

The BENSON MURDER CASE

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Characters of the Story

PELO VANCE
JOHN F. X. MARKHAM, District Attorney of New York
ALVIN H. BENSON, Well known Wall street broker and man-about-town, who was mysteriously murdered in his home.
MAJOR ANTHONY BENSON, Brother of the murdered man.
MRS. ANNA PLATZ, Housekeeper for Alvin Benson.
MURIEL ST. CLAIR, A young singer.
CAPTAIN PHILIP LEACOCK, Miss St. Clair's fiancé.
LEANDER PFYFE, Intimate of Alvin Benson's.
MRS. PAULA BANNING, A friend of Pfyfe's.
ELSIE HOFFMAN, Secretary of the firm of Benson and Benson.
COLONEL HIGSBY OSTRANDER, A retired army officer.
WILLIAM H. MORIARTY, An alderman.
GEORGE G. STITT, Of the firm Stitt and McCoy, Public Accountants.
MAURICE DINWIDDIE, Assistant District Attorney.
BERNARD HEATH, Sergeant of the Homicide Bureau.
BURKE SMITHSON, EMERY, Detectives of the Homicide Bureau.
BEN FANLON, Commanding Officer of Detectives assigned to District Attorney's office.
PHILIP TRACY, SPRINGER, HIGGINBOTHAM, Detectives assigned to District Attorney's office.
CAPTAIN CARL HAGEDORN, Fire-arms expert.
DR. DOREMUS, Medical examiner.
FRANK SWACKER, Secretary to the District Attorney.
CURRIE, Vance's valet.
S. S. VAN DINE, The Narrator.

THIS HAS HAPPENED

After preventing the arrest of several suspected persons, Vance promises to solve the mystery on a certain date. He works up hypothetical cases against Mrs. Platz and Colonel Ostrander and then tears them to shreds—to prepare Markham to accept his case against the real murderer. He takes Markham to Major Benson's apartment where he finds a Colt .45, the type of gun which Alvin Benson had been shot.

NOW BEGIN THE STORY

He extracted the magazine, and poured the cartridges onto the night-table, where they lay in a neat row before us. There were seven—the full number for that style of gun.

"Again, Markham, I present you with one of your revered clues. Cartridges that remain in a magazine for a long time become slightly tarnished, for the catch-plate is not airtight. But a fresh box of cartridges is well sealed, and its contents retain their lustre much longer."

He pointed to the first cartridge that had rolled out of the magazine.

"Observe that this one cartridge—the last to be inserted into the magazine—is a bit brighter than its fellows. The inference, you know—that it is a newer cartridge, and was placed in the magazine rather recently."

He looked straight into Markham's eyes.

"It was placed there to take the place of the one which Captain Hagedorn is keeping."

Markham lifted his head jerkily, as if shaking himself out of an encroaching spell of hypnosis. He smiled, but with an effort.

"I still think your case against Mrs. Platz is your masterpiece."

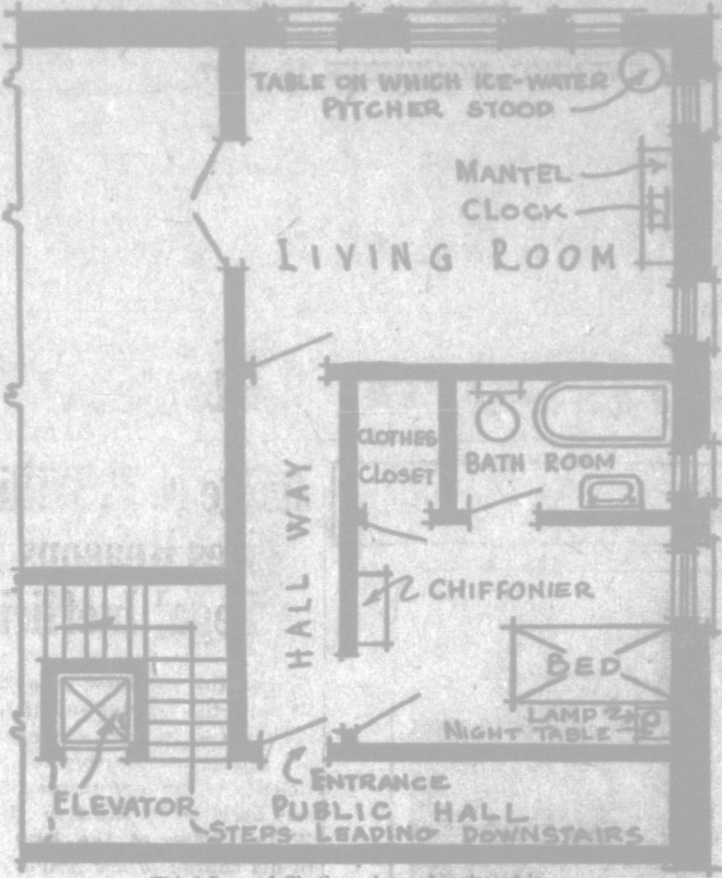
"My picture of the Major is merely blocked in," answered Vance.

"The revealing touches are to come. But first, a brief catechism: How did the Major know that brother Alvin would be home at 12:30 on the night of the thirteenth?—He heard Alvin invite Miss St. Clair to dinner—remember Miss Hoffman's story of his eavesdropping?—and he also heard her say she'd unfailingly leave at midnight."

"When I said yesterday, after we had left Miss St. Clair, that something she told us would help convict the guilty person, I referred to her statement that midnight was her invariable hour of departure. The Major therefore knew Alvin would be home about half past twelve, and he was pretty sure that no one else would be there. In any event, he could have waited for him, what?"

"Could he have secured an immediate audience with his brother as desirable?—Yes. He tapped on the window; his voice was recognized beyond any shadow of doubt; and he was admitted instantly."

"Alvin had no sartorial propensities in front of his brother, and would have thought nothing of receiving



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him without his teeth and toupee. Is the Major the right height?—He is. I purposely stood beside him in your office the other day; and he is almost exactly five feet, ten and a half."

Markham sat staring silently at the disembowelled pistol. Vance had been speaking in a voice quite different from that he had used when constructing his hypothetical cases against the others; and Markham had sensed the change.

"We now come to the jewels," Vance was saying. "I once expressed the belief, you remember, that which we found the security for Pfyfe's note; we would put our hands on

the murderer, I thought then the Major had the jewels; and after Miss Hoffman told us of his resignation her not to mention the package, I was sure of it.

"Alvin took them home on the afternoon of the thirteenth, and the Major undoubtedly knew it. This fact I imagine, influenced his decision to end Alvin's life that night. He wanted those baubles, Markham."

He rose jauntily and stepped to the door.

"And now, it remains only to find 'em. The murderer took 'em away with him; they couldn't have left the house any other way. Therefore, they're in this apartment. If the Major had taken them to the office, someone might have seen them; and if he had placed them in a safe deposit-box, the clerk at the bank might have remembered the episode. Moreover, the same psychology that applies to the gun, applies to the jewels."

"The Major has acted throughout on the assumption of his innocence; and, as a matter of fact, the trinkets were safer here than elsewhere. There'd be time enough to dispose of them when the affair blew over. Come with me a moment, Markham. It's painful, I know; and your heart's too weak for an anesthetic."

Markham followed him down the passageway in a kind of daze. I felt a great sympathy for the man; for now there was no question that he knew Vance was serious in his demonstration of the Major's guilt.

Indeed, I have always felt that Markham suspected the true purpose of Vance's request to investigate the Major's alibi, and that his opposition was due as much to his fear of the result as to his impatience with the other's irritating methods.

Not that he would have balked ultimately at the truth, despite his long friendship for Major Benson;

but he was struggling—as I see it now—with the inevitability of circumstances, hoping against hope that he had read Vance incorrectly, and that, by vigorously contesting each step of the way, he might alter the very shape of destiny itself.

Vance led the way to the living-room, and stood for five minutes inspecting the various pieces of furniture, while Markham remained in the doorway watching him through narrowed lids, his hands crowded deep into his pockets.

"We could, of course, have an expert searcher ransack the apartment over inch by inch," observed Vance. "But I don't think it necessary. The Major's a bold, cunning soul; witness his wide square forehead, the dominating stare of his globular eyes, the perpendicular spine, and the indrawn abdomen."

"He's forthright in all his mental operations. Like Poe's Minister D—, he would recognize the utility of painstakingly secreting the jewels in some obscure corner. And anyhow, he had no object in secreting them. He merely wished to hide 'em where there'd be no chance of their being seen. This naturally suggests a lock and key, what? There was no such cache in the bed-room—which is why I came here."

He walked to a squat rose-wood desk in the corner, and tried all its drawers; but they were unlocked. He next tested the table drawer; but that, too, was unlocked. A small Spanish cabinet by the window proved equally disappointing.

"Markham, I simply must find a locked drawer," he said.

He inspected the room again, and was about to return to the bed-room when his eye fell on a Circassian-walnut humidor half hidden by a pile of the center-table. He stopped abruptly, and going quickly to the box, endeavored to lift the top. It was locked.

"Let's see," he mused; "what does

the Major smoke? Romeo y Julieta, Perfectos, I believe—but they're not sufficiently valuable to keep under lock and key."

He picked up a strong bronze paper-knife lying on the table, and forced its point into the crevice of the humidor just above the lock.

"You can't do that!" cried Markham, and there was as much pain as reprimand in his voice.

Before he could reach Vance, however, there was a sharp click, and the lid flew open. Inside was a blue-velvet jewel-case.

"Ah! 'Dumb jewels more quick than words,'" said Vance, stepping back.

Markham stood staring into the humidor with an expression of tragic distress. Then slowly he turned and sank heavily into a chair.

"Good God!" he murmured. "I don't know what to believe."

"In that respect," returned Vance, "you're in the same disheartening predicament as all the philosophers. But you were ready enough, don't you know, to believe in the guilt of half a dozen innocent people. Why should you sag at the Major, who actually is guilty?"

His tone was contemptuous, but a curious, inscrutable look in his eyes balled his voice; and I remembered that, although these two men were welded in an indissoluble friendship, I had never heard a word of sentiment, or even sympathy, pass between them.

Markham had leaned forward in an attitude of hopelessness, elbows on knees, his head in his hands.

"But the motive," he urged. "A man doesn't shoot his brother for a handful of jewels."

"Certainly not," agreed Vance. "The jewels were a mere addendum. There was a vital motive—rest assured. And, I fancy, when you get your report from the expert accountant—all—or at least a goodly

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CONGRESS—Within a short time—December 5, to be exact—the seventieth United States Congress will convene for what appears destined to be one of the most important sessions. Coming as it does just before a presidential year, its political aspects are impressive.

This will be a "long session," in that it probably will be in almost continuous session until June, when it will recess to meet again later for a few weeks. During that recess national policies will be forming, and the country will seethe with the events surrounding the two chief party conventions, which will be held during that time.

Flood control legislation and farm relief stand out as the great major problems of the coming session, with agitation over extent of tax reduction a third subject for thought. Of these the lamented McNary-Haugen farm bill and similar plans will be the most debated, according to advance predictions.

And because of the political aspects and the need for each Congressman to impress the home folks favorably, the capitol will ring with eloquence and honeyed and bitter phrases. Practically the full membership of the House and two-thirds of the Senate will be up for re-election in 1928. A few ambitious Congressmen are weighing their words carefully in the hope of being called as presidential candidates. It is logical to assume, therefore, that the efficiency of the seventieth Congress will be impaired by political maneuvers.

The House has 238 Republicans, 194 Democrats, 2 Farm-

er-Labor members, and one Socialist. The Republican majority is 41. The parties are nearly even in the Senate, where the alignment shows 48 Republicans, 47 Democrats, and one Farmer-Labor member. The Republican hold on the Senate is so threatened that the Vare-Smith contests are sure to be pressed. If Smith and Vare, charged with spending too much money in the 1926 primaries, should be barred, the Democrats will have the lead by one vote. Senator Shipstead, Farmer-Laborite, probably would even the count in most instances by voting with the Republicans. From the G. O. P. standpoint, there is danger in the Independent-Republican crowd, which boasts such talent as Johnson, Borah, Brookhart, Howell, Norris, Frazier, Nye, LaFollette and Blaine. This array holds the whip hand over the administration, and there are some sharp critics in the ranks. Senator Nye, which spelling may be changed to "nay" this session, will fight tax reduction until he sees the Mississippi problem solved and Boulder Dam and Muscle Shoals disposed of to his satisfaction.

Furthermore, Coolidge, having renounced his possible candidacy for re-election, will feel free to make strong suggestions and try to push administration measures through—having in mind, of course, the effect of the session on his party next year. Indications point to the most interesting session in years.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER, NEA Service Writer

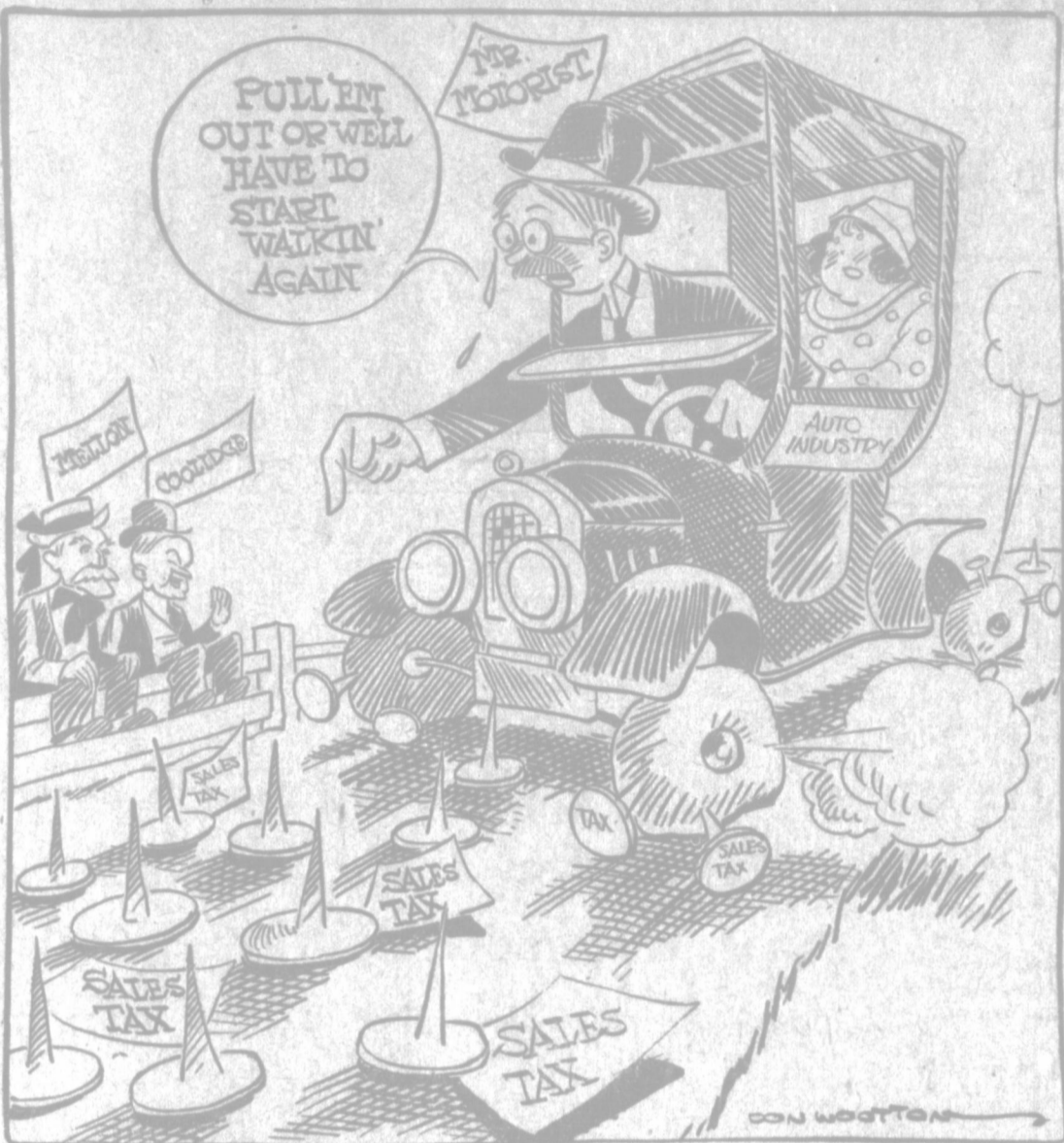
WASHINGTON—The seventieth Congress will soon meet and consider various issues of import and if the people of the United States refuse to get excited about these issues, it may be because many of them have been up in one form or another for the last 125 or 150 years.

The twentieth century finds Mayor Bill Thompson of Chicago howling against King George III just as the eighteenth century found the "athens howling likewise. The administration of George Washington had its problems of taxes, debt reduction, federal economy, armaments, third term, foreign relations and so on, even as the administration of Calvin Coolidge. There were blocs and lobbyists then as now, and there were statesmen to protest them.

Washington waited until September, 1796, two months before election time, to decline a third term in his famous farewell address. Incidentally, he used a form of the word "choose" when he appraised the country of his resolution "to decline being considered among the number of those out of whom a choice is to be made." He was not ambiguous; he actually apologized for his decision; he used about 500 words where Coolidge used 10 and everyone knew what he meant. There was no talk of drafting him and the Senate had no need to pass any anti-third term resolution.

"Every day the increasing weight of years admonishes me more and more that the shade of retirement is as necessary to me as it will be welcome," he said. "While choice and prudence invite me to quit the political scene, patriotism does not forbid it."

Mebbe the Boys Think It's Still Hallowe'en



Washington, too, apparently had a "western wing" on his hands, although it may not have resembled the Norris-Borah group which undertakes to array the west against the east.

"In contemplating causes which may disturb our nation," he said, "it occurs, as a matter of serious concern, that any ground should have been furnished for characterizing parties by geographical discriminations—Northern and Southern, Atlantic and Western—whence designing men may endeavor to excite a belief that there is a real difference of local interests and views. The inhabitants of our western country have lately seen a decisive proof how unfounded were the suspicions propagated among them of a policy in the general government and in the Atlantic states, unfriendly to their interests."

He warned against blocs and lobbies—"all combinations and associations, under whatever plausible character, with the real design to direct, control, counteract or awe the regular deliberation and action of the constituted authorities... which would 'put in the place of the delegated will of the nation the will of a small but artful and enterprising minority of the community... as likely to become 'potent engines by which cunning, ambitious and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people.'"

As for economy, armaments and debts: "Avoid occasions of expense by cultivating peace, but remembering also that timely disbursements to prepare for danger frequently avoid much greater disbursements to repel it; avoiding likewise the accumulation of debt, not only by shunning occasions of expense, but by vigorous exertions in time of peace to discharge the debts which unavoidable wars may have occasioned, not ungenerously throwing on prosperity the burden which we ourselves

TWINKLES

The winter season's new dance is the waltz, it is said, but that trend wasn't inspired by dancing around in our northern. You can dance around in the snow in some places and keep warm, but not in the Panhandle. For one thing, we haven't the ought to bear."

The national parent warned against undue affection or hatred toward any foreign country, remarking sapiently that "There can be no greater error than to expect or calculate on real favors from nation to nation."

Perhaps the next Congressional award should go to the Italian in Chicago who is asking for a divorce because his wife refused to come to dry America.

"Sex swagger" is a popular term since it has been applied to Ruth Elder. Its principal ingredient is forgetfulness of mere men, such as Haldeman.

Of course, if that Pecos well wants to run wild, let 'er go, but we don't like the principle of the thing.

The binder manufacturer is trying to get away from the tie that binds.

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PRESS FORUM

AN IMPORTANT DECISION. The supreme court of the United States has just handed down a decision that is destined to exert a very strong influence on all future damage suits arising from grade crossing collisions.

It reversed a decision of the lower courts which had sustained a verdict of damages won by a woman for the death of her husband in a grade crossing accident.

The evidence showed that the victim had slowed down his car to five or six miles an hour forty feet from the crossing, but this fact failed to impress the supreme court. He was held guilty of negligence.

The opinion, written by Mr. Justice Holmes, asserted that "in such circumstances it seems to us if the driver cannot be sure otherwise whether a train is dangerously near he must stop and get out of his vehicle, although obviously he will not often be required to do more than stop and look. It seems to us if he relied upon not hearing the train or any signal and takes no further precaution he does so at his own risk."

This clearly places responsibility for such accidents upon the shoulders of the driver. The driver in question listened, but he failed to stop and (if we follow the court's ruling) also failed to look. The decision means that the driver must not only listen, but must stop and look.

It will be quite some time before all grade crossings are eliminated, and the court's decision is apt to exert influence for many years to come.—Abilene News.

Habitual silence isn't proof of wisdom, however, unless he is a married man.—The Montana Record-Herald.

Even if the skin of the hippopotamus is two inches thick, we know that with a face like his he needs that much.—Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader.

There is an opening for the political efficiency expert who can design a dry platform for a damp climate.—The Illinois State Journal.

FRECKLES And His FRIENDS To the Rescue By Blosser

THE TICKET THAT FRECKLES FOUND AND THREW AWAY IS THE LUCKY NUMBER THAT WINS THE TURKEY! — BUT THE TICKET IS GONE!! OUCH LUCK!

OF ALL THE DUMB BELLS I EVER SAW FRECKLES TAKES THE CAKE—GOES AND THROWS HIS TICKET AWAY AND NOW IT WINS A BIG TURKEY

YES—AN IF YOU WOULDN'T MADE ME THROW IT AWAY WE COULD HAVE A NICE TURKEY FOR OUR THANKSGIVING!

TOSH-TUSH-A TUSH LIKE THAT WOULDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN IN A MILLION YEARS—NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK!!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, FRECKLES?

AN—I HAD A TICKET AN POP SAID IT WASN'T ANY GOOD SO I THREW IT AWAY AN NOW I'D HAD IT I COULD SET A NICE BIG TURKEY FOR NUTRIN—

IS THAT IT? YES

WOMEN'S PAGE

SOCIAL NEWS

BY MISS LEORA MAY

PHONE 100

Mrs. Porter Malone Is Hostess to Bridge Club Tuesday

Mrs. Porter Malone was hostess to Just a Mere Bridge club Tuesday afternoon in her home on East Foster. The rooms were very attractive with lovely cut flowers in autumn shades. Thanksgiving suggestions were used in the favors and nut cups. First, second, and third high scores were awarded to Mrs. Harry Marbough, Mrs. W. P. Clark, and Mrs. T. K. Underwood. Lovely book-ends and hand painted vases were given as prizes. Mrs. Kelly Holt was elected as a new member of the club. The hostesses served a delicious two-course luncheon to Mrs. W. W. Upton, Mrs. W. P. Clark, Mrs. H. W. Hickman, Mrs. Walter Darlington, Mrs. T. K. Underwood, Mrs. Kelly Holt, and Mrs. Harry Marbough.

Mrs. L. N. McCullough Entertains Amusu Bridge Club Tuesday

Mrs. L. N. McCullough was hostess Tuesday afternoon to the members of the Amusu Bridge club and a few friends. The Thanksgiving note was attractively carried out in the decorations and table accessories. The time was enjoyably spent in several highly interesting bridge games. The hostess served most delicious refreshments to the following members: Mrs. Alex Schneider Jr., Mrs. A. H. Doucette, Mrs. C. T. Hunkapillar, Mrs. C. E. Kingsbery, Mrs. W. L. Woodward, Mrs. W. A. Bratton, Mrs. M. A. Finney, Mrs. Lester Chiles, Mrs. G. C. Walstad, Mrs. Joe Smith, and guests, who were Mrs. John Willis, Mrs. John Gram, Mrs. G. A. Holloway, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. J. M. Dodson, and Mrs. J. M. McDonald.

Mrs. J. F. Murfee has returned to Lubbock for a visit with relatives.

Barney C. Moore of Amarillo is a business visitor in Pampa today.

Mrs. Sutton of Magic City is in Pampa taking treatment for injuries recently received in the Shamrock field.

Judge Wortman returned Tuesday from a business trip to Kansas City, and various points in Arkansas.

Wade Duncan is an Amarillo visitor today.

Biggs Horn, Horace W. Park, and W. C. Upton returned Tuesday from Terrell where they attended the wedding of W. T. Fraser.

Miss Lola Henson has returned from a visit with relatives in Vernon.

Miss Annie Laura Sawyer, and Mrs. John Studer visited friends in Amarillo Monday.

Guy A. Carlander, and mother, of Amarillo, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hughey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hudgins and family of Amarillo were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Saunders over the week-end.

Miss Mabel Hudgins of Amarillo, spent the week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Saunders.

Little Lillian Rice, who has been seriously ill is recovering at the home of her grandparents, Mayor and Mrs. F. P. Reid.

G. C. MALONE Ambulance Service. Phone 181.

Leaves Hollywood—Without Viola



Following rumors that his domestic life with Viola Dana, movie actress, had been unhappy, Maurice B. "Lefty" Flynn (inset) has forsaken Hollywood and is "batching" it on his 400-acre ranch at Craig, Colo. Flynn, former All-America Yale halfback, naval officer and movie star, says he isn't interested in what Hollywood is saying about a break in the Flynn's marital relations.

Mrs. Wilson—Nine Years After



While impressive ceremonies were being held at Bethlehem chapel on the high hill at Washington, D. C., where National Cathedral stands and where Woodrow Wilson, the war president, is buried, Mrs. Wilson was made the central figure in the Armistice Day parade at Pittsburgh. The picture shows Mrs. Wilson as she sat in the automobile, her arms filled with flowers.

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Social Calendar

A general meeting of the Baptist W. M. U. will be held Wednesday afternoon at the church.

A membership social will be held at the home of Mrs. L. B. Hughey for the ladies of the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary will meet Wednesday afternoon at the church with Mrs. E. W. McJunkin as leader.

The Lone Star Bridge club holds its meeting Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Dunbar.

The Ladies Aid of the Christian church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. C. P. Woodward.

The Child Study club will meet Friday afternoon at 1:30 instead of 3:30 o'clock as was planned, at the home of Mrs. W. E. Coffey.

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One of the interesting properties of gypsum is that it is incombustible. In consequence, all plasters, boards and other commodities manufactured from gypsum add fire-safety wherever they are used.

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LUNCHEON—Creamed eggs and mushrooms, spinach salad, graham rolls, India pudding, milk, tea.

DINNER—Stuffed pork tenderloin, potatoes au gratin, buttered cauliflower and carrots, apple and celery salad, apricot pudding, milk, coffee.

Children under 18 years of age should not be allowed to drink tea or coffee in any form. Babies should not be given toast dipped in mother's or father's coffee. Coffee has no more actual food value than so much hot water and if the toast is softened, its end is defeated since it is the crispness and effort of chewing wherein its value lies.

Creamed Eggs and Mushrooms
Six hard "boiled" eggs, 1-4 pound or one cup sliced fresh mushrooms, 2 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 1-2 cups thin cream, 1 egg yolk, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 1-8 teaspoon pepper.

Melt butter and add mushrooms cleaned and sliced. Cover and cook over a low fire for five minutes. Sift over flour and stir with a fork until blended. Slowly add 1-4 cups cream, stirring constantly. Bring to the boiling point and season with salt and pepper. Beat remaining cream with yolk of egg and stir in mixture. Add hard cooked eggs cut in slices and stir carefully until hot. Add lemon juice and serve. The mixture can be served on triangles of toast, in patty shells or between split individual baking powder biscuits. It offers an excellent suggestion to the woman in the country who has eggs, cream and mushrooms for the "gathering."

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given of an election to be held in the City of Pampa, Texas, on the fourth Tuesday in November, being on the twenty-second day of November, 1927, to be held at Chamber of Commerce rooms in the City of Pampa, Texas, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two commissioners in pursuance of the provisions of the new charter recently adopted by the voters of the City of Pampa. Names of candidates to be placed on the printed ballots will be received by the City Secretary up to Saturday night, Nov. 19, 1927.

Issued this the fifteenth day of November, 1927.

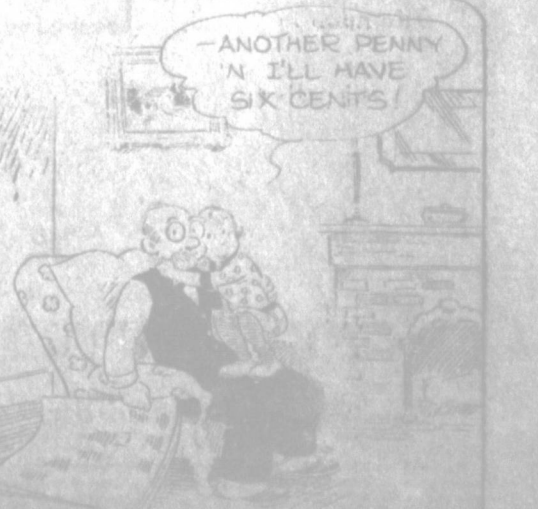
(Signed) F. P. REID, Mayor

Modes of the Moment!

This Parisian example of the new mode has a bofs de rose velvet coat trimmed with lynx fur over a bofs de rose crepe de chine dress designed by Lucien Lelong. The dress concentrates fullness in front of skirt and blouse. It has the fashionable diagonal line across the front, obtained by applied bias bands.



MOM'N POP
Amy Is Cents-less
By TAYLOR



Million Disaster Victims Aided by Red Cross in Year of Great Calamities



NEARLY a million persons, victims of 77 disasters have received assistance from the American Red Cross during the past year.

On an average of every five days this country suffered a disaster of sufficient magnitude to bring the Red Cross into action. The amount of money the organization spent in meeting these emergencies is greater than the budgets of twenty-six states, while only six cities in the country have a population larger than the number of disaster sufferers assisted.

Floods raging over thousands of miles, fires destroying whole villages, tornadoes and hurricanes sweeping over entire states, and death dealing explosions combined to make the year one of unprecedented calamities.

The outstanding disaster of the year was the Mississippi Valley flood, where the organization assisted more than 607,000 persons during the emergency period, and is still carrying on extensive reconstruction work. Already rehabilitation aid has been given to nearly 500,000 persons. After rescuing them from levees and house tops, the refugee population was fed, clothed and sheltered in 153 refuge camps. As these people returned to their homes they



Above—Millions of garments were distributed by the Red Cross to flood sufferers in the Mississippi Valley. Center—One of the 149 refuge camps in the Mississippi Valley, where several hundred thousand flood sufferers were given food, shelter and clothing. Below—An airplane view of McGehee, Arkansas, after the flood waters had swept over the town.

were supplied with live stock, seed and farm implements, while buildings damaged or destroyed by the flood were replaced. In this disaster the Red Cross is expending a relief fund in excess of \$17,000,000. Red Cross leaders state that increasing responsibilities in the field of disaster relief has necessitated a larger membership. The organization, headed by President Coolidge, has set 8,000,000 members as its goal for this year's Roll Call, which will be held throughout the nation between Armistice Day and Thanksgiving.

Alanreed News

The B. Y. P. U. social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. James Friday night was enjoyed by about 35 young people. After several games were played, refreshments were served and music was enjoyed.

Armistice Day was celebrated at the school by an appropriate program Friday afternoon, after which both the boys and the girls basketball teams went to Grandview, where the players enjoyed two good games.

A. H. Morman was in Hedley on business Saturday.

Mrs. W. E. James and children visited relatives and friends in McLean Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. H. T. Wilkins and children were in McLean Saturday shopping.

Mr. Steve Donald of Goodnight visited friends in Alanreed Sunday.

Rev. J. L. King preached an instructive sermon Sunday morning at the Baptist church, after which the Lord's supper was observed.

Mr. Sherrod of Plainview visited relatives and friends in Alanreed Sunday.

J. T. Gass was a business visitor in Amarillo Saturday.

Misses Inez and Zola Blankenship were in McLean Saturday.

The Methodist parsonage, which is well under construction, will probably be finished by the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hommel of Clarendon were visiting friends in Alanreed Sunday.

Miss Goldstein of Clarendon visited Miss Lois Marie Wilkins Sunday.

Rev. Duncan, district missionary, preached an interesting sermon on the general theme that only religion affords "Justification for the past, Grace for the present, and Glory for the future."

Misses Julia Dean and Ruth Lafon visited in the H. T. Wilkins home Sunday.

The "Forty and Eight" Adopt Her



The situation of little Leedy Curl's crippled condition "is well in hand." The Palatka, Fla., orphan has been adopted by the "forty and eight," the fun organization of the American Legion and is receiving surgical attention. She is pictured here with two of her benefactors.

NEGROES WILL HAVE INSTITUTE AT AUSTIN

AUSTIN, Nov. 16—Probably 2,000 negro school teachers of Texas will attend the annual institute of the Texas State Colored Teachers Association at the Sam Houston College for Colored here Thanksgiving, T. R. Davis of the college estimates.

Many other visitors are expected to attend the football game between Sam Houston and Paul Quinn College of Waco, a contest comparing in interest with the colored fans, to the Texas Longhorn—Aggie game of the same date.

The negro game will be played in the new Sam Houston stadium recently completed at a cost of \$5,500. Special arrangements are being made

to accommodate white gridiron fans, Davis said.

Benson Murder---

part—will be revealed.

"So that was why you wanted his books examined?"

Markham stood up resolutely. "Come: I'm going to see this thing through."

Vance did not move at once. He was intently studying a small antique candlestick of oriental design on the mantel.

"I say!" he muttered. "That's a devilish fine copy."

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It is a becoming thing, at Christmas time, for a man to give his wife or mother a gift that will lighten her heart.

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NEW MASTERS DEPOSE OLD IN BACKGROUND OF CUE TITLE MATCH



Twice holder of the 18.2 balkline billiards championship, young Jake Schaefer (above) seeks it again from Welker Cochran (inset), who is one of a succession of youngsters, including Schaefer and Willie Hoppe, who have held the title. The match will be played in New York, November 19, 20 and 21.

NEW YORK—History repeats itself in sports, but seldom with more dramatic effect than in the series of events that brings together young Jake Schaefer and Welker Cochran here November 19, 20, and 21 in a match for the world's professional 18.2 balkline billiard championship.

Years ago in the back room of his father's shop in a little town up the Hudson river a child, by name Willie Hoppe, stood on an empty packing case playing pocket billiards, with an ambition to become a great master like the man whose name he read in the papers—one Jake Schaefer.

Some years later this youth stood beside a table covered with green baize, placed in the pit at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, and clobbered off the points that deposed the champion Schaefer and made Willie Hoppe the title holder.

At that time another child, the namesake of the champion Hoppe had deposed, was also using a packing case to reach a billiard table with an ambition to become as great as his sire. When the youngster was in his teens his father, beloved of all sportsmen, passed on to the cueists' Valhalla, and the admira-

championship until you become a block of ice."

In 1926, in Chicago, history repeated itself and Cochran, as like a piece of ice as any human can be, went through the international championship tournament in a blaze of glory, "out-freezing" Hoppe and Schaefer, the Americans; Edouard Horemans, the brilliant Belgian, and Eric Hagelacher, the stolid German.

Hagelacher finished second and Schaefer third, and by right of tournament rules Hagelacher was permitted to challenge first. He met Cochran in Chicago recently and when they chalked their cues for the final block the youthful Cochran (he is 25, but looks 18) was 298 points behind the German.

Thus Hagelacher needed 500 points and Cochran 798.

Then Cochran found himself and in exactly eight innings he counted his 798 points, making a high run of 407 in one inning and winning with an unfinished run of 158, beating Hagelacher by only a few points.

Now it's Schaefer's turn to challenge. Young Jake has twice held the title. He ranks with Cochran and Hoppe as the greatest "shot makers" of all time. He is the holder of the world's record high run in competition, a string of 432, made in Chi-

ers of the father wondered if the son would ever rise to the heights.

Then in 1916, in the very same pit in Orchestra Hall where the youthful Hoppe had taken the championship from old Jake, the younger Jake, now tall and slender, stroked off in masterly fashion the points that brought back the title to the Schaefer clan. Hoppe, undefeated for the title in ten years, gave way to a new master.

One of the spectators that night was another youngster, a native of Manson, Iowa, who had only a short time before graduated from a packing class. This was young Welker Cochran, a smiling youth with an ambition to be great like Schaefer and Hoppe.

Cochran was then under the tutelage of "S. I." Perkins, the famous billiard master of Chicago, who had brought out Calvin Demarest, another great cueist.

"You see, my boy," Perkins told Cochran, "it is as necessary for one to have perfect control over his nerves as well as those three ivory balls. Those two fellows (Hoppe and Schaefer) are like two pieces of ice. Right now you can make shots as well as they, but you'll never win a

BILLY EVANS Says



Really Used His Head

Burt Shotten, who is to manage the Philadelphia Nationals, a rather unenviable job, figured in one of the most unusual plays I have ever seen on the ball field.

At the time he was playing center field for the St. Louis Browns. A chap by the name of Bill Hogan was in left. The game was played at Washington.

Two runners were on the bases at the time for Washington, there were two out and St. Louis was enjoying a one run lead. The batsman hit a long fly to left, which is the sun field at the Washington park.

Both Hogan and Shotten started after the ball, Hogan called for it but at the last minute lost it in the sun, covering his face with his hands to protect him from injury.

Chicago, in 1926 in a challenge match with Horemans. The previous record, 384, was made by Cochran in the tournament at Chicago in 1921.

The ball struck him squarely on the head, bounded high in the air and Shotten, who was backing up the play, caught the ball on the fly, retiring the side as the two runners whose tallies were necessary to put Washington into the lead scampered over the plate.

If ever a ball player used his head to complete a play, Bill Hogan did in this instance, getting an assist while Shotten was credited with the put-out.

Prefers College Football

Benny Friedman thinks professional football is harder than the college brand. Red Grange is of the opinion that the going is tougher in the colleges.

"I've been out of the game three weeks with a ball knee and it isn't well yet. Had the same thing happened at Illinois, I would have been back in the game inside of 10 days, at the most," says Red.

"The urge of the coach, the skill of the trainer and the old college spirit, which makes you yearn to get into the big game, even before you are ready for play, would have hastened my return."

While Grange rather evades the question, I am inclined to think this will be his last year in football. He feels that he has a future in the movies and intends to confine himself to that endeavor.

Grange has had a number of offers to coach, but has spurned them all. "That is the toughest job in the world, not excepting that of a big league baseball manager," is the way "Red" puts it.

All Fraise Friedman

Friedman has six threats instead of three. He can pass, also receive, he can run through a broken field, he can carry the ball, he can kick and how that baby can think."

Since the opening of the pro football season I have talked with a score of the leading professionals, many of them former All-America stars, and all are united in saying Friedman is outstanding.

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'Baby-Face' Wants Sammy's Title



They call Jimmy McLarnin a "baby-face" boxer, but don't think he's got a tough one when in the ring. McLarnin recently knocked out Bill Wolfe and is now fighting for a shot with Billy Wolfson. McLarnin, like Wolfson, is seeking a bout with Sammy Mandell for the lightweight crown.

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