Bran E. Garner, who was in Dallas at the time, returned immediately to Ranger and then on to Aspermont.

Survivors, in addition to her husband and two sons, are her mother, Mrs. G. A. Dulaney, Haskell; three brothers, D. C. Dulaney, Haskell; T. O. Dulaney, Clyde and S. C. Dulaney, Plainview; two sisters, Mrs. J. J. Josuan, Granger and Mrs. H. Dobbins, Haskell and two grandchildren, Gene Garner and Gail Garner of Ranger.

## War Department Needs Automotive Spare Parts Experts

An examination for positions as automotive spare parts expert, paying \$3,200 a year, has been announced by the United States Civil Service Commission. Employment will be in the War Department under the Office of the Quartermaster General. Qualified persons are urged to file their applications at once, although applications will be rated as received at the Commission's Washington office until further notice.

Seven years of responsible experience in the automotive industry are required. Not more than 3 years of this experience may have been in the capacity of mechanic; and at least 3 years of the experience must have been in both the control and the management of spare parts for a major manufacturer of automotive equipment. Under certain conditions, college study in engineering may be substituted for part of the general experience. The maximum age limit for applicants is 55 years.

Appointees will be requisition stocks of spare parts for corps areas and depots and will instruct regarding the reclamation or repair of parts, units, and accessories. They will also review complaints and make remedial recommendations, as well as performing other duties relating to stocks, inventories, and mortality tables.

Full information as to the requirements for this examination, and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at the post office or customhouse in this city, or from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at any first- or second-class post office.

## Two From County Have Their Licenses To Drive Revoked

AUSTIN, Texas—One hundred and twenty-eight drivers' licenses were revoked, suspended or cancelled from March 7 to April 2, according to Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr., State Police director. Seventy-nine of them were suspended upon final convictions for drunken driving.

Included in the list of persons denied the privilege of driving, together with their addresses, suspension expiration dates, and offenses are Jeremiah Thomas Crabb, Eastland, 9-5-41, driving while intoxicated; Frank D. Green, Brownwood, 9-2-41, violation of the Law of the Road; A. W. Williamson, Eastland, 9-15-41, driving while intoxicated; J. W. Cunningham, Albany, 9-25-41, driving while intoxicated; Roy Flow, Geafor, 9-25-41, driving while intoxicated; Allen Mathis, Abilene, 9-27-41, driving while intoxicated and C. A. Reynolds, Spur, 9-27-41, driving while intoxicated.

## GREEKS AND BRITISH ARE MAKING LAST STAND NEAR FAMOUS THERMOPYLAE PASS

## APPOINTMENT OF HOUSTON IS CRITICIZED

AUSTIN, April 22.—Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel's appointment of 57-year-old Andrew Jackson Houston, son of Gen. Sam Houston, as United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sen. Morris Sheppard was described on the senate floor today as a "crowning act of an era of buffoonery in this state" by Sen. Joe Hill of Henderson, long a critic of Gov. O'Daniel.

At La Porte the aging Houston, at the nation's newest and oldest senator, said today he hoped his health would permit him to fill the seat held more than 80 years ago by his illustrious father, Gen. Sam Houston.

Surprise of the appointment of Houston sent him back to bed after he had recovered from an attack of influenza.

The appointment also stunned political circles throughout the state and crowned Gov. O'Daniel as a man of surprises.

## Colony Seniors To Present Plays Thursday Night

The senior class of Colony High School will present two one-act plays Thursday, April 24, 8-00 p. m.

The cast of the first "Dad Plans the Wedding" is as follows: Henry Smith, a middle-aged father, played by Henry Limbocker; Mrs. Smith, his wife, Clairdel Bearden; Dorothy Smith, their daughter, aged ten, played by Joan Boyd; Mary Smith, a grown daughter, Imogene Stuard, and Jim Young in love with Mary, played by Billie Brown.

The cast for the "Doctor's Affairs" follows: Marcia Conover, M.D., Norma Ruth Crabb, Rheba Blackstone, Norma Jean Hadley, Gertrude Faber, Wynema Loper, Pauline Templeton, Pauline Bowen, Miss Jackson, a patient played by Virginia Eubank, and Jewel Dowling played by Hazel Harris.

Between these two one-act plays the choral club from the elementary grades will sing four numbers.

The public is urged to attend. A small admission charge will be made.

## Coal Operators To Confer With Miners In New York Again

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Southern coal operators announced after a conference in the White House today that they were returning immediately to New York to resume negotiations for re-opening the soft coal mines at the request of President Roosevelt.

The president had appealed to the coal miners and operators to settle their difficulties before the strike caused a serious shutdown in national defense industries because of lack of fuel.

Orators Once Were  
Silver Tongued, Now  
It's Golden Voiced

By United Press  
AUSTIN, Tex.—Sen. H. L. Winfield of Fort Stockton is being hailed as the golden orator of the senate because his minute and a half speech for Big Bend State Park, resulted in a \$1,500,000 amendment to the departmental appropriation bill.

## Brother of Ranger Man Dies Tuesday

R. H. Snyder of Ranger received a telegram this morning that his brother, Lewis Cox Snyder, of Springfield, Mo., had died at his home.

Mr. Snyder had been in ill health for several months, after suffering a heart attack last December. His condition had been considered somewhat improved recently, and he had been transferred from this hospital to his home.

R. H. Snyder visited his brother shortly after he suffered his first attack.

## Horse Racing Bill Sent To The House

AUSTIN, April 22.—Hope brightened today for supporters of a bill to again legalize pari-mutuel horse racing in Texas when a bill for return of horse racing received a favorable report from a house committee.

The committee vote was 10 for approval of the bill to seven against.

## Army "Over Hump" Of Mobilization

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Gen. George C. Marshall, United States Army chief of staff, today told a senate committee investigating national defense that the army had "gotten over the hump" in the tremendous task it faced of mobilizing from peacetime status to wartime strength.

MORE PHONES IN AUSTRALIA  
By United Press  
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An Era Comes to an End

An era of some of the vastest subsidies ever offered by a government to private industry is coming to an end.

Ninety years ago a developing America wanted railroads, and wanted them badly. So it offered land grants to those who would build them. More than 158,000,000 acres of land were given to railroad companies—an area almost equivalent to the whole Atlantic seaboard from Canada to the Gulf. Usually they received great tracts alternating on either side of their right-of-way.

This subsidy didn't cost the taxpayers anything directly. Land was what the United States had the most of, and giving it away to railroad builders by the millions of acres did not seem extravagant so long as the needed railroads got built. But it was a subsidy—and a subsidy so generous that those who received it couldn't even use it all.

In 1940 a new transportation act was passed, providing for the return to federal ownership a million of acres of this land. The whole system had become antiquated. For many years much of the time of the General Land Office and the Interior Department was spent in adjusting claims concerning it. The government had retained for itself certain privileges for transport of its property and employes at reduced rates. The tax situation changed. Now the whole venture is in process of being liquidated once and for all.

The interesting part of it is the relationship of these vast subsidies to the "free enterprise system." It is just one more evidence that we have never had a completely "laissez-faire" policy of no-interference of government in business.

The government has always "meddled" with business. One of the first acts of the new government after the Constitution was first adopted was to set up a protective tariff, which is a restriction of free competitive selling. We have in our day had mail subsidies for shipping lines and airplane lines whose development was nationally desirable. None was anything like as huge as the land subsidies granted at a period which began 90 years ago, and are only now being liquidated.

There is not, and never has been, an economic system which flourished entirely without direction, restriction, encouragement, or "meddling" in one manner or another, by government.

When people talk of a "free enterprise system" they are talking of something that is always a matter of degree.

"Roosevelt Prepares to Crack Down on Arms Strikes"—headline. A good way to prevent a crack-up of the defense program.

AMERICAN INDIAN

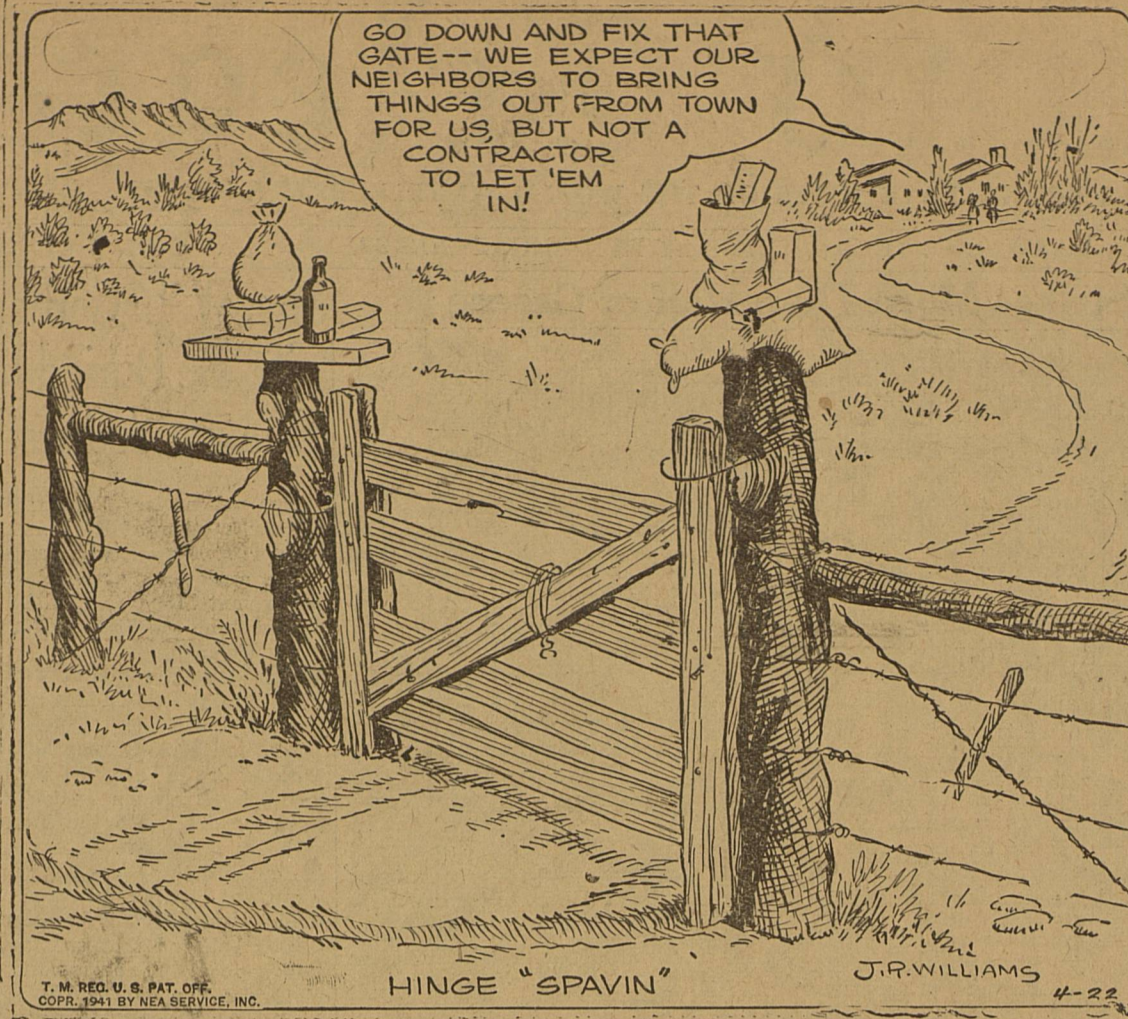
Crossword puzzle grid with clues for American Indian words. Includes horizontal and vertical clues such as 'Famous 16th century Indian', 'He belonged to the tribe', 'Less common English coin', etc.

Small portrait of a woman's face, likely related to the crossword puzzle or a nearby article.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams RED RYDER

By Hamlin



Students Religious So Cornell Builds A Larger Chapel

ITHACA, N. Y.— Collegians are becoming religious-minded to the extent that it is costing Cornell University money. So well attended are Sunday services and activities of the Cornell United Religious Work program that the board of trustees has approved plans for the enlarging of Sage Chapel.

Old Indian Village Studied By State

CLINTON, Okla.—An Indian village is being excavated on a farm near Clinton, Okla. Supervising the work are Dr. Forest Clements, professor of anthropology at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, and Lynn Howard, state supervisor of the Work Projects Administration's anthropological project.

Churches Abandoned For Army Fields

MADISON, Ind.—A flourishing Baptist church, 113 years old, and a neighboring Catholic church, only two years younger, have been sacrificed to national defense. The Bethel Baptist church near here and St. Magdalen Catholic church at Holton, Ind., have completed final services, and the congregations have transferred their memberships to other groups.

El Paso Man Sets Car License Record

EL PASO, Tex.—Fred Velasco set some kind of a record when he bought his 1941 automobile license plates. The purchase marked the tenth time in 10 years that he got the county's No. 1 set of license tags. Velasco started in 1931, when his new car inspired him to stay up all night to be first in line the next morning.

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SERIAL STORY

LOVE POWER

BY OREN ARNOLD

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YESTERDAY: Despite the widespread destruction caused by the explosion, only a few lives are lost. Police blame sabotage. Carolyn finds Robert at the laboratory, unable to explain the blast. Only half of the precious X-999 was lost, but the remainder is a constant threat. Carolyn is angry when Leana takes Robert away.

LEANA PLANS POWER

CHAPTER VIII

IN Bob Hale's office the telephone rang. Carolyn, as his secretary, arose to answer it, but plainly Bob was not used to having a secretary yet. He reached for the handpiece himself.

"Hale talking," said he. "This is Ken Palmer, Dr. Hale," came the voice. "Uh, would it be all right if I inquired about Miss Tyler? Carolyn? Fact is, I'd like to talk to her, if it won't be too much trouble."

"She's right here," he motioned to Carolyn. "It's Mr. Palmer."

Ken, it developed, wanted mainly to know where she had been keeping herself, and did she go out to the explosion yesterday, and was she trying to dodge him, and could he have a date tonight.

"Ken, you're an old darling," she said, with some fervor. "The truth is, I have been quite busy. This is a new job, you know. And Ken—I think I'd better not"—she glanced at her employer, who was feigning no interest—"better not set any dates for this week, because I'm expecting a lot of night work for a while. Dr. Hale's secretarial work had been rather neglected."

Dr. Hale, who technically hadn't been listening, interrupted, "Oh, please go right ahead, Miss Tyler!"

She stuck her ground. She and Ken talked a bit more and she bade him goodby perhaps a little more sweetly than necessary. Something inside her made her do this, she realized. She felt at once guilty and pleased.

IN studied manner, too, Bob Hale resumed their conversation where it had left off. "And so we cannot admit having caused the explosion, Carolyn, or admit having produced the X-999 at all, because if we do the news will bring all manner of cranks, foreign agents, and such."

"Of course, Bob." "And yet, it is my fault. I ought to tell the police."

"There is no fault," as you call it. I keep repeating that. This

thing is new! Untried. That explosion was an accident pure and simple. You say you have already arranged to pay money secretly to the bereaved families, which is well, if you can avoid being traced. Their tragedy can't be helped. And industry can absorb its own losses. Can't it? For so important a thing as you have, Bob? And when you do announce your discovery, you can make payment in full. The men financing your work insist that it be kept secret now."

He suddenly looked straight at her. Carolyn Tyler was an eternal surprise to him. One hour she was a swift stenographer, nothing more. On a moment's notice she could be an altogether dainty and feminine somebody with conversation and mannerisms far removed from anybody's office. And now again she was talking in calm business sense, crystallizing his own thoughts for him, helping him face the problem at hand in a practical way. He nodded at her, slowly, appreciatively.

"I have an idea," she went on. "You are distressed to death, Bob, about what to do with the remaining X-999, now that you have actually produced a quantity of it. You say you don't dare experiment on it here because of the danger, and yet a tragedy occurred when you tried to move a part of it. Now look—wouldn't it be feasible to—"

The telephone rang again and this time it was long distance wanting Bob himself. She waited. But the conversation turned out to be a long one, not concerning the matter at hand.

Presently, she retired to the small anteroom off his office, which was now her own private office. She sat there scanning her shorthand notes, waiting for him to finish. The connecting door was left open but she couldn't see Bob nor his desk. She could just hear him. And—she liked to hear him talk. She liked his distinct enunciation. She liked the basso profundo hint to his voice, a deep rumble which could rise much higher in moments of stress. He had known much stress in the past 48 hours.

SHE was hurriedly reviewing those things when she heard an outer door open and she knew, by some strange subtlety of sound and intuition, that Leana Sormi had come to Bob. Even then the telephone conversation was ending.

"Leana," Bob greeted her. "Sit down." "Robert, I have been thinking."

"She plunged right in. 'I do not believe you fully appreciate the magnitude of what we have here.'"

"But, Leana—" "You have power in your grasp, Robert! That explosion merely proves it."

"I cannot even go see the stricken families, Leana! Because I must keep the secret. I have sent them money, considerable money, anonymously. Later, we will send more. But in six homes there is tragedy because of us."

"You are a scientist, not a sobbing preacher!" She was out of patience with him already, Carolyn discerned. In spite of herself, Carolyn had to listen.

"Leana, you don't mean that. Not that way."

"I mean that you have infinite power now in your hands—you and I together."

Leana's tone suddenly softened, grew more intimate and insinuating. "Hale, you can become the greatest man alive!"

He did not answer.

"You can have no end of achievement and greatness. Every power over mankind is yours. Think of it! Barely a teaspoonful, and whole families wiped out! Who would dare cross you if your discovery became known? You can use X-999 for either civil or military action."

"Only two people know of this, Robert. You and I. Together we can be man and woman of the ages!"

SHE said it so dramatically that she cast a veritable spell. Carolyn, overhearing, was herself impressed, not so much with what Leana said as with the woman's intensity of feeling. It amounted almost to vehemence.

Robert barely murmured in reply, "Leana!" Obviously she had startled him.

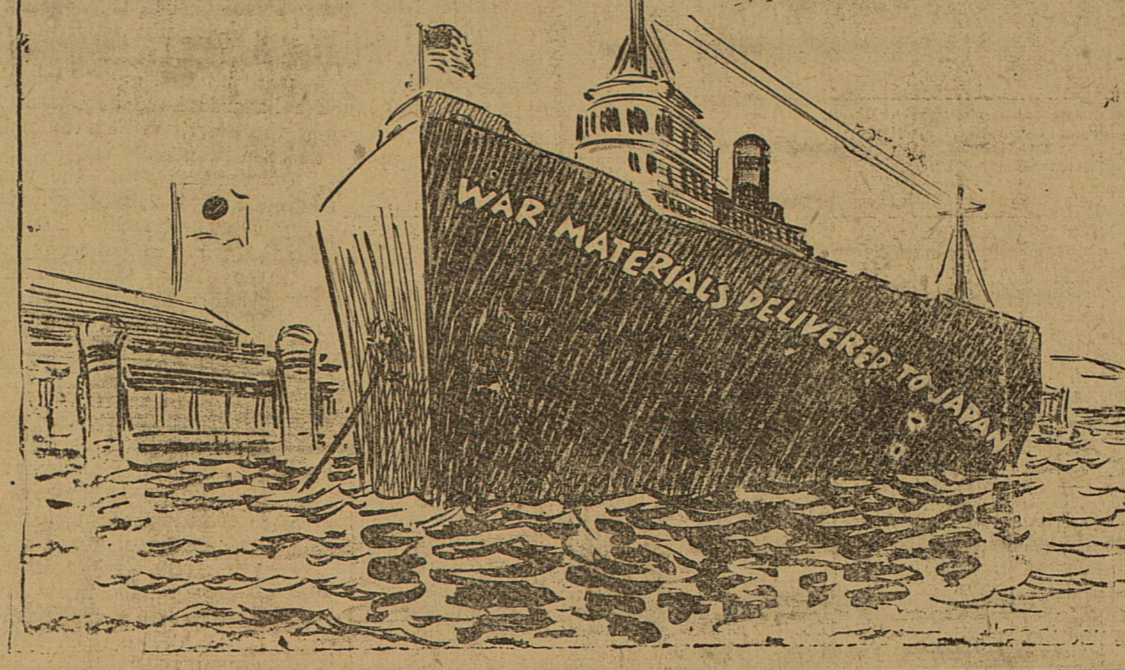
"You and I are young, Robert. Young! The future beckons us. We have come to know each other well. There is a bond, between us."

"You and I know that what we have here will render all other power sources obsolete. Within a year, two years, five years at most, all of America's electric plants, all steam and diesel and gasoline engines, every phase of industry must be revolutionized, as you and I direct! Have you forgotten that?"

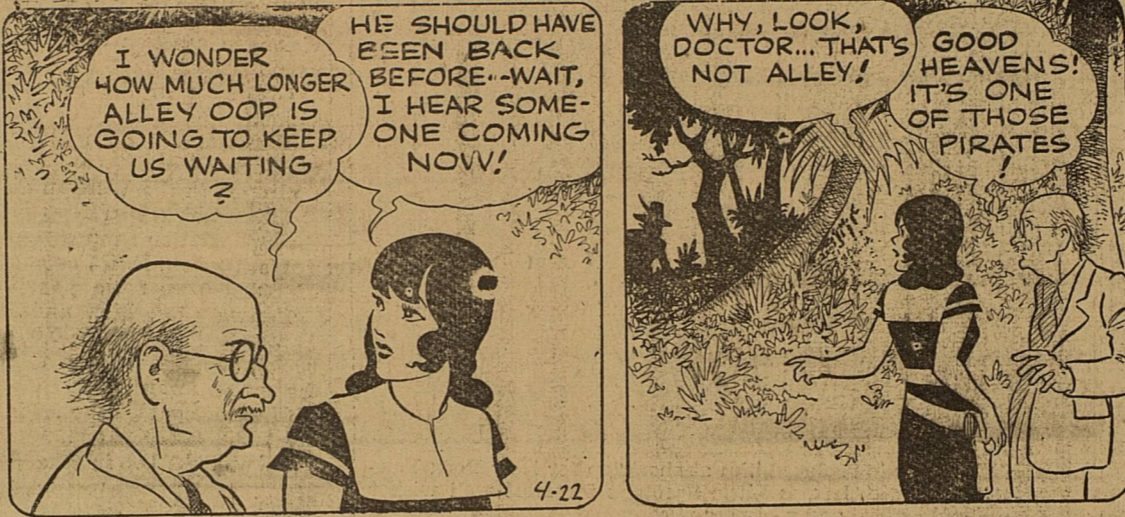
"Don't you see, Robert, dear, how far-reaching it is? Almost at once, we can control a continent. And then—and then—oh, Robert!"

In her little room Carolyn could almost hear her own heart pounding. As usual, when one eavesdrops intentionally or otherwise, the things she heard here were exceedingly disturbing. (To Be Continued)

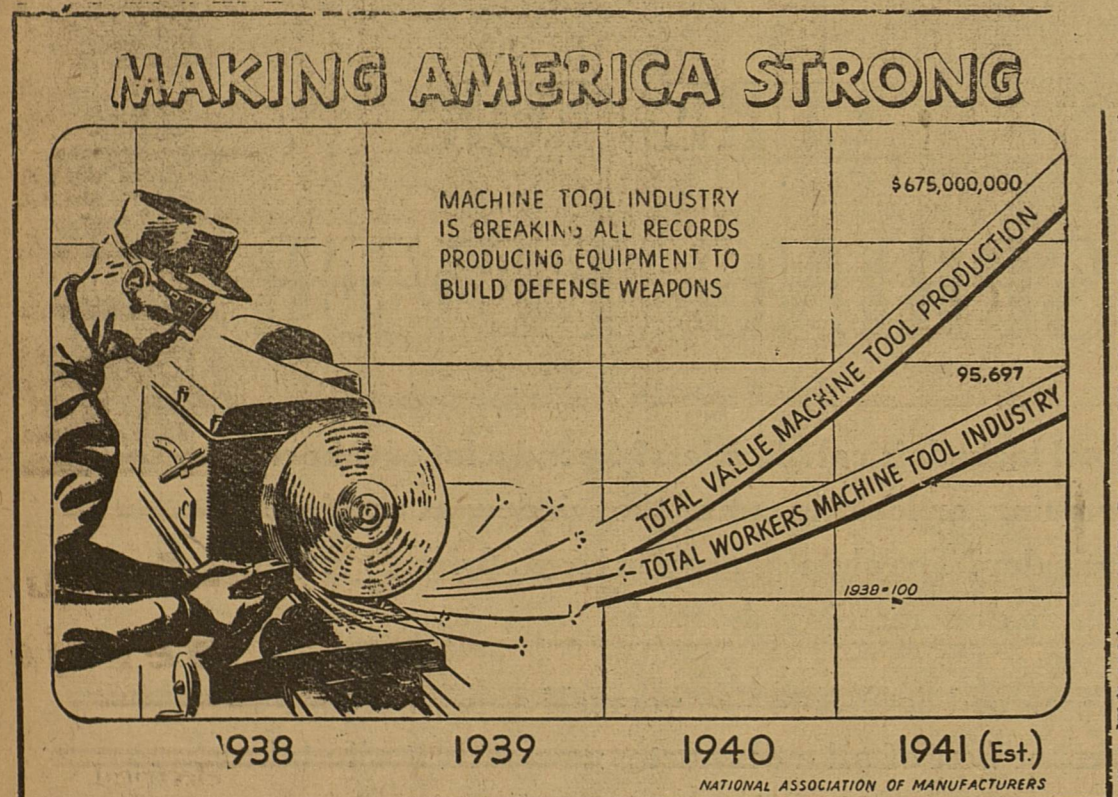
Losses



ALLEY OOP



BY HARMAN



This is one of a series of articles designed to inform the public of the progress being made by American industry in providing the weapons for national defense. The facts presented have been gathered in surveys of leading defense industries and from other authoritative sources.

Fortunately the industry had a "warm-up" for its stupendous job. Ordinarily, machine tools are used to make vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, radios, telephones, plumbing supplies and other peace-time products. But for several years before national defense suddenly became the American problem, the industry shipped machine tools to England and France to help solve the same problem there.

The industry, therefore, knew in a general way what would be needed for defense production and without waiting for plans, schedules, orders, or government funds, set out to fulfill this need. It takes from four months to two years to build a machine tool and most types have to be made to order. They cannot be turned out in duplicate by the thousands like radios and automobiles and kept ready for sale as needed.

In a single airplane engine there are often 900 different parts—and counting duplicate parts, a total of more than 8,000 separate pieces of metal. Yet with the exception of the rocker arms, every square inch of every one of those pieces must be machined—that is, shaped to size on a machine by metal-cutting devices that are called machine tools.

The expansion of the industry in "warming-up" for, and then tackling, its home defense job, is told in these remarkable figures: Machine tool production which in the four years of 1931-34 averaged only \$30,000,000 was pushed up in 1939 to \$200,000,000. Even in the 1929 peak didn't go that high. Then in 1940, that production was more than doubled—to \$450,000,000. This year it will be increased to between \$650,000,000 and \$750,000,000. Practically all of it is for the defense program of the United States—and for Britain.

This amazing expansion is being accomplished by (1) building new plants; (2) installing more equipment in old plants; (3) letting manufacturers not otherwise engaged in the defense program to make parts, important units and even whole machines; (4) training and employing new men so equipment can be used right and day, on two and three shifts; and (5) working overtime.

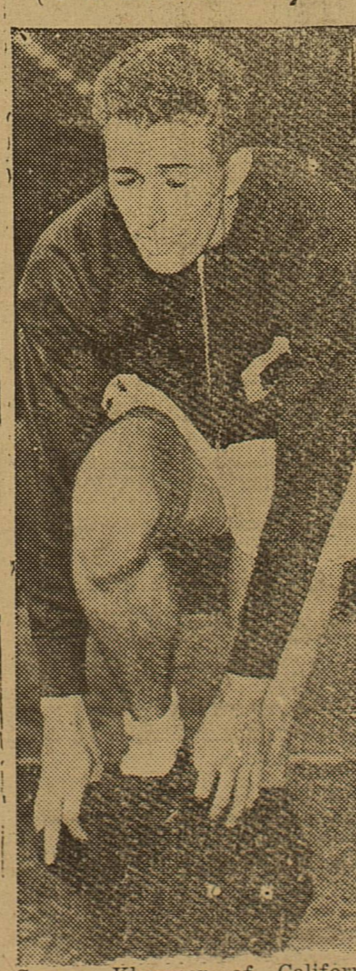
Remembering that defense orders have already been let for more than 130,000 engines, and more are to come, you begin to get some idea of the reason for today's tremendous machine tool demand.

Airplane engines, however, are only one item on the defense program. On order are 50,000 planes (most plane builders do not make their own engines) 300,000 machine guns, 13,000 trench mortars, 17,000 heavy guns, 1,700,000 rifles, and an endless list of other armament and munitions equipment—all consisting of metal parts made on machine tools.

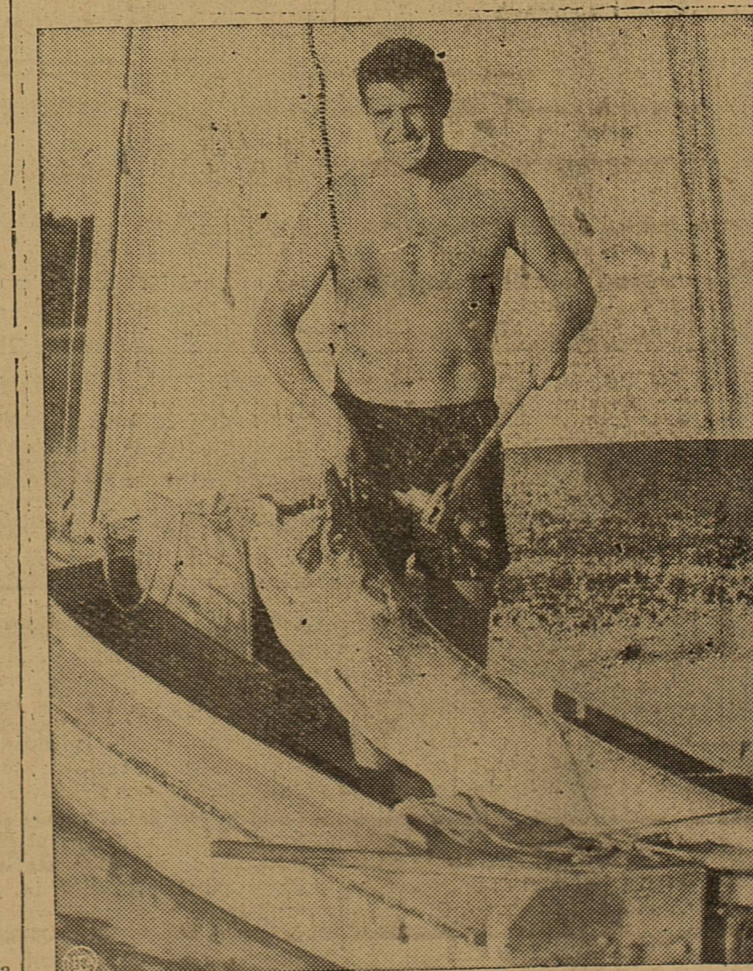
More Protestants Join Cavalry Than Any Other Region



Another Day



Tarpon Tale Tops Fish Stories



Grover Klemmer of California steps into sweat pants after 440-year race. Nation's swiftest quarter-mile established meet record of 47.4 as Bears bowed to Southern California, 74-54. Mark was 47.7.

Dick Czekalski had a reputation for veracity... up to now. But the manner in which Czekalski claims to have captured this 5-foot, 60-pound tarpon will probably get him branded as a teller of tall fish stories. The Georgetown junior says he beat the silver king over the head with an anchor, leaped on the monster, rode it under water like a horse, wrestled with it, and then threw it into his sailboat so he could dive to recover his anchor. The big one came to in the boat, broke a center rib of the craft as it lashed about with its tail.

Check Czekalski, home for spring vacation, testifies all this happened when a big school of tarpon ran right under his boat while he was sailing off Pass-a-Grille Beach, Fla.

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

THEY GET \$25 A DAY FOR 24 HOURS' WORK— THAT'S SETUP FOR UNHAPPY MEDIATION BOARD

BY PETER EDSON NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Oh, the life of a member of the new National Defense Mediation Board is not a merry one, as the 11 men and most of their 11 alternates have discovered.



Edson

When the board first met, a week after it was appointed, it conducted routine organization and then optimistically adjourned for two weeks and two days, waiting for the first case to be certified to it by the Labor Department.

Then the members scattered to their regular jobs, and since the President's order specified that they were to get \$25 a day plus expenses while actually on the job, they thought they were off the payroll. Instead, they've all worked every day including Sundays and at such hours as would bring the blush of shame to any advocate of the eight-hour day, or even the 12- or 16-hour day.

ON the week-end that they tackled the Allis-Chalmers case, their first session ran through to 1 a. m. Sunday morning and except for scrub women and janitors, they were practically the only occupants of the big Social Security building which is O. P. M.—Ordnance headquarters. The negotiators nearly fainted in the negotiations for un-

ly didn't and the basis for agreement was reached in 22 hours of dickering. Then, after the terms were announced Sunday night, the employe representatives were flown back to Milwaukee by a navy transport plane, so that the agreement could be ratified without delay.

The small staff includes Ernest P. Marsh, loaned by the Conciliation Service as temporary executive secretary, the good Mrs. Abbott who is Chairman Dykstra's secretary, a press relations man and a few stenographers recruited from O. P. M.

As the full board met April 10 for its first regular session attended by the entire membership, it therefore had behind it two weeks of strenuous experience in which three and four-member panels had tackled half a dozen important cases, but it still had no policy. To adopt that policy and formulate its rules of procedure were the two things the board hoped would come out of this meeting—if it could just find time off from its practice long enough to establish principles. Its two rules may be: (1) Go back to work. (2) Come to Washington and talk it over.

In the last war, in addition to a National War Labor Board, patrolling the present National Defense Mediation Board, there was a War Labor Policies Board. This board set up standards of working conditions, like the 8-hour day, many of which are now accepted provisions of existing labor law. In return for these guarantees in the last war, organized labor agreed that there should be no strikes during the war, and did not extend organizational activities to plants where there were no unions.

THE PAY OFF

BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Service Sports Editor

CREDIT Tris Speaker with an assist for tossing the April edition of The Bum-of-the-Month Club—Louis and Musto—out of Cleveland, where the old Gray Eagle of happy memory is chairman of the city boxing league.

Speaker has seen too many foul balls. He is a Texan, but wasn't tough enough to stand for or watch that one, so Ticket Scalper Jacobs peddled his pasteboards in St. Louis with great eclat.

Monopolist Jacobs can't be criticized. He can't help it if there are that many sadists and curiosity seekers in the world.

MIKE JACOBS has extended his private lease-lend operations to Cleveland, by the way.

Only a few weeks ago the local promoters were threatening to demand a congressional investigation of the Broadway bloke's control of men of war.

But other promoters cannot now live without Jacobs or with him.

SPEAKER and Cleveland will not okeh a printing of The Bum-of-the-Month Club.

They hope Publisher Jacobs keeps Billy Conn in the light-heavyweight division, where he belongs for another year.

That might open the way for a real 175-pound championship battle between Conn and Anton Christoforidis, who on four occasions knocked the good people of Cuyahoga county out of their seats.

THE Bum-of-the-Month Club reads more and more like a dime novel library, but no one can say Joe Louis isn't giving the average man a chance.

Some suspect Louis has gone back... so far that he can lick the entire field in one evening.

Lou Nova is now the big shot challenger. Few, if any, concede him a ghost of a show with Louis, but I recall the boys calling Gene Tunney the Greenwich Village Folly.

NOVA and Max Baer had hardly started the other night when Broadcaster Sam Taub gasped: "What durability these boys have!"

Which reminds me of sitting with Ad Wolgast in the old Vernon fight shed years ago, and watching his brother in a four-rounder.

"He's tired," remarked someone, as the younger Wolgast became weary in the fourth.

"Where has he been?" asked the Dutchman who went 40 rounds with Battling Nelson.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



THE RECORD CASE OF "BIG HEAD" BELONGED TO A VIRGINIA INDIAN! HIS SKULL UNEARTHED IN STAFFORD COUNTY, IS THE LARGEST KNOWN IN THE WORLD.

Man Gets Drunk In Jail Awaiting Trial

EL PASO, Texas—Ruben Hernandez spent several days in a cell awaiting trial on charges of attempting to smuggle sleeping

tablets to a prisoner in city jail. Finally his case came to trial and he appeared before the police judge—drunk. Jailers began an investigation. In the cell tier they found 12 pint bottles, empty. Police said they smelled as if they had contained wine.

# Society

## College Heads To Meet In Dallas

**By United Press**  
DALLAS, Tex.—The Association of Texas Colleges meets here in annual convention April 4-5 to talk of adjusting college aims to fit the national emergency.

Prominent speakers include Presidents Humphrey Lee of Southern Methodist University, Gordon Singleton of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Charles E. Friley of Iowa State, and Dr. W. B. Irvin, president of the Texas State Teachers' Association.

The Texas Junior College Association will meet here the day before the opening of the senior college meeting. Dean E. L. Harvin of Corpus Christi Junior College will preside.

## Laurel Root Used For French Briar In Making Pipes

**By United Press**  
HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.—The collapse of France has given the mountaineers of western North Carolina a new industry.

Thousands of dollars weekly are being paid the mountaineers for laurel root, the best substitute for French briar that pipe manufacturers have found in the United States.

The roots undergo a delicate processing before they are sent to the manufacturers, and new plants have sprung up as the demand increased. Here the cutting, drying and grading of the peculiar root is carried on.

Government foresters say the removal of these laurel roots, instead of proving harmful, will be beneficial in thinning dense areas of foliage that hinder healthy growth.

Mrs. Lance Webb, who has been seen a number of times in religious musical dramas, will be presented Wednesday by Mrs. W. P. Leslie, program leader, in a religious drama.

The women of Eastland are cordially invited to attend the luncheon served at high noon and the program which follows.

**W. S. C. S. Met Monday:**  
The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church met Monday afternoon for session at the church with Mrs. Wade Thomas, president, presiding.

Mrs. Joe Collins had charge of the program which was on the subject, "Stewardship Teachings." Mrs. Thomas read the scripture lesson.

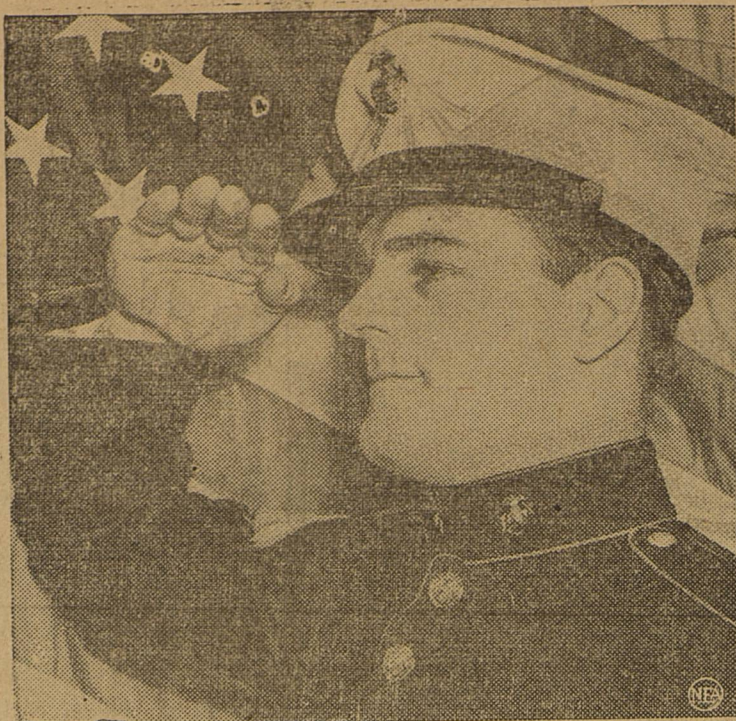
During the business session which followed, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Frank Crowell were elected delegates to attend the annual district meeting of the W.S.C.S. to be held in De Leon Thursday and Friday, April 24 and 25.

An announcement was made of the joint meeting of the circles to be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Castleberry next Monday at 3 p. m.

Members present: Mrs. B. O. Harrell, Mrs. Earl Bender, Mrs. M. H. Kelly, Mrs. Bert McGlamery, Mrs. W. H. Mullings, Mrs. Wade Thomas, Mrs. Joe Collins, Mrs. F. L. Drago, and Mrs. W. F. Davenport.

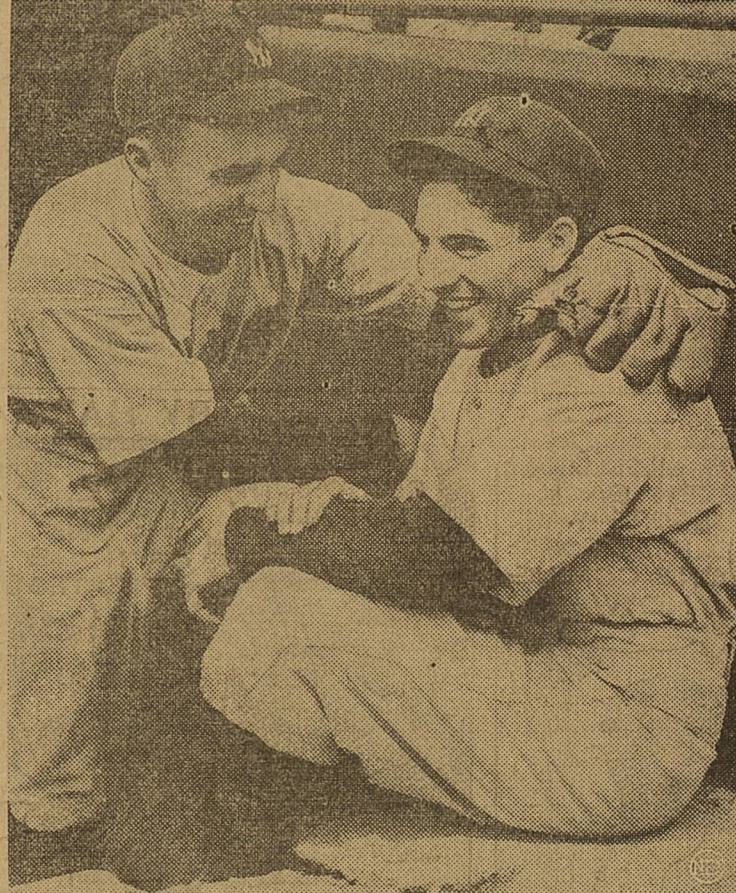
Approximately 55,000 dry holes have been drilled at a cost of over one billion dollars by Texas oilmen in their search for additional oil reserves.

## Reagan of the Marines



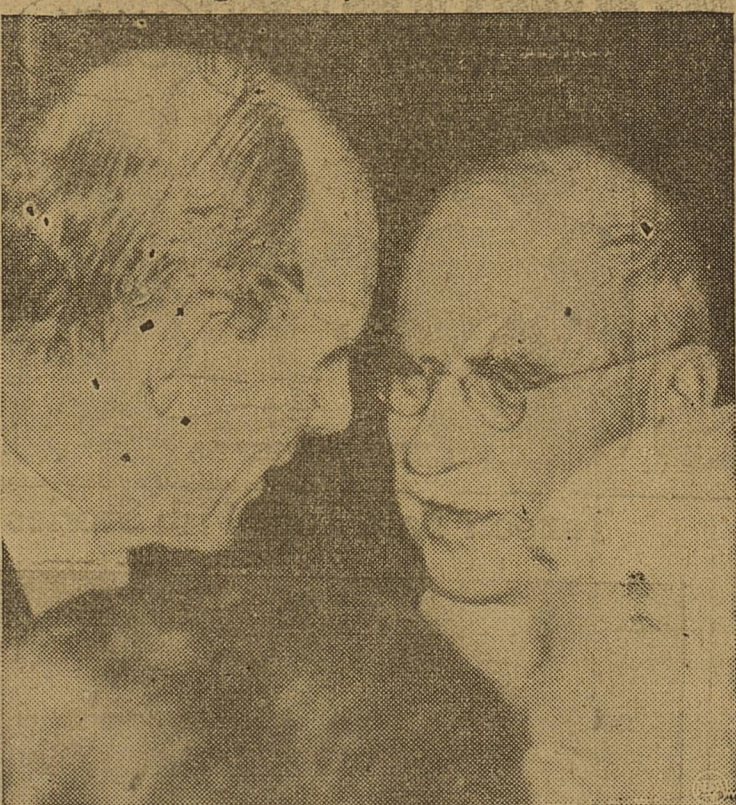
Francis A. Reagan salutes flag after enlisting in United States Marine Corps Reserves in Philadelphia. Pennsylvania's star back, who expects to be graduated June 11, is sought by Yankees and Phillies. He is a catcher.

## The Veteran and the Recruit



Though Phil Rizzuto replaced him at shortstop for New York Yankees, Frank Crosetti, left, is Little Scooter's foremost well wisher and whispers wisdom.

## English Spoken Here



British and American get heads together as Lord Halifax, ambassador to Washington, and J. P. Morgan talk at dinner of English Speaking Union in New York.

## Longest Beds In World Installed In Amarillo Hospital

**By United Press**  
AMARILLO, Tex.—A pair of "No. 11's" peeping out beneath the end of the covers inspired the move that gave this city the longest hospital beds in the world.

When the addition to the Northwest Texas Hospital was built a year ago, 7-foot beds were installed. The standard bed stretches only 6 feet, 6 inches.

The largest beds were made to order. Administrator Harry Hatch got the idea when he saw a pair of "No. 11's" sticking through the foot of a bed and resting on a table shoved in to meet the problem.

## Honor Roll Cities Have Safety Record

CHICAGO—For going through the entire year of 1940 without a single traffic fatality, 141 cities with populations between 5,000 and 10,000 were placed today on the Honor Roll of the National Traffic Safety Contest.

The National Safety Council, which conducts the contest, announced that this marks a decrease of 38 cities from the 1939

## Mountain Climbing Dog Ends Career

**By United Press**  
MT. HOOD, Ore.—Ranger, the mixed-blood Indiangog whose picture as a mountain-climbing celebrity was published in magazines from Portland, Ore., to London, no longer will lead parties of climbers to the summit of Mount Hood.

Ranger died at 15, and Ole Lien, veteran guide, placed his body in a box and carried it to the summit, 11,425 feet above the sea, where he buried it among the rocks over which the Mount Hood dog hero climbed so frequently.

Ranger, in his heyday, insisted on running around and covering thrice the distance of his laboring human companions on each ascent. He often made three climbs of the mountain in one day.

Honor Roll. Each of the cities will receive certificate of commendation in recognition of its outstanding work in the traffic safety field. A total of 1,81 cities and 48 states were entered in the various divisions of the Contest.

The Honor Roll cities in Texas include Lufkin, Goose Creek, Taylor, Mineral Wells and Brenham.

## Traffic Awards To States and Cities Explained

CHICAGO—Details of the traffic safety programs which won top honors for four states and seven cities in the National Traffic Safety Contest were outlined today by the National Safety Council, which conducted the contest.

One fact, the Council said, stands out in a study of the voluminous reports submitted by participants in the contest—that when modern traffic principles are applied consistently, intelligently and relentlessly, traffic accidents always are reduced.

The reports show further, the Council said, that success of any state or community in reducing traffic accidents is proportional to the size, scope and intensity of its traffic accident program.

It is especially important to remember that fact right now, the Council pointed out, because traffic hazards have been multiplied by the activities of the national defense program.

Connecticut won the national grand award for states, Kansas City, Mo., and Dallas, Texas, tied for the grand award among cities.

Three other states and five other cities won national grand awards. States were grouped geographically and cities by population.

The Council called attention to the fact that among the winners were states and cities which, not content with previous victories, had gone ahead to improve their traffic safety programs. Kansas City, for instance, won the grand award in 1939, while Oklahoma has won first place in its division for four straight years. Minnesota won in its division in 1939 and repeated in 1940.

States which won first place in their divisions were:

Connecticut in the Eastern division, in addition to winning the grand award.

Oklahoma in the Southern division.

Minnesota in the Midwestern division.

Oregon in the Western division.

Cities which won first place in their population groups were:

Washington, D. C., among cities of 500,000 or more population.

Kansas City, Mo., and Dallas, Texas, tied in the 250,000-500,000 group, as well as tying for the grand award.

Chattanooga, Tenn., in the 100,000-250,000 group.

Lakewood, O., in the 50,000-

100,000 group.  
Watertown, N. Y., in the 25,000-50,000 group.

La Grange, Ill., in the 10,000-25,000 group.

In addition to giving these first place awards, the Council rewarded other states and cities and announced a special honor roll of 141 cities of 5,000-10,000 population which went through 1940 without a traffic death.

Contest rules provide that national grand awards shall go to the state and city which, in the opinion of the judges, came nearest to doing the maximum that could be accomplished practically for traffic safety.

Some people who mean well don't always live within their means.

## Police Force Must Attend A School

**By United Press**  
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—Reed Vetterli, the ex-G-man who now heads the Salt Lake City police department, believes a little education won't hurt anybody—not even a policeman.

Vetterli, aware that he can hardly expect patrolmen to measure up to the F.B.I. standard, which calls for every agent to hold a law degree, is doing the next best thing.

He has instituted a six-week course in report writing, patrolling and criminal law. Every officer is required to attend—and to pass the examinations which conclude the class.

## College Hopes To Fill Bottlenecks

**By United Press**  
EAST LANSING, Mich.—Michigan State College has found that it has its own "bottleneck" problems—but the college is not troubled with eliminating them. It's trying to fill them.

Because of war-time shipping restrictions, the supply of corks obtained from Spain and Portugal is expected to be cut off.

Fearing a price rise or disappearance of corks from the market entirely, the state board of agriculture, college governing body, has appointed a committee to arrange for purchase of \$1,000 worth—the amount annually needed to supply college laboratories.

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