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# House Group Votes To Cut Foreign Aid

## CUT WOULD NOT INCLUDE ANY ASSISTANCE TO CHINA

WASHINGTON—Chairman John G. Tower, N. Y., revealed today that his House appropriations committee has voted to recommend only \$509,000,000 in appropriations for emergency foreign aid and that no funds are included for aid to China.

Congress yesterday passed and sent to the White House a compromise bill authorizing \$597,000,000 in stop-gap aid to France, Italy, Austria and China.

The House appropriations committee also submitted to the House a bill slashing \$88,000,000 from the amount Congress authorized for emergency foreign aid and more than \$260,000,000 from the Army's request for occupied areas.

It provides only \$230,000,000 of the \$490,000,000 requested by the Army for relief and military government operations in the occupied areas of Germany, Japan, Korea and Austria. This represents a cut of 53 per cent.

The supplemental appropriation bill carried a total of \$772,504,000—\$509,000,000 for emergency foreign aid, \$230,000,000 for the Army and the balance for other federal operations.

The committee did not provide funds for aid to China in its bill, although such aid was contained in the \$597,000,000 authorization measure now awaiting President Truman's signature.

The committee said it did not see fit to provide any money for Chinese aid on grounds that no program had been submitted for China.

As for aid to France, Italy and Austria, the committee said—

"While the committee is far from convinced that the program is sound or that it will be efficiently administered, it does recognize the need to be met and that the present bill offers the only opportunity to provide such assistance as the United States may be in a position to render and has therefore determined to approve the program in basic form with certain exceptions hereafter explained."

Of the \$88,000,000 reduction, \$66,000,000 was taken from the amount intended for France and \$22,000,000 from the amount intended for Italy.

The appropriation bill itself did not allocate funds by countries. But the committee explained that most of the \$66,000,000 trimmed from funds which France is expected to use represented interest on France's foreign debts as well as payments on commercial debts to Belgium and Brazil.

The cut in the amount for Italy represented funds which would have been used largely for the settlement of some of that country's foreign financial obligations.

"It is the judgment of the committee that wherever possible items of these types should be deferred by the creditors and that the governments of France and Italy should divert every available resource of their own to the care and feeding of their own people during the winter months," the committee said.

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Sheriff J. B. Williams stated this morning that as far as his office knew there were no new developments in the case of the burglary, Saturday night, of the Norvell & Miller grocery store in Cisco.

The building, officers said was entered from a skylight, the knob knocked off the safe door and the door battered in. Evidence tended to indicate that two or more men did the job.

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## Reports Say Two Wanted Are Cornered

According to radio reports heard in Ranger and Eastland today, Paul Barker and H. H. Barker, Eastland men, whose paroles have been revoked by Governor Jester, have been cornered in the hills near King City, Monterey County, California, and officers there are confident that they will be captured.

It was reported that the two were attempting to sell a 1941 model car in King City but were unable to produce papers. The dealer became suspicious and notified police. When officers arrived a shooting started and the convicts fled to the hills.

One officer was shot in the leg above the knee and it is possible that the leg will have to be amputated. The officer shot was Deputy Sheriff Jack McCoy.

A road block was thrown up immediately after the men got away and officers stated that they felt sure that it had been done so quickly that the two could not have escaped.

This report was not confirmed by officers in Eastland County, but was heard by a number of people who were listening to news broadcasts today. It was heard on both the morning and noon broadcasts.

## Morton Valley P-T. A Has Xmas Program

Mrs. T. L. Wheat presided at a meeting of the Morton Valley Parent-Teacher Association held recently when the pupils from Miss Hearn's room in the school had charge of the program. The opening song, "Silent Night," was followed by the Lord's Prayer. A play, "Grandma's Christmas Tree," was given. Girls from the seventh and eighth grades (Miss Hearn's room) sang several Christmas songs.

Announcements were made about the coronation of the king and queen and about the box supper.

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## QUARTERBACK CLUB BANQUET HONORS MAVS

Third Annual Event To Be Monday, Dec. 22, 8:00 P. M.

Neil Day, president of the Eastland Quarterback Club, announced Monday afternoon that the Quarterback club's third annual banquet, which will honor Eastland Mavericks, big, little, old and young, will be held at 8:00 o'clock Monday night, December 22, on the Connelley Hotel roof.

Former Eastland football coach Buddy Brothers, present coach at Tulsa University, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and John Garrison, former Eastland and East Texas State Teacher's College football player and now assistant to Brothers at Tulsa University, will be the principal speakers, Day announced.

Day also stated that Brothers and Garrison would bring with them for exhibition at the Quarterback club banquet, a motion picture in technicolor of the recent game between the Golden Hurricanes of Tulsa University and the Oklahoma A&M eleven. Day stated that committees were being appointed to work out the various phases of the program for the coming banquet and that the program would be completed within a short time.

Day stated also that a capacity crowd was anticipated.

## May Subpena Commodity Mkt. Traders List

WASHINGTON—A leading Republican Senator said today he will ask the Senate appropriations committee to subpoena government lists of big commodity market traders if the administration continues to refuse Congress a look at them.

Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., told a reporter the appropriations committee should investigate charges that government insiders are listed as profit-making speculators in food through advance access to information on government purchasing plans.

He said he would formally request the appropriations committee to subpoena lists of those holding more than 200,000 bushels of grain if Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson stands pat on his claim that it would be unlawful to reveal the names to Congress.

In a two hour meeting with committee chairman Styles Bridges yesterday, Anderson rejected a demand for the lists. Ferguson said he may propose that the committee subpoena them later today.

## Telegram Employee Underwent Major Surgery This A. M.

Miss Barbara Dick, in charge of the mailing department of the Eastland Daily Telegram, and an Eastland High School student underwent an operation for appendicitis this morning at 8:00 o'clock at the Ranger General Hospital in Ranger.

At noon today she had just come from under the influence of anesthetics and attending physicians believed she was doing splendidly.

Eastland Girl Given Honorable Mention At T. W. C. Ft. Worth

Miss Lynda Hassell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Hassell of Eastland, has received honorable mention for grades earned during the first nine weeks of the 1947-48 school year at Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth.

The honor went to students having a grade average of "B" or above.

## Start Practice For Sugar Bowl



Blair Cherry, at board, coach of the Texas University Longhorns, puts the squad through a little "skull" practice in preparation for their January 1 game with the Alabama boys in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans. Left to right: George Petrovich, tackle; Ed Kelley, tackle; Victor Vasicek, guard; Peppy Blount, end; Danny Wolfe, guard; Raymond Borneman, back; Max Bumgardner, end; Raymond Jones, back; Blair Cherry, coach, and Bobby Layne, back. (NEA Telephoto).

## ARAB BANDS CUT WATER SUPPLY LINES

JERUSALEM—Reports reached Jerusalem today that Arab bands, operating in "military-like formations," had cut the water supply of 14 Jewish settlements in the Negev, the southern desert region.

Squads of Jewish Hagana men hurried out to repair at least five ruptures in the long pipeline winding across the desert and through the settlements the Jews have so laboriously planted.

If their water supply is stopped the settlements may face real trouble. The areas around them are largely Arab.

Fearful of their position, the Negev Jews, working through Hagana, were reported putting up "security houses"—virtual fortresses with a 60 day supply of food, water, arms and ammunition, against Arab sieges.

It was the first report of important Arab activity in the Negev area, the greater part of which eventually will become part of the Jewish state. The colonies were planted in a lightning swoop last year, in what amounted to an overnight military operation.

The rest of Palestine was not quiet, although action was sporadic and scattered. Funeral processions, always occasions for increasing bitterness in situations like this were being held today in many Arab and Jewish settlements.

In all-Jewish Tel Aviv, 10,000 Hagana men followed the bodies of 10 Jewish settlement policemen who were killed Sunday night in a battle with Arab legionnaires from the Trans-Jordan, who are on police duty in Palestine.

## Two Persons Make Bond On Charges At Breckenridge

Raymond R. Cameron, charged with theft and burglary, in connection with the robbery of the Jess Blossom Feed store in Breckenridge a few days ago, has made bond in two cases, one for \$1,500 on charge of theft and one for \$3,000 on a charge of burglary. Cameron, a Fort Worth taxi driver, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Bill Harris of Eastland after the officer chased him from Eastland to Ranger.

Mrs. Flo Ella Teddlar, also of Fort Worth, made bond in the sum of \$1,500 on Breckenridge forgery charge.

The bonds of both Cameron and Mrs. Teddlar are returnable December 22.

Florida, pistol-shaped peninsula extending into the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, has the longest shoreline of any state in the nation, 3,750 miles.

The Florida Everglades is the most tropical portion of the mainland of the U. S. The highest of this land is only a few feet above sea level and most of it is partially under water.

## Last Rites For Ranger Man To Be Wednesday

Last rites for Jerome K. Dorris of Route 1, Ranger will be conducted at the First Methodist Church in Ranger Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. Hubert Thompson of the First Methodist Church in Canyon officiating, assisted by Dr. Gaud P. Jones, pastor of the Ranger church. Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery with Killingsworth's in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Dorris died in Ranger Monday, December 15. He was born in Erath County on May 30, 1886 and had resided in Ranger one year. He was a member of the Methodist church in Ranger, and the American Legion, having been a veteran of World War I. He was married to Miss Dottie Mildred Gordon in Gordon in 1920.

Mrs. Dorris along with the following children and brothers and sisters survive: Glen Dorris of Canyon; daughters, Mrs. J. D. Drennan of Ranger, Mrs. T. H. Van Valkenburg of San Diego, California, Mrs. C. H. Thompson of McCauley, Texas and Miss Ann Dorris of Ranger; brothers, Berlin Dorris of El Paso, Harlin Dorris of Clovis, New Mexico, Cletis Dorris of Clovis, Cone Dorris of Korea, Johnson Dorris of South Carolina and sisters, Mrs. G. L. Massey of Clovis, Mrs. E. C. Hamel of Dallas, Mrs. Helen Brewer of San Francisco, and Mrs. Joe Pagget of Iowa. Five grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday at the home of Mrs. V. O. Cramer, 601 E. Wylie, V. O. Cramer, Omer Cramer, Arthur Gordon, and Oscar Gordon.

## Collapse Of Conference Rouses Congress

WASHINGTON—Collapse of the London conference brought demands in Congress today for a stronger western Germany and a halt to transfers of German industrial goods to Russia.

Key Congressional figures urged that the western powers—Britain, France and the United States—go it alone in rebuilding western Germany, but that the door be left open for the Soviet Union in event it has a change of heart.

There was no immediate indication what part the failure of the foreign ministers conference, and the widening rift between East and West, would play in the impending Congressional fight on the Marshall European recovery plan.

Murals painted on fluorescent-treated velour and lighted by concealed ultra violet or black lighting have been designed for home use.

An electric mixer with a beat-or-small-enough-to-fit-into-beverage-glasses-and-shakers-is-on-the-market.

## SENATE GROUP STUDYING GOP STOPGAP BILL

WASHINGTON—The Senate banking committee was called into session on short notice today to consider the Republican stop-gap anti-inflation bill which failed to survive a House test yesterday.

The decision to go ahead in the Senate indicated that Republican leaders there still hoped to pass the measure before the scheduled adjournment Friday. House Republican leaders left the initiative up to their Senate colleagues.

The banking committee was called at the request of Chairman Taft of the Senate Republican policy committee, Senate sponsor of the bill.

Taft conferred this morning with Rep. Halleck, the House Republican floor leader, who lost an attempt yesterday to push the GOP bill through under conditions which required a two-thirds majority for passage.

House Democrats voted solidly in blocking the strategy. They felt the Republican bill was inadequate response to President Truman's 10-point anti-inflation program, which asked, among other things, for standby power to impose rationing and wage-price controls.

## Replicans Admit Bill May Not Be Passed

WASHINGTON—Frustrated House Republican leaders tossed their still unapproved anti-inflation bill to the Senate today and indicated that prospects are dim for passing it this year.

Chairman Robert A. Taft, R., of the Senate majority policy committee planned to confer today with House Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Mass., to decide whether an attempt would be made this year to pass any legislation seeking to stabilize prices.

With Congressional adjournment scheduled Friday, Republican leaders found their anti-inflation bill snarled in uncertainty because of their failure to jam it through the House yesterday under narrowly restricted procedure.

## Shopping Days To Christmas

"Seven days to shop this year," says Christmas Belle, on waking. "I've got mine done. I have no fear of wrapping and making."

That Reminds Me

BY FRANK A. JONES

TOYS FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN  
One Eastland merchant sent word to the writer that he would furnish a limited number of toys for underprivileged boys and girls that made their wants known before Christmas. If you know of any child, boy or girl, in Eastland or vicinity that would not otherwise have toys for Christmas and will send their names and addresses to the Eastland Telegram or to Mr. Hollifield of the Eastland Firestone store, their wants will be taken care of as far as the supply and kind of toys lasts.

## AN HONOR WORTHILY BESTOWED

Grady Pipkin of Eastland was elected president of the Comanche Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, at a recent meeting of that organization last Friday in Brownwood. This is an honor worthily bestowed. Grady Pipkin, like other Eastland men we could name, has long been a worker in the Boy Scout movement giving of his time and means in an effort to instill into the minds and hearts of the young boys of this area, the good principles behind the scouting movement and which make of its members better boys and later better men—morally, mentally and physically. Pipkin's own sons took scouting, but what was good for his sons he believed was good for others and he wanted them to have the opportunity to get the training. The scout movement, according to some scout executives, slowed down some during the recent war and at this time, more than at any time in recent years, needs the support of conscientious citizens.

## EASTLAND MAVERICKS TO BE HONORED AT BANQUET

Neil Day, president of the Eastland Quarterback club, announces that the club, which was organized primarily for the purpose of promoting athletics, will have its third annual banquet honoring Eastland football players—big, little, old and young—Monday night, December 22, at 8:00 o'clock on the Connelley Hotel roof. At this time the club will bring to Eastland a former Macejcek coach and a former star player on the Maverick eleven, who will be the principal speaker of the occasion. The football boys did a splendid job during the season just closed and the proposed banquet is an honor of which they are worthy. A capacity crowd will be in attendance. Will you be among the number?

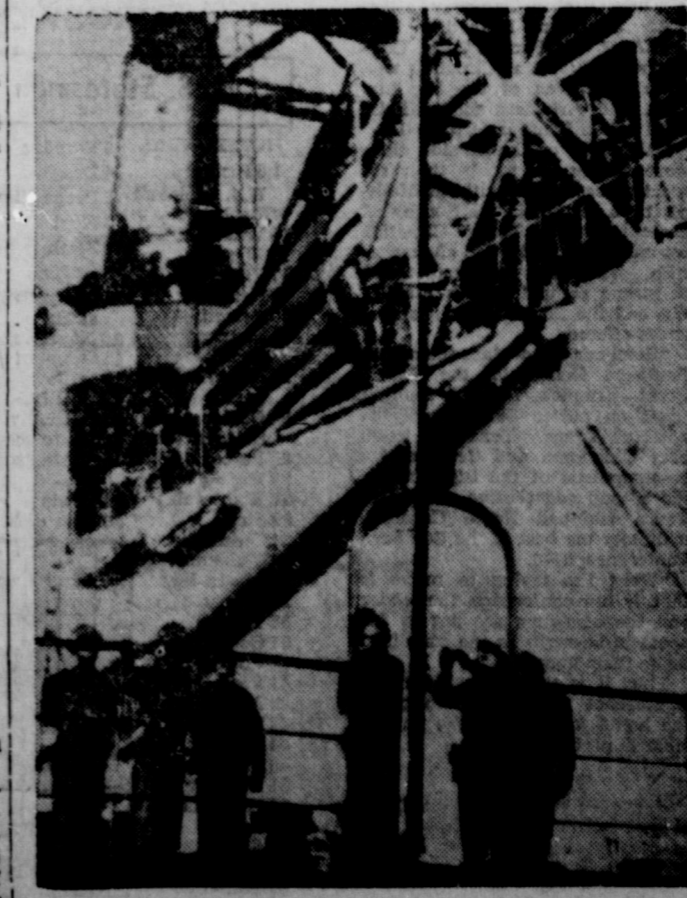
## JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB BRINGING GROUP OF NOTED SINGERS HERE

Sponsored by the Beethoven Junior Music club of which Mrs. A. F. Taylor is counselor, the A Cappella Choir of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, will present a Christmas musical program at the Eastland High School auditorium Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. This work by Mrs. Taylor and Eastland's young musicians is worthy of the financial and moral support of all Eastland citizens.



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## Troops Leave Italy



The American flag is lowered in Leghorn, Italy, as the last American troops quit Italy after four years in the Mediterranean theater. (NEA Radio-Telephoto).

## FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK

Cattle 2000. Very active, strong with spots higher. Choicest steers and yearlings 32, mostly 26 up. Top is new all time high for commercial feds. Cows 18-19.50. Stocker steers and yearlings 19-22.50, one lead to 23. Calves 1300. Active strong. Good and choice 21-25. Stocker calves 21-23. Hogs 1100. Butchers steady to 25 lower. Top 26.75. Sows 24.50-25. Stocker pigs 17-21.

## COMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY—

Wednesday evening the Men's Study Club will have a Christmas dinner honoring their husbands at the Woman's Clubhouse.

Mrs. Donald Kinnard will have charge of the program assisted by Mrs. J. F. Collins and Mrs. Francis Jones.

Hostesses are Mrs. E. N. Graham, Mrs. Don Parker, Mrs. W. E. Brasher, Mrs. F. J. Baker, Mrs. C. J. Owen, and Miss Genevieve Baker.

### THURSDAY

Thursday evening at the Men's Study Club will have their usual Christmas dinner.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON, NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal has promised his next press conference an historic answer to the embarrassing question, "Are you a candidate for the Vice Presidency and would you run if nominated by the Democratic convention?"



The word has leaked out that the Secretary's secretaries are having a tough time trying to think up the right answer to that \$64 nifty. In the interest of trying to be helpful, it therefore becomes a duty and a privilege for anyone having constructive ideas on this subject to send in suggestions and help get the Hon. Secretary out of the hole.

For some strange reason, public officials who are painfully, stubbornly sure of themselves on most issues, become tongue-tied and club-footed, and stammer, stammer and stumble all over the lot in mock, modest confusion when approached on questions of political intentions.

In a recent poll of Washington celebrities, conducted by this department, one question asked for preferences on Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees for the two parties in 1948. The most amazing thing about the returns was that only 10 Senators and 34 Congressmen filled in the space where they were supposed to give their choice for Vice President.

There are two conclusions. Either (A), they did not care, or (B), each may have thought he was the man of destiny, but was afraid to admit it in writing.

WHY anybody wants to be Vice President—or President for that matter—will always be a billion dollar mystery.

Here is General Eisenhower, with all the honors in the world that anyone could ask for. He can retire gracefully to the academic security of Columbia University campus and live on his laurels. If nominated for the Presidency, and more so if elected, he will have to submit to all the slam-bang criticism that high office always gets.

And why Secretary Forrestal, with his swell war record, should want to risk a defeat in 1948, or preside over the Senate for four years even if he won, is completely baffling.

But all people seem to succumb when bitten by the political bug. They all become like the buxom blonde in "Oklahoma" who always goes in awed courted by the boys. "Cause I can't say no, 'No!' Well, that could be Secretary Forrestal's historic answer.

Maybe that would be too simple. What the Secretary obviously needs is a line like General Sherman's, "I will not run if nominated and will not serve if elected." Only better.

Henry Clay had a good line in "I'd rather be right than be President," which might be altered to, "I'd rather retire than be Vice President, there's no place like home."

If the Secretary thinks he has a full-time job where he is, and has no time for campaigning, he might do something with a famous crack from Rutherford B. Hayes. Hayes refused to ask for a Civil War furlough so he could run for Congress by saying, "An officer fit for duty, who at this crisis would abandon his post to electioneer for Congress, ought to be scalped." P. S.—Hayes got elected anyway, and later was elected President.

If the Secretary hasn't yet made up his own mind, what he wants is a line that works all things to all people, like David Harum's, "Yes, an' no, an' mebbe, an' mebbe not."

Another out for the Secretary would be to leave it up to fate, with a quotation like Viscount Bolingbroke's, "God who placed me here will do what He pleases with me hereafter, and He knows best what to do."

William Jennings Bryan, who couldn't say no three times running and got licked every time, had a good line in his Cross of Gold speech which might be paraphrased into, "You shall not press down upon my brow this crown of thorns." A ringing phrase like that should leave no doubt that an available man wanted no part of the job.

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON, NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—(NEA)—It's cut-throat football they play in the Southwest Conference.

One had better not wager that the league leader will win from the denizens of the dark and dank basement, for the doormats are likely to rise up and kick the smarty pants off the outfit in the calcium glare.

Wise men, for example, Texas Christian's nine-ouching 19-19 tip with Southern Methodist. The Methodists were unbeaten and untied, ranked number three nationally, behind only Notre Dame and Michigan. The Christians had manufactured only two victories in five circuit engagements. SMU had figured to prevail by at least 17-0 touchdowns.

WHY are the underdogs always upsetting the favorites in the Southwest Conference?

"Because the seven teams—at least four or five of them particularly so—are always at something approaching equal strength," explains Dutch Meyer.

"The average fan," continues Texas Christian's fine coach, "looks at the standings, sees that one team has won six and lost one, with the other having only two victories in six starts, and concludes, as would be proper in any league, that the second team is a weakling."

"That's not necessarily true down our way. In football somebody usually loses, even when two good ones get together, but it doesn't prove that the loser is a poor club."

There wasn't another conference in the nation this fall that had as strong a last-place team as Baylor. The Bears won all four

of their non-conference games, but managed only one lone victory over Arkansas in league competition.

"One October Saturday afternoon Southern Methodist beat UCLA of the Pacific Coast Conference, 7-0; Texas Christian won from Oklahoma of the Big Six, 20-7, and Arkansas took Mississippi of the Southeastern, 19-14."

"All three of the outside clubs were among the top in their respective sections. Southern Methodist, of course, is the Southwest champion, but Texas Christian wound up fourth and Arkansas fifth. Yet they won from about as strong competition as the Big Six and the Southeastern Conferences offered."

"Rice, our third-place team, tied Southern California, the Pacific Coast champion, 7-7, but couldn't score on either Southern Methodist or Texas. Texas Christian beat Oklahoma and tied Kansas, co-champions of the Big Six, for the second consecutive campaign. Texas whipped North Carolina, definitely the best in the Southern Conference, 34-0."

"What I'm trying to prove is that, in our conference, the leader and the also-rans are not as far apart in strength as the standings make them appear."

Thus it is that when Southern Conference teams come to grips, the home folks figure the impossible is probable.

Safety Factor Urged. NEW YORK (U.P.)—The Greater New York Safety Council advises Christmas shoppers to consider the safety factor when buying gifts for children.

The council suggested: Don't buy a toy so small the child can swallow it; don't buy teddy bears with button eyes, which the child may detach and swallow; don't give children glass toys; examine wooden toys for splinters; make sure metal edges are rounded or turned in; don't buy cowboy suits with inflammable fringes.

Theory And Practice

IN LONDON



ON THE CONTINENT



BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

A SMALL compliment swells the same kind of a head.

The average life of a coin is 25 years—probably because it travels too fast.

Seven watches were found in a Texas pickpocket's pocket. Now he has time on his hands.

If all amounts to a total loss when you spend all of your money just to prove that you have it.

One of the most expensive pipes to smoke is the one leading from the furnace.

BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

A GENIUS is a thin woman in grand opera.

A detour is the longest distance between two driver points.

Pity the poor moth. When we get into our winter duds he'll have to get out of them.

A movie comedian in Hollywood was operated on and we hope they didn't cut out any of his foolishness.

No matter how old you feel you are never as old as you are going to be.

Hey, Sarge, Lay Off--For the Kiddies

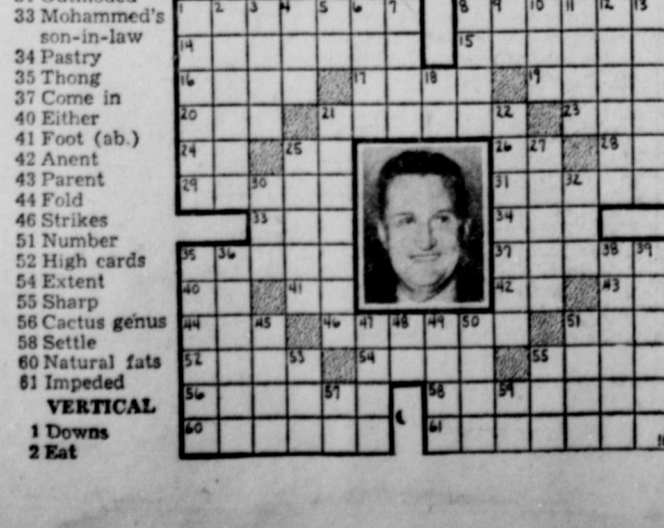


Recruiting Sgt. James Kerper, of Sturgis, S. D., is doing his best to argue Santa into enlisting in the Army, but Santa just smiles because he knows that he is booked solid until after the Yuletide holiday. The two met at a toy show in New York's Museum of Science and Industry.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

U. S. Statesman

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MURDER AT MY HOUSE

By Rene Ryerson Mart

THE STARK, if all started after I had been in Hollywood three months, writing the movie script for one of my own mystery books—and trying to get over Oscar Craig. I was having dinner with attractive Jeff Haverson, my director, and talking over our picture. Jeff said that young Jimmy Peters was to play the detective and that Avis Vaughn, our glamorous star, had insisted on Art Cleves playing the male lead. I was curious to know why Avis, almost a has-been, could get her own way about this. But Jeff gave me no satisfaction. After he took me home, I discovered my beautiful Persian cat lying mangled and half-dead in the driveway. I put her to sleep with a bit of the poison I always kept on hand in case I ever started remembering too much. Next day at the studio, I asked Haverson to make one woman, to conceit one of her famous sex appeal. Haverson said could stick up the nastick later at her shop downtown.

I WENT over to the big, squat, windowless stucco building labeled "Set Three" where my story was being filmed. The doorman recognized me when I opened the door and allowed me to slip through. Inside I picked my way across trailing ropes and wires and cables to the far corner of the huge dark room where the Klieg lights were being tuned upon the brilliant colors of a technical set. With some surprise I saw that the stage was arranged as the library where the murder is discovered in my story. I knew, of course, that pictures are never filmed in sequence, but somehow I hadn't expected this crucial scene to be the first. Avis Vaughn and Art Cleves, the two stars of the picture, were on stage. Avis looking like a cream puff creation in a low-cut evening gown which exposed most of her famous sex appeal. The body of the murdered man (Avis' husband in the picture) lay face downward on the floor with the back of a head of thinning hair showing toward the camera and a knife handle protruding realistically from

turned to see a girl half-running from the outside door toward the stage. "Yes—Mr. Haverson." Her voice was breathless. Jeff was angry. "Where the dickens have you been?" "I—I was only gone a few minutes. I haven't held you up, have I?" It wasn't until days later that I remembered she hadn't answered Jeff's question. And when I did remember, I had to guess where she had been. It meant the difference between life and death to me that I happened to guess correctly.

"EVERYBODY ready?" Jeff's voice had tensed. He motioned to the technicians and the red warning lights for silence flashed on. "All right!" It was the final signal. The camera and the sound truck began to move following Avis as she walked across the stage to stand staring down at the body on the floor. She looked at Art. Met the accusation in his face. Cried out her denial of guilt again. Art Cleves picked up his cue. His eyes focused probably on Avis. He wanted to believe her and yet some fumbling inner doubt turned his words to mockery: "No, I guess you wouldn't use a knife. Poison is a woman's weapon—a beautiful woman's weapon." It then and the secretary walked onto the scene. There was the tense moment while she stood there, slowly taking in the meaning of what she saw. Incredibly at first, then with dark, compelling form in her mind, mirroring itself on her face.

I had my first good look at the actress who was playing the secretary—Madge Narney. Jeff had said her name was. She was young and beautiful, although I didn't notice until later. What caught my attention at the moment was the tense earnestness she was putting into her part. I know auditioning when I see it. This girl was playing her heart out.

I had the instant feeling, too, that I had seen her somewhere before. (To Be Continued)

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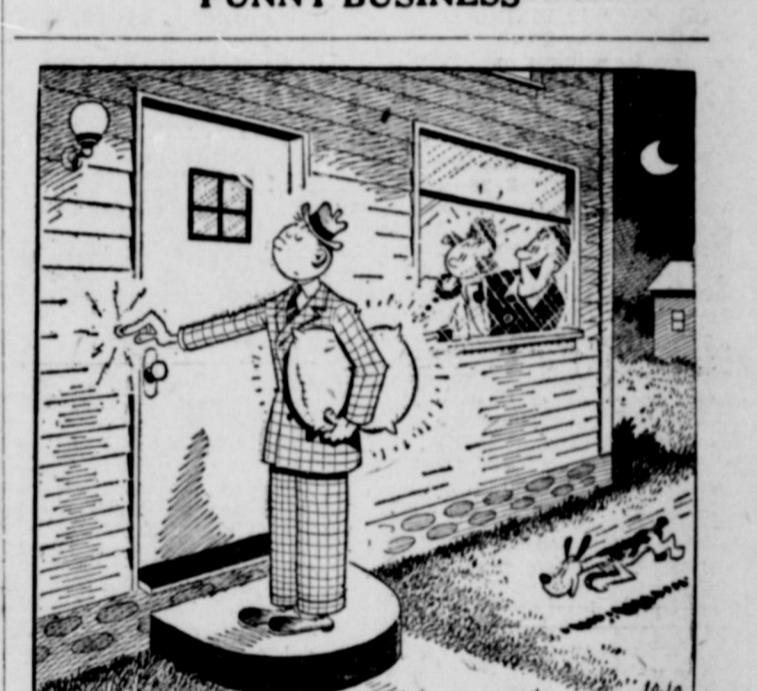


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## NEWS FROM

## STAFF

## ROUTE NO. 2

Mrs. M. O. Hazard, Cor.

STAFF, Dec. 15—Mrs. Jennie K. Hines has been visiting friends and relatives at Lometa and looking after a farm and ranch she owns near there.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pope were recent guests in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Mollie Webb, in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard was the guest Tuesday of her son and family and Edna Everton, in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Alford and young son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barber, recently in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nelson were business visitors Wednesday in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White of Eastland visited their daughter, Mrs. O. T. Hazard in this community, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cook were guests of Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. John Earnest, Tuesday in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pope and Mrs. Allen Crosby attended the funeral of Mrs. Foreman in Ranger Wednesday afternoon.

Cecil Nelson was a business visitor in Gorman Wednesday.

Maurice Hazard, wife and son visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parker, last Tuesday evening. The Hazards live in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White and daughter, Miss Betty Jean, were recent guests of Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Mark Williamson, in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. White were Breckenridge visitors recently.

Mrs. Bessie Bennett was the guest Thursday of the Leon Bourland family in Eastland.

Cecil Nelson had business last Friday in Desdemona.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foreman of Ranger were guests Friday evening.

ing of Mrs. Foreman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. White, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mullings of Eastland, visited Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Mullings and sons, Marcus and Lynn, recently. Mr. Mullings is an uncle of Dr. Mullings and Mrs. White is a sister of Dr. Mullings' wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pope were Gorman visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Belva Blackwell became the bride of R. C. Henderson of Deleon, on last Friday at 6:00 p. m. Miss Belva is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Blackwell of the Staff community and is a grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Blackwell of Cheaney and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duncan of Staff. Friends extend congratulations.

Ed Westbrook of Merkel visited his daughter, Mrs. R. A. Parker, the past week.

## Hospital Finds Way To Keep Nurses

ATLANTA, Ga. (UP) — It used to be that when maternity nurses at Crawford W. Long Hospital here became mothers themselves, they quit professional nursing.

Not any more. The hospital has opened a "nursery for nurses' children" as a lure to old hands who are needed to open two floors in the hospital's new maternity center.

The advantage, according to the hospital, works both ways. First it gives the mother nurse an opportunity to make a little extra money while at the same time being assured that her child is receiving the best of attention. And, second, it helps train novice nurses by giving them a chance to care for babies who are in the best of health.

From seven in the morning until seven at night, student nurses care for babies of graduate nurses. Instead of having to finish their training at nursery hospitals outside the hospital, student nurses

## Portrait of Proud Old Age



She's 80 years old and poverty-stricken, but self-respect and pride look out from the aged face in this splendid camera-study. Made by James Thomas, Cleveland Press photographer, in the course of a routine assignment, it shows Mrs. Lydia Pope, of Cleveland, Ohio, who, despite her years and infirmity, came to the aid of a 90-year-old friend. The friend, penniless and ailing, could no longer care for herself. Mrs. Pope moved in, keeps the house, takes care of the furnace, somehow manages to get food and cook the meals.

## Meaning Of Fill-In Carries Weight In U. S. Government Double Talk

By William F. McMenamin  
 UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 WASHINGTON (UP)—Lovers of bureaucratic lingo are having a time for themselves in the unfolding of the nation's armed forces.

In explaining this reorganization to each other, they talk about three kinds of "pictures." They are the "picture," the "big picture" and the "whole picture."

Of course, the "size of the picture" depends on the "scope of the fill-in."

If the inquiring reporter dares to wander into this maze of government language, he finds that in their conferences, the defense magnates never tell each other anything. They are "briefed" or they get a "fill-in."

**Nothing Ever Done**  
 Nothing is ever done. It is either "implemented" or "accomplished."

One executive said that "this division has consistently held to the policy that economy compatible with operational efficiency will govern the formulation of new or revised policies."

The Army, Navy and Air Force brass at their Pentagon desks never call it working together. They "undertake inter-departmental co-ordination."

Secretary James Forrestal's office informed the world recently that it had "taken positive steps toward the achievement of co-ordinated procurement among the departments."

The mighty secretaries of the three armed forces got together, it said, and agreed to a number of major modifications.

They reported that "great progress has been made in the development of a uniform system of cataloging." This progress is "gathering momentum."

Of course, the mighty defense chiefs never make up their minds until they "have a final determination."

They go into a huddle and come out with the profound announce-

ment that "the magnitude of the task makes full realization of the achievements envisioned a project that will require time for its completion."

**How It's Worked**  
 You never come right out and agree to anything if you are a brass hatter protecting your own little principality. You "approve" of it in principle as an initial working plan.

That, it says here, will "implement" transfer of specific functions to be effective as further mutually agreeable details are developed, subject to policies prescribed by secretary of defense."

The Pentagon desk pusher does not like his job. His "assignment" is in accord with his desires.

If it isn't he's liable to get fired—pardon us, "terminated."

## Soviet Does Things Bigger And Better

MOSCOW (UP) — A 125-pound watermelon was grown this year on a collective farm near Tashkent, a report reaching Moscow said.

It was only one outstanding example of a tendency toward gigantism in that region this year. Melons were reported from 33 to 39 pounds, "average" onions weighed 14 ounces and "many" weighed nearly two pounds. Some sweet potatoes weighing 44 pounds were reported.

dent Ramon Grau San Martin. The present outspoken antagonism of the government to Communism influences in the Cuban labor movement has affected seriously the



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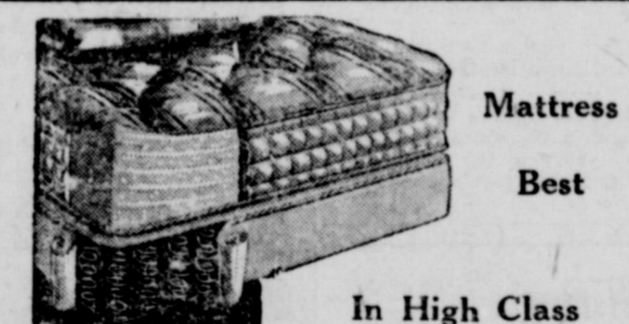
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**MRS. HORTON AND MRS. HARRELL HOSTS WSCS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, hosted by Mrs. James Horton and Mrs. R. O. Harrell, circle leaders, held the annual Christmas party in the lower assembly room of the church Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Horton presided and Mrs. R. C. Ferguson, president, gave the welcome, and thanked her officers for the co-operation the past year and assured them the new year would be a good one.

Mrs. R. D. McCrary, accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Broussard, of the piano, sang "Bells of Saint Mary" and "White Christmas." Mrs. John Little presented Mrs. Glenn Simon of Ranger, who gave a beautiful Christmas story of Mary.

During the social hour Mrs. Charles Harris played piano music. Mrs. R. C. Ferguson, seated at the table, presided at the silver coffee service. Christmas cookies of several varieties topped with trees, santas, etc., and beautifully decorated, were served from the table, laid with a maderia linen cloth. Down the center was a set of sleighs and horses made by Horton's. Ceramics in red and white and red candles, and red stick candy which made a long center arrangement surrounded by white representing snow which was arranged in unique manner by Mrs. James Horton.

Mrs. L. C. Brown and Mrs. Frank Crowell had charge of the distribution of the gifts from the tree and Mrs. Joe Stephen was Santa Claus, and after a short talk presented the gifts to each one with a stunt of some kind.

Attending were: Mmes. James Horton, B. O. Harrell, R. C. Ferguson, Stinchcomb, N. F. McCrary, R. D. McCrary, Charles Harris, O. O. Mickle, Crowell, L. C. Brown, C. B. Frost, John D. McRae, W. S. Barber, Ed F. Williams, Ora B. Jones, Frank A. Jones, R. E. Sikes, Marguerite Welch, J. A. Doyle, E. E. Gordon, John Little, W. P. Leslie, Ida B. Foster, Earl Bender, Herman Hassell, George Cross, Milton Gaines, T. L. Fagg, Ina Bean, Billy Walters, E. R. Townsend, L.

E. Corbell, W. J. Broussard, Glenn Simon, and Joe Stephen. Children present were Johnnie and Pennie Little, Don and Jeanette McCrary, Dickie Corbell, Judie Hassell, Bruce Broussard, Cayla Walters and Mary McElroy.

**BRIDE-ELECT HONORED WITH GIFT TEA**

Miss Opal Ramsey, bride-elect of Ben Little, was the honoree at a gift tea Saturday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Woman's club-house, hosted by Mrs. Paul McFarland and Mrs. S. H. Brock.

Receiving guests were: Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Ramsey, of Ranger, mother of the honoree, Mrs. C. L. Little, Mrs. Otis Anderson, and Mrs. Charles MaHaffey, sisters of the bride-elect, and Miss Jo Ann Little, sister of the groom-elect.

Miss Katherine Canet presided at the white bride's book which was decorated with orange blossoms. Mrs. E. R. Merton and Mrs. T. E. Robertson played piano music during the calling hours.

Mrs. W. A. Teatsorth presided over the silver service at the table laid with an Irish linen white lace cloth, decorated with an arrangement of white gladioluses, white carnations, candy tuft and a few pink carnations in a crystal bowl. In front of the arrangement was a miniature bride and groom surrounded by greenery.

Other members of the house party were: Mmes. Homer Smith, J. W. Turner, R. E. Reagan, and Misses Marie Smith, Peggie McFarland, and Doris Martin.

White cake squares topped with pink wedding bells, and coffee were served from the table. The piano was decorated with poinsettias and birds nest fern decorated the clubroom.

Sixty guests registered and eighty five sent gifts. Miss Ramsey and Mr. Little will be married at the Eastland First Methodist church December 20.

For the first nine months of 1947, 15 per cent less kerosene was exported from the United States than in 1946, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

**MR. AND MRS. MEERIMAN ENTERTAIN INTERMEDIATES OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mr. and Mrs. Owen V. Merri-man entertained the Intermediates of the First Baptist Church Monday evening at 7:30 in the basement of the church, with a Christmas party.

The lovely Christmas decorations centered around the Christmas tree which held gifts for those attending.

The evening was spent in playing games after which refreshments were served to twenty-two intermediates and the pastor, Rev. L. M. Chapman.

**MRS. KIRKSEY PARKER HONORED WITH BABY SHOWER**

Mrs. C. B. Edwards, Mrs. Jack Gray and Mrs. E. P. Creech honored Mrs. Kirksey Parker of Carbon at a baby shower, Monday at a dessert luncheon at the Creech home.

The tables were decorated, each table having a pink and blue cradle filled with dainty flowers. After the dessert games were played.

Those present were: Mattie Doyle, Mrs. Willis Smith, Mrs. M. D. Fox, Mrs. Ben Mathews, Mrs. Milton Perry, Mrs. Elmo Higginbotham, Mrs. Ben Carmichael, Mrs. Blake Stevens of Cisco and Mrs. P. C. Spinney of Ising Star.

Those sending gifts were: Mrs. Milton Fullen, Mrs. J. E. Harkrider, Mrs. C. L. Wilson of Comanche, and Mrs. Higginbottom of Carbon.

**HOOR CHANGED**

The Eastland Music Study Club, scheduled to meet at the Woman's clubhouse at 7:00 o'clock Wednesday evening, for a Christmas dinner honoring husbands of the club members, will meet at 8:00 p.m. instead of 7:00. Mrs. T. E. Richardson, club president, announced this morning. The change was made to prevent a conflict with mid-week church services.

**Personals**

Dr. and Mrs. Royce Pruitt and little daughter, Cynthia of Ozona, are guests of her mother, Mrs. Christine Beskow, South Mulberry Street. Dr. Pruitt is practicing medicine in Ozona.

Mrs. Ollie Petros, 721 West Commerce, who returned home Sunday is able to be up and around the house. Mrs. Petros went to the hospital a month ago.

**Heartsease**

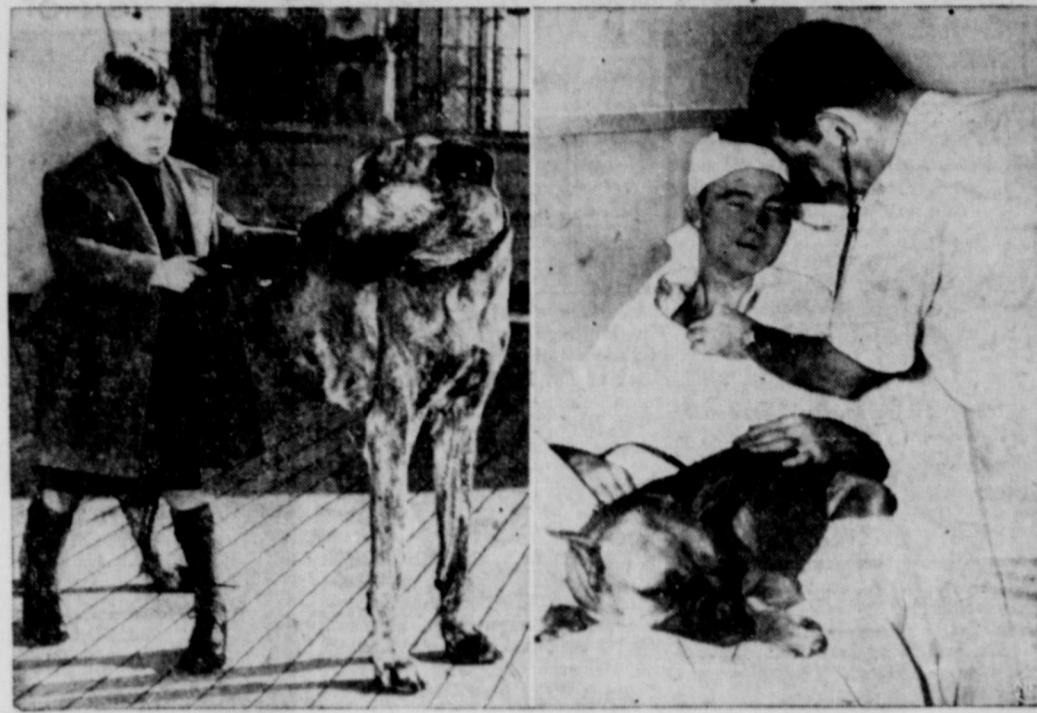
by Elsie Glenn

**GOD'S REFRESHER**

I did not sleep well last night... I was worried about a number of things... and I experienced what is known as a "white night". This morning everything dragged. Spiritually I was at low ebb... things and meaning blurred. A lethargy I was scarcely interested in fighting possessed me.

And then, because I had to, I took a long drive... in the rain. Mud from passing cars slung itself against the windshield. Angerily I watched the windshield wiper sweep it back and forth... it was very hard to see out. It was a gray day... to match the el.

**Dogs Have Their Worries, Too**



Britain's food shortage worried Michael Coupleditch, 5, and his 168-pound pet, Rupert, said to be the largest Great Dane in the world. So they moved to Montreal, Canada, where the dog will be able to get his daily diet of seven pounds of meat, two pounds of biscuits, and one quart of meat stock. They are shown at left arriving in New York. At right, Panzar, Harry Parker Strong's seeing-eye dog, sticks by his blind master in Bayshore, N. Y., hospital after the dog tried to save Strong from being hit by a car. All attempts to separate the two failed. Dr. Joseph Toye looks on.

grayness of the way my heart felt. I was conscious of something... I knew not what... that kept flashing past me. I paid no attention. I was too deeply engrossed in myself.

It kept flashing by... and tiredly I turned my eyes away from the road.

My heart stood still. Through the haze I had been driving in... a vivid awareness swept across my brain... the most gorgeous, beautiful colors in the world were flashing past me... flashing... trying to attract my attention.

And I felt as I often do just after I have said a prayer... peaceful, and calm again. For it was God talking to me in the shape and brilliant colors of Fall leaves, in all their myriad fall dress... from the trees by the side of the road. God was begging me to forget the things that troubled me... to look at what He had put by the roadside to comfort me.

Such colors. Deep orange... dark red and vivid green... browns, purples... everything in God's picture was there.

At last I understood. My blinded eyes were open to the beauty all about me and I drove on through the rain.

And so it is that I am never to forget the rain slanting down on the leaves... dancing in their glowing colors... howling and twirling and flashing and shining... for me alone... as I drove the after.

God hangs His pictures so that all may see.

Have you noticed the lovely, lovely leaves this Fall?

La Paz, Bolivia, is the highest capital in the world. It lies in a river valley in the Andes Mountains, 12,000 feet above sea level.

**Protect Your Eyes Warns State Health Officer, G. W. Cox**

One of your most valued assets is good eyes. Many people thoughtlessly abuse the eyes and think little about it until trouble comes, declares Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

What can you do to protect your eyes? First, it is important to take care of your general health. If bodies are tired, naturally the eyes are tired too. If there is infection in the body from teeth, kidneys, or other sources, the eyes will probably be affected.

Eye strain begins when you need to use too much effort to focus clearly. If you have normal eyes, you don't need to use the focusing muscles to see clearly in the distance; and when you look at something close, like reading matter, you need to focus only a little. If you are far-sighted, your eyes have to focus, even when you look far away; and when you read you have to focus a lot more than a person with normal eyes.

Children have strong focusing muscles, and their eyes do not tire easily or usually need glasses unless they have a large amount of far-sightedness. Then they need glasses to do the focusing and

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give their eyes a rest. Older people have weaker focusing muscles and usually need glasses for reading when they are about 45 years old. For other specific eye difficulties, glasses may be needed.

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