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COMMITTEE VOTES TO OUST LOBOES

Manager Youth Killed In Automobile Accident

GRIPINGS

By GUS
This column is published as a daily...

A crew of men was at work...

In passing I want to correct a...

This morning I was handed a...

Now, it may be that the milk...

See where some woman is suing...

So now, that my business works...

But with a good manager, every...

It won't be long now until auto...

It is known that in 1834 a...

YOUTH ADMITS RUNNING OVER THE DEAD BOY

Is Identified As C. H. Simpson By Markings In His Clothing.

O. H. Simpson, about 15 years...

L. R. Jay, who resides at 1219...

He was locked up in the city...

C. J. Durgan Is Fined on Plea of Guilty of Swindle

C. J. Durgan pleaded guilty to...

It is alleged that Durgan went...

When the school principal denied...

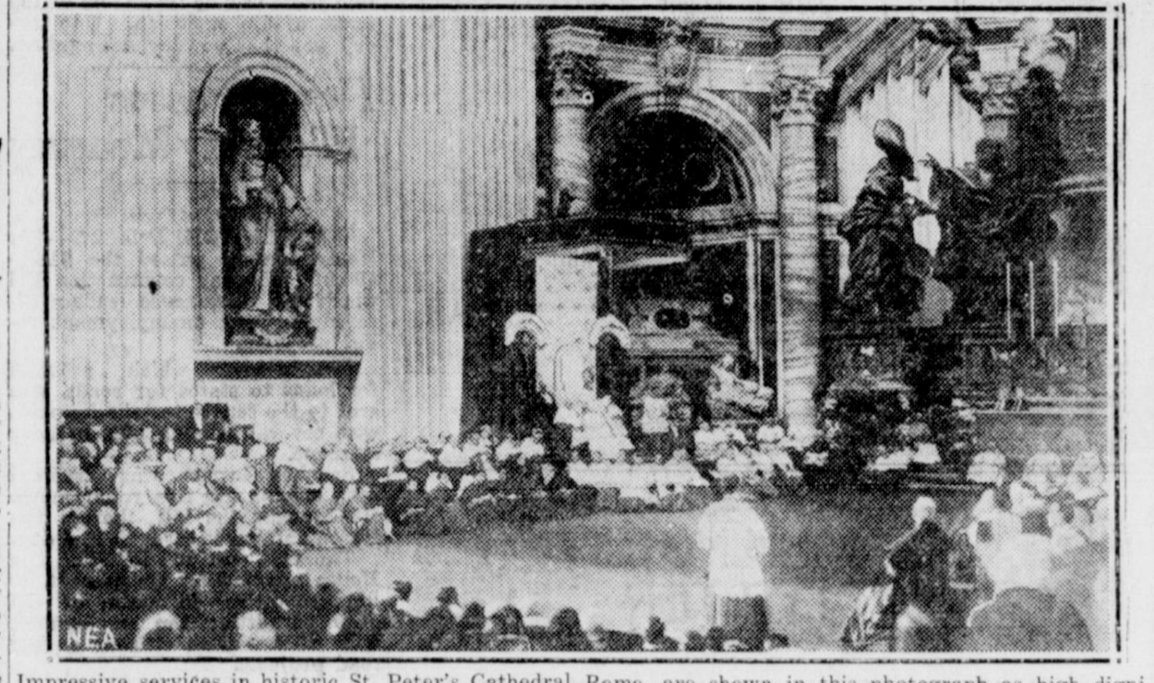
Al Smith Urges Wet Plank In Party Platform

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A plank...

Smith described President Hoover...

This statement brought a storm...

How Church Celebrated Pope's Ten Years in the Vatican



Impressive services in historic St. Peter's Cathedral, Rome, are shown in this photograph as high dignitaries of the church celebrated the tenth anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius XI.

BANDIT SLAIN; THREE SHOT AT FLORIDA CLUB

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 27.—Five...

More than 75 patrons in the...

The two left in the dining room...

The gang broke in an attempt...

Delegations To Attend State Highway Meet

AUSTIN, Feb. 27.—Twenty-one...

Will Scott of the board of city...

Capone Conviction Confirmed By Court

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—The United...

Follies Beauty Sues Pickford



When Mary Mulhern left the...

The prisoner said he was a...

Gas Field Law Will Be Tested

AUSTIN, Feb. 27.—Validity of...

Poet Laureate of State Appointed

HOUSTON, Feb. 27.—Judd...

Eastland Man Is Injured in Auto Crash Fri. Night

W. R. Duncan, 43, was killed...

WOOL RAISERS PLAN SPRING CLIP SELLING

Directors of the Oil Belt Sheep...

Upon arrival at Ranger the...

Mexican Boys Attempt to Wreck Passenger Train

SEGUIN, Texas, Feb. 27.—...

The boys told Sheriff A. W....

Japanese Take Kiangwan Village In Fierce Battle

SHANGHAI, Sunday, Feb. 28.

Golf Schedule To Be Mapped Out At Meet Today

The directors of the golf and...

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RECOMMENDATION IS MADE TO STATE COMMITTEE THAT CISCO BE BARRED FOR ONE SEASON

Motion To Have Oil Belt Team Disbarred From Participation In Interscholastic Football Is Result of Famous Hightower Case.

H. S. Von Roeder, principal of...

MERONEY TO HEAD DRIVE ON HOARDERS

W. D. Conway, president of the...

"Full data will be furnished...

Walters Denies Orders To Shoot

KILGORE, Texas, Feb. 27.—...

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W. C. Davis For Supreme Court

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If You Wish an Outdoor Living Room Next Summer—Plan Now



The old clock at the market stand is steadily ticking its way toward garden time and the garden lovers long for the feel and smell of the rich warm earth.
He is already planning a schedule of garden designs that starts with the mowing of the lawn and ends with the sowing of next fall's first crop. Perhaps you, too, are planning and it is well for you to do so or there are many things to be considered before the spade first turns the black soil and the gardeners slide away from the light that intrudes upon its privacy.
The successful garden is the result of careful planning. The space to be allotted to vegetables and greens must be decided upon. Rows, borders and beds of flowers must be laid out to insure beauty of arrangement and a succession of blossoming that will keep the touch of color undimmed throughout the summer and early fall.
And if you would have a delightful outdoor living room for the enjoyment of family and friends next summer this is the time its arrangement, furnishings and decoration. Plants, garden furnishings and ornaments. Features make the outdoor living room inviting and comfortable, and to some is attained to the mode of 1932 until the grounds are as livable as the house itself. Any real estate dealer will tell you that an outdoor living room actually adds a great deal more to the value of your property than it costs, and unlike most things you buy, trees, shrubs and evergreens increase in cash value every year after planting.
The possibilities of the garden are endless and the problems met with in developing a productive yet attractive garden are such that they cannot be solved in a day. No better time is available for deciding upon the purposes and appearance of this year's garden than now. Once the garden program is decided upon there is an added zest in carrying it out to realization, watching it develop under the guidance of hands that love the effort of gardening. Unless you plant this spring a whole year of enjoyment will be lost.

CRACKS IN THE DOME

By RAYMOND BROOKS
AUSTIN, Feb. 27.—The state set out this week its effort to hire an average employee at full wages to spend three years in answering a questionnaire.
That is what it amounts to in terms of state time and state expense.
The questionnaire is that drawn up by the joint legislative efficiency committee. It contains 52 questions, 45 of them to be answered by each employee of the state, the other seven by immediate superiors and department heads, on the blank of each employee in the service.
The blanks will take two hours' time on the average or 2,000 hours of 4,000 employees' state time for the execution. They will take a good many more hours for study, compilation, classification and follow-up.
In the name of efficiency, the information collected in these questionnaires, if followed through would give the state a basis for shifting, reassigning and weeding out its workers; almost wholly thought on the impersonal statistical basis.
If carried to its logical conclusion, when the state shall have organized a wholly efficient and perfectly-functioning personnel, and assigned each to duties for which he is exactly fitted, the system would call for that employee spending his life in the work, and since a state could not cold-bloodedly turn him out for having functioned well, would end up with a state pension system.

Former Eastland Judge Indicted On Arson Charge

Special Correspondent
BRECKENRIDGE, Feb. 27.—Tom B. Ridgell, former associate justice of the Eastland Court of Civil Appeals and once mayor of Breckenridge, will go to trial March 21 on an indictment returned in an attempt last December to burn a building owned by the Burtch Investment company.
Ridgell's attorneys, in a statement, asked the public to withhold judgment, pointing out that an indictment is no indication of guilt. He was released under \$1,000 bail.
Ridgell was appointed by Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson to the Eastland court when it was created in 1925. After serving one term he was defeated for re-election.
On Dec. 19, employees of a dry goods store in the building, coming to work, found a window had been removed from a skylight, that an inflammable liquid had been poured on coals hanging on a rack and that a saturated wick extended from the rack through the window and out upon the roof. The wick had not been lighted.

Penny Arcade Dodges Slump

By United Press
BOSTON, Mass.—Neither the depression, nor the competition of a nearby movie palace, advertising "All Seats 10 Cents," has been able to put John Shea's Penny Arcade out of business.
Occupying a grand corner location in Madison Scollay Square, the entertainment emporium—last of half a dozen that once thrived in that locality—has succeeded in keeping on its financial feet by adding a passport photo department, installing a juke-box, and other gadgets which collect nickels rather than pennies.
By inserting a cent in the slot you can still peer into the depths of one of those antiquated compartments and see such "rags" playlets as "A Game Chicken," "Is That Nice?" or "Why Be Good?" but it costs you a nickel to peek into the machine that unfolds "What Men Want," "Dance of the Foolies," or "The Bride's Celebration." The strength test known as "Pull the tiger's tail" likewise is priced at one cent, whereas it costs five cents to ride the stationary bicycle, a red-roving device.
Eastland isn't what it used to be. Proprietor Shea will tell you rather mournfully. But more than likely he'll add the opinion that there'll always be enough trade to support a well-conducted Penny Arcade.

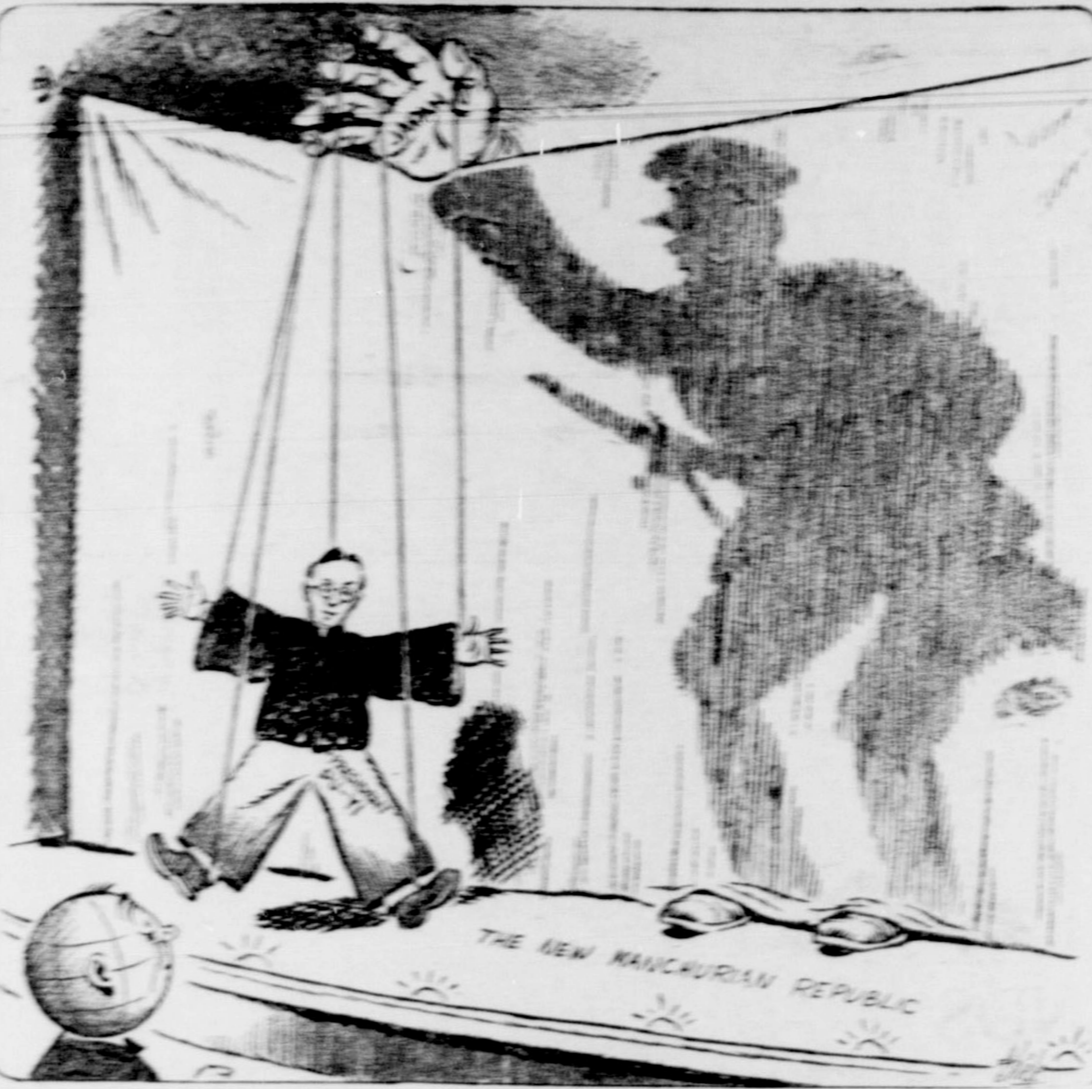
Chemists To Meet In New Orleans

NEW YORK.—More than 1,000 men of science from all parts of the country will assemble in New Orleans, March 28 to April 1, for the 53rd meeting of the American Chemical Society, the largest professional organization of its kind in the world.
In several hundred papers and addresses to be presented by scientists, achievements in chemistry which has gone on uninterrupted during the economic recession will be reported, according to an announcement by the president of the society, Dr. L. V. Redman.
A symposium on oil experts, under the chairmanship of Dr. E. T. Haslam, will feature the convention.

Two Men Killed In Train Wreck

By United Press
VAN BUREN, Ark., Feb. 27.—Two men were killed and several others injured today when a Missouri Pacific train was wrecked here. Seventeen cars overturned. The victims were riding in a freight car when the accident occurred.
One of the dead was identified as William Buchanan of Ada, Okla. The name of the second man was not learned.
Johnson City—Contract closed with T. P. & L. Co. for installation of street lights for city.

The Puppet Show!



Markets

By United Press.
Closing selected New York stocks:

American Can	47
Am P & L	14 1/2
Am Smelt	18 1/2
Am T & T	127
Amalgam	9 1/2
Ashland	8 1/2
Aviation Corp Del	2 1/2
Beck Steel	21 1/2
Byers A M	14 1/2
Case J I	15 1/2
Chrysler	11 1/2
Curtis Wright	1 1/2
Elect An L	29 1/2
Elmer St Steel	30 1/2
Fox Film	9 1/2
Gen Elec	28 1/2
Gen Mot	21
Gillette S R	28 1/2
Goodyear	19 1/2
Int Commt	11 1/2
Int Harvester	11 1/2
Johns Manville	22
Kroger C & B	15 1/2
Lib Carb	18
Monty Ward	27 1/2
Nat Engr	24 1/2
Pack Paper	9 1/2
Phillips P	9 1/2
Pratt O & G	5 1/2
Purity Bak	13 1/2
Radio	9 1/2
Sealed Air	11 1/2
Shell Union Oil	10 1/2
Southern Pac	26 1/2
Stan Oil N J	28 1/2
Studebaker	24 1/2
Texas Corp	11 1/2
Yale Ind Sul	24 1/2
U S Gypsum	24 1/2
U S Ind Alc	47
U S Steel	41
Vandium	24 1/2
Westing Elec	26 1/2

Curb Stocks:

Cities Service	6 1/2
Ford M Ltd	24
Gulf Oil Pa	24
Humble Oil	46 1/2
Niag Hud Pwr	4 1/2
Stan Oil Ind	15 1/2

WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
SEA Services Writer
WASHINGTON—Brevity, ability and sincerity is a combination not common among the job-holding politicians of Washington. It is likely to stand fast in the next election when the constituency finds out about it.
But there are a few such men here who manage to stay on the job.
Congressman Charles Robert Crisp of Georgia, usually called "Judge" or "Charlie," is one. Lately he has been getting a vast amount of attention because he became acting chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee when Chairman Collier of Mississippi took sick.
He is in command of the task of devising methods of raising new taxes amounting to billions of dollars.
His human qualities attract everyone—from elevator man to president. He is under medium height, with serious lined face and quiet dress. Serious cigars, heavy eyes in an apartment, save him from being more potent someone to him a simple boy Charles Robert Crisp of American for a nominal sum.
Takes society moderately. Favorite sport: Playing with 6-year-old granddaughter "Ginger" and young grandson Charles Robert in sandpiles or swings under his peach tree at home.
His Father Was Speaker
HE is 41 years old. His father was Speaker Charles Frederick Crisp. Crisp was Speaker-Speaker after the present Crisp was elected first to fill the unexpired term when his father died. He was then city judge at Americus from 1908 to 1911. When Champ Clark was looking for a parliamentary aid negro messenger who had served Speaker Crisp told him what a simple boy Charles Robert was. Clark sent for him and he held the job until his election to Congress in 1914.
For 12 years no one in his district has ventured to run against him.
His recent strug against a balanced budget, in which he warned of the stiff taxes which must come and brought possible political dangers, brought an extraordinary outburst of applause which demonstrated the respect which everyone has for him.
The labor commissioner also challenges the senator's party regularity in supporting Frank E. McVinch of Charlotte, state anti-South chairman in 1928, for the federal power commission.
Prohibition has been injected by Robert E. Reynolds, Asheville attorney, who polled 94,000 votes in a lone fight against Senator Overman in 1926.
Reynolds is for modification of the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act. His methods of campaigning are unique. In 1928, he toured the state in an open car. His coming was heralded by the chauffeur, who blew a trumpet. From his car, Reynolds gave red and white stick candy to children.
Mountain Leader
The fourth candidate is former Judge Thomas C. (Tom) Bowie, leader of the mountain country of northwestern North Carolina. Judge Bowie has assailed Senator Morrison on many issues.
In spite of the democratic majority in North Carolina, the strong republican minority cannot be discounted.
Jake F. Newell, Charlotte attorney, is expected to make the race for the republican senatorial nomination. Whether the G. O. P. nominee will be selected in convention, or primary, is unsettled.

Four Democrats Are In Race For Overman's Seat

By ROBERT A. ERWIN,
United Press Staff Correspondent.
RALEIGH, N. C.—Issues of national interest are involved in the impending battle for the democratic nomination for United States senator, which for more than 30 years has been equivalent to election in this state.
Power, prohibition, party regularity and the "big interests" are the chief issues. At present there are four candidates, including the white-haired Cameron M. Morrison, U. S. senator by appointment of Governor O. Max Gardner to succeed the late Lee Slater Overman.
Morrison is being attacked on the power, party regularity and "big interest" issues by State Commissioner of Labor Frank D. Crist. World war veteran, who has declared the chief question in the campaign is the "right of the little man to live."
Power Company
Crist is assailing Morrison for his stand in favor of the Duke Power company, of Charlotte, N. C. The senator's home town. Morrison declared the Duke company was a benevolent organization

Hope Abandoned For Miners Caught In Shaft Blast

By United Press
POCAHONTAS, Va., Feb. 27.—Rescue attempts to reach more than a score of miners entombed in the Brownson mine near here by an explosion which struck gas pipes with state, tonight abandoned as they had abandoned hope that the men were alive.
A district mine inspector attended a careful check, revealed 16 men were locked in the shallow shaft and that hope had been abandoned for any life.
Rescue crews were forced to withdraw to the surface for two hours at one time. Attempts to clear the shafting from the hole. Coffins were lowered and the men's sandwiches holding them in grim fingers.
The officials of the company said there was no indication of the cause of the explosion. One theory was that powder was ignited.

House Passes Highway Measure

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The House tonight passed the \$122,000,000 highway construction bill which the Democratic leaders offered as their unemployment relief program.
The measure, which provides for loans to states for roads, was sent to the senate to take its place with several pending bills broader in scope.
Speaker Garner was credited with originating this relief move. He brought the bill before the House and put it through in a day.
The vote was 284 to 109. The House adopted an amendment by Representative Thompson of 25 Pa. permitting the employment only of American citizens on the road projects.

Oil Royalty Suit Set In Court

By United Press
AUSTIN, Feb. 27.—The suit of the state against the Beagan County Purchasing Co., Inc., and six other oil organizations, alleging \$575,000 underpayment of royalties due the University of Texas, has been set in 1933 district court here March 21.

Yale's Apes Move Into a Penthouse

By United Press
NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Yale's experimental apes—like true anthropologists—now live in a penthouse.
Their handsome new abode is located atop the Sterling hall of medicine, a wing of the \$7,000,000 Institute of Human Relations building. The apes were moved over from the primates' laboratory on the property of Prof. Robert M. Yerkes, famous authority on ape psychology.
The apes' new home, commonly called the "ape farm," has been given a more "high-class" name in keeping with its luxury. It has been labeled "Laboratory of Comparative Psychology."
The professors in charge believe their specimens will thrive in the sunshine and fresh air of the penthouse. The university also has an ape farm in Florida, gift of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Gus Moreland Is Tourney Winner

By United Press
HOUSTON, Feb. 27.—Gus Moreland, Dallas, 19-year-old defending champion, won the Houston Country Club's 18th annual invitation golf tournament here today, defeating John Dawson, Chicago, 2-1.
Two thousand persons followed Moreland and his opponent around the course this afternoon as they battled on almost even terms. The match ended with each having a card totaling 151.
Prizes are to be offered in all events, the promoters of the affair said Saturday.

Rodeo To Be Held In Ranger Sunday

A rodeo, with bronc riding and horse races, is to be held at the Ranger airport on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. No admission charge is to be made, but a collection will be taken up to help pay for the prizes.
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V. Marie Stephens Edits School Paper

V-Marie Stephens, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Stephens of Ranger, was issue editor of the Daily Lariat, daily paper published by the students of Baylor university of Waco.
Miss Stephens was in charge of the issue of Feb. 24, which was a nicely arranged paper with a lot of news in it.

Still Seized In Ranger Saturday

Constable W. A. Hammett of Ranger raided a place within the city limits of Ranger Saturday and found a complete still, according to reports. No man or other equipment was reported found.
The place raided was near the head of Mirror lake, officers said.

SUNFLOWERS IN BLOOM

MOBILE, Ala.—Unseasonably warm weather has brought sunflowers to full bloom and matured petals to edible proportions in the garden of Police Lieutenant W. N. LeGear.

- THIS CURIOUS WORLD

DOCTOR CHARLES A. SPRENGER THREE HOURS ON THE TOP OF MOUNT WILSON IN CALIFORNIA, AND COOKED ALL OF HIS MEALS BY A FIRE WHICH WAS MORE THAN NINETY TIMES MILLION MILES AWAY.
THE CHANNEL SWIMMER'S DEAR HIMSELF IN GEAR IS AN OLD DUCKS HAVE DONE IT FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

THE CATALO... AN ANIMAL DEVELOPED BY BUFFALO JONES, IS HALF BUFFALO AND HALF DOMESTIC COW.

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Beginning Monday, Feb. 29th, at 8:00 a.m. and continuing for 10 days.
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LA-VANA and her operators are known the South over for their famous demonstration waves for beauty supply houses, and can properly design your hair and give you the style wave that will best suit your individual type and reflect your personal charm and attractiveness.
They have highly pleased the most discriminating. Make your appointments early.
Mrs. Pierce has served the ladies of Eastland in a most factory manner for the past several years with her constant staff of operators are thoroughly trained in respective lines of beauty culture and you will not be disappointed by adopting any beauty aid that is recommended through her shop.
She has made this campaign possible by the additional extra equipment to handle the volume and by securing services of these widely known operators who are experts in the art of permanent waving.

This Ad Worth 50 Cents
As a special advertising offer, we will give a credit of 50 cents to all ladies securing their work Monday February 29th and March 1st. BRING THIS AD WITH YOU.
COME WITH YOUR HAIR CLEAN
WE WILL ALSO FEATURE THE ARISTOCRAT \$4.95—(Special Expert Supervision). With this wave assured of the same quality wave that is sold in many places for \$15.00—(especially sold to those with fine or gray hair) positively guaranteed.
Get your Spring Permanent during this campaign get it done by operators who know how!

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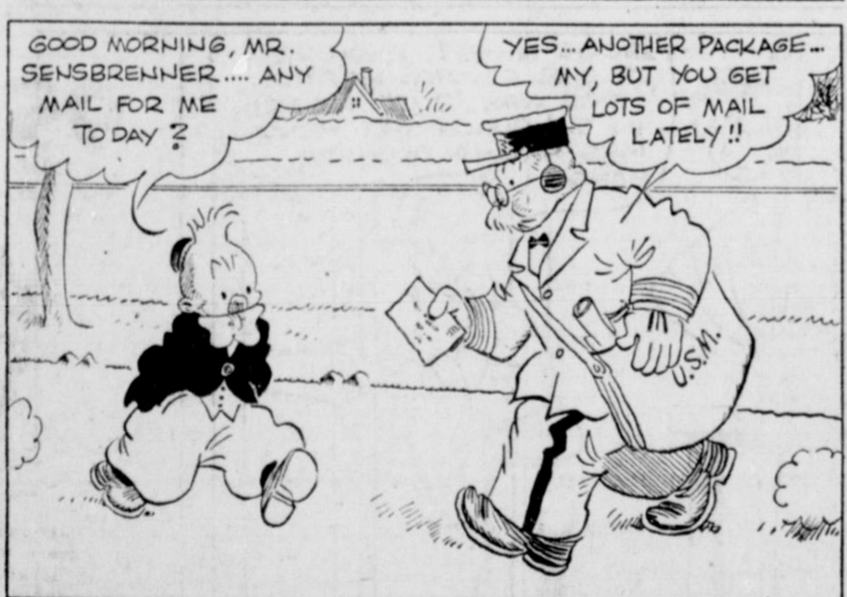
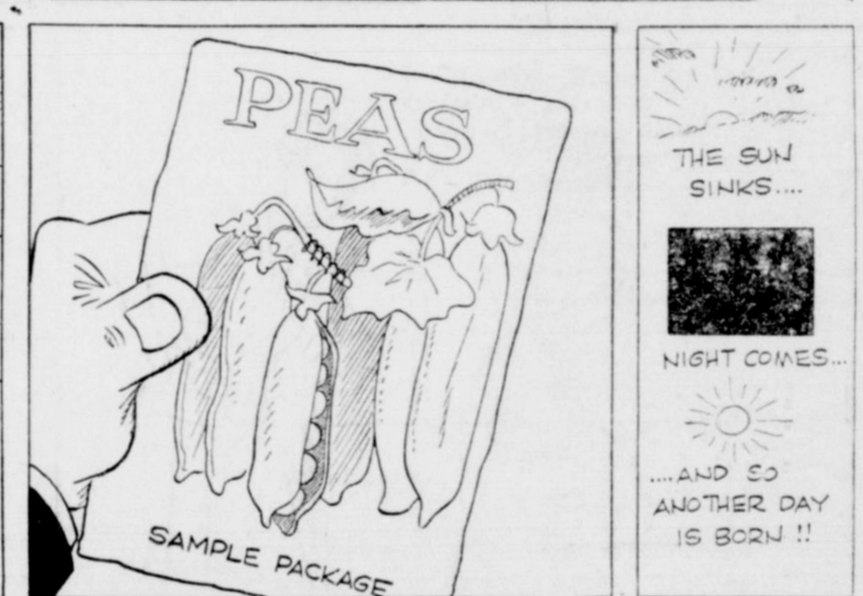
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Burette W. Patterson For District Judge

To the Citizens of Eastland County: The judge of the 38th District Court of this county, in announcing my candidacy I realize not only the honor, but the grave responsibility that comes to a district judge. The certainty of a speedy and unprejudiced trial according to the laws of our country are necessary to a contented and patriotic citizenship. To accomplish this I believe that the judge should be well learned in the law, to apply it promptly presented in his court; an, but have a high sense of justice; and he should have an executive ability to dispose of cases as to avoid delay in trials and expense to the county and at the same time have the right of every person to a complete and impartial hearing of his case. I do not presume to possess all these qualities to a perfect degree, but do feel that my age, training and experience have reasonably thus fitted me for this service. My political preferences shown in the past I am profoundly grateful, and will deeply appreciate this further honor. I so desire the confidence of my friends and other citizens of this county to give me their vote for judge of the district court with the position on my part that I am very best to be an able and honest judge and will conduct the court with all reasonable dispatch, and economy consistent with the constitution and laws of our state.

John Tarleton To Have Pecan School

Correspondent. GREENVILLE, Feb. 27.—A pecan school has been organized in conjunction with the Brazos Valley Pecan Growers association at John Tarleton Agricultural college, Greenville, Tex., Feb. 28 to 29. The association has been set for April 1932. The school will be held at the college and other places. The school will be held at the college and other places. The school will be held at the college and other places.

PLANS MODERN COLONY.

By United Press. HAVANA.—The government is planning a modern agricultural colony in Cuba to care for destitute farmers.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This paper is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the Democratic primary election July 23, 1932:

Judge 38th District Court: D. BARKER.

County Clerk: BURETTE W. PATTERSON.

County Sheriff: VIBGE FOSTER (re-election).

District Clerk: F. L. (Lewis) CROSSLEY.

County Clerk: C. BEDFORD.

SPECIAL NOTICES. TICKETS to Arcadia Theatre, 111 S. Main St., Ranger.

L. ERVIN, exclusive Baldwin Piano Co. Phone 111 S. Main St., Ranger.

KEY TO LOAN on automobiles. C. E. MADDOCKS & Co., Ranger.

FULL Permanent Waves, Loflin Hotel, Ranger.

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ES FOR RENT. E—Close in. 220 S. Main St., Ranger.

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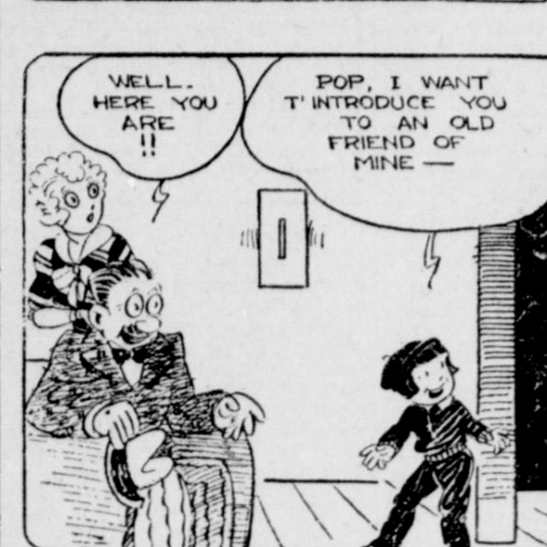
OLTRY, PET STOCK. E—Nice, red pigs \$3.00. A. Wilson, Olden.

E—Tubercular tested. Dr. Bob Hodges, phone 111 S. Main St., Ranger.

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The Newfangles (Mom 'n' Pop)



Beautiful Ellen Rossiter, salesgirl in Barclay's Department store, works nights as a dance hall hostess. She lives with her mother, Molly Rossiter, her elder sister, Myra, and her baby brother, Mike. At the dance hall she meets and falls in love with handsome Larry Harrowgate, an artist. Later she learns Larry is engaged to Elizabeth Bowers, a debutante. Steven Barclay, 57 and owner of Barclay's, is in love with Ellen. Without the girl's knowledge her mother invites him to dinner, borrowing money for the occasion. Ellen is furious, but when Barclay arrives she is compelled to be friendly. That night he asks her to marry him. She refuses. Gossip circulates at the store and Ellen asks to be transferred to another department. Barclay makes her an assistant buyer at an increased salary. She refuses to lunch with Larry because of her new job and they quarrel. He comes to Dreamland that night to apologize. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER XXII

Ellen had never thought of Larry in connection with anything so prosaic as work. To her he went with the gaiety, the lightness and laughter in the world. She knew he was an artist but when she had teased him for details of his work he only told her lightly that he was not an over-zealous artist. So she was considerably surprised a few days later when he came to Dreamland to ask if she would pose for him. A special show—the Shane Show he explained—was to be held in six months. If he could get one of the prizes for portraits his reputation would be made. Ellen's first impulse was to refuse him. She was too busy. Surely he could get someone better for a portrait, a society woman perhaps or an actress, someone well known. But he persisted. It would take only such a little time he pleaded. If she couldn't or wouldn't pose, then he simply would not enter the competition. Ellen hesitated, torn between prudence and desire. At last, against her better judgment, she agreed to do as he wished. "Ah, you're a darling to say you will," he exclaimed in relief and satisfaction. "I won't take much of your time. My studio has night lights and things. Sometimes if you're not too tired we could drop in there after you're through here."

Again the girl hesitated. "I don't want to sound like a prude," she said frankly, "but I'm afraid I can't do that." Seeing he wasn't puzzled, she went on, her clear, candid eyes on his. "My mother wouldn't hear of such a thing—and not because she doesn't like you, either. It's because she's old-fashioned, I guess, and I'm old-fashioned, too. I couldn't go to your studio at night without a chaperon. I wouldn't feel right about it."

"It would be all right on Mondays and times like that though. Myra could come then, too," she added. "You do see, don't you?" she asked appealingly. "I never saw a girl like you," Larry said wonderingly. "You don't drink. You don't smoke. And here you are insisting that you have a chaperon while I paint you in a gown Queen Victoria would have worn if she'd had the figure for it."

The light note went out of his voice. He pursued the subject with a kind of reluctant and unwilling admiration: "You're a queer little Puritan, Ellen, but I'm not sure I don't admire you for it. Girls nowadays are too free and easy—the kind I seem to know, anyhow. They've tossed away a lot trying to grab off the sort of freedom that doesn't seem to make them happy when they get it. It seems a silly thing to say, but I'm going to say

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it. You're a wise little girl, Ellen." He caught his breath and laughed at a confused, uncertain laugh. "It wasn't much. But Ellen treasured those words. Often during the next two weeks she went to sleep dreaming dreams of Larry. She was seeing a different side of him these days, was learning that he could work as well as play at high tension. She loved this different side of him, loved the inexhaustible enthusiasm he exhibited for color, for paint, for canvas, for real labor. Things at home, financially speaking, were going much better since she had received the increased salary at the store but the additional money from Dreamland was still necessary. Not for much longer Ellen hoped. Molly, fretful and distressed over the continuous companionship with Larry and not to be consoled by the fact that Ellen was seeing a great deal of Steven, had grown strangely apathetic. She seemed temporarily to have lost her ability to spend money before it was earned. Nevertheless Ellen had often the feeling of a tight-wire walker. She knew, did Ellen, how easily a budget can be upset. There were other things that gave her the feeling of a tight-wire walker. For one thing, even though she gave him countless opportunities, even though she could feel that he and she were coming closer and closer to some inevitable climax, Larry failed to say one word about his engagement. The name of Elizabeth Bowers, the gay debutante who was fitting over Europe before returning for her autumn wedding, had never been mentioned between them.

She had some times the strange feeling that in this double, or rather, triple life she was leading she was losing Molly, losing Myra and little Mike, losing touch with her home as she was certainly los-

ing touch with her duties at the store. She knew that Lorene Elliott was disappointed in her though nothing had been said. She knew all these things and yet could not feel regretful. Larry's very contradictions were a delight; the burning, feverish love she felt for him was an answer to her wild, young prayers of the year before. Nothing mattered when she was with him except that she should please him. Nothing mattered except that here was another evening an evening when she might learn where she stood toward that issue. Always he was eluding it.

Then came an August night when Bert and Myra accompanied her to the studio, one of the free Mondays that came all too seldom. It was unutterably hot even with the studio skylight wide open and all the casement windows denuded of curtains and swung out into the airless, starry night. At about 8 o'clock Bert protested he could bear no more and dragged Myra out to a neighborhood movie. They were returning for Ellen at 10, the hour the posing invariably was ended.

Larry worked for some time after they left, absently mixing his colors and absently wiping his brush on his faded smock, standing off to observe an effect, squinting at the canvas and then at Ellen almost as though he had never seen her before. But at 9 he flung down his brush, announced that it was too hot for anything except suicide, and banged off downstairs for ginger ale.

Ellen, left alone in the studio, wandered about marveling as she so often did at the contradictions in the man. The studio was bare and plain, so obviously the room of a workman that it seemed incredible Larry could have chosen it, incredible that he fitted there so well.

She was cramped and tired from the continuous strain of posing but she was very light hearted. She sat down at the gaily grand piano which commanded one corner, pushed back the top and attempted to remember enough of her childhood instructions to pick out a simple melody. The instrument was badly out of tune and her amateurish efforts were ludicrous. She was giggling at the discordancy when the door opened and Larry came in, laden with green bottles and a brown bag of sandwiches.

She shook her head when he insisted that she keep up the good work and rose hastily. So hastily that she knocked to the floor a photograph which had been lying face downward on the piano. She picked it up and gazed at the photograph.

Smiling out at her was the face of Elizabeth Bowers. Ellen's heart failed at his visual evidence of the unknown girl's possession of the man she loved. She felt as if the blood were draining slowly from her body. "Oh," she said, after a horrible, endless interval. "What a—a pretty girl!" "Yes, isn't she," Larry agreed. He put down the bottles and the bag of sandwiches, came over and

removed the photograph from Ellen's fingers and laid it back on the piano face down. "She's rather a good sort," he said casually. "A friend of mine. What do you say we eat?" Ellen, a bright fixed smile on her face and death in her heart, agreed that they should eat. Oh, why hadn't he told her the whole truth? She thought she could have forgiven him everything if only he had told her. She desired passionately to blot him forever from her

sight and from her memory. She wanted to tell him that, brutally and cruelly. She desired that he should be hurt as she herself had been hurt. But she restrained her passionate, accusing words. She said only that she would dress while he laid out the simple meal. Her voice sounded flat and tame.

"What's wrong with you?" Larry asked, puzzled. She wanted to cry out that he knew well enough what was wrong. She wanted to tax him

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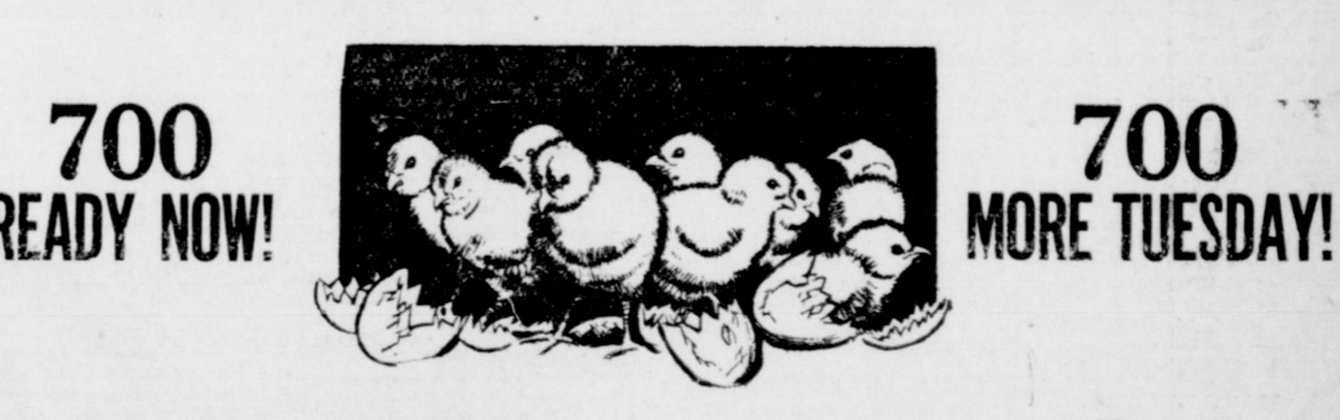
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