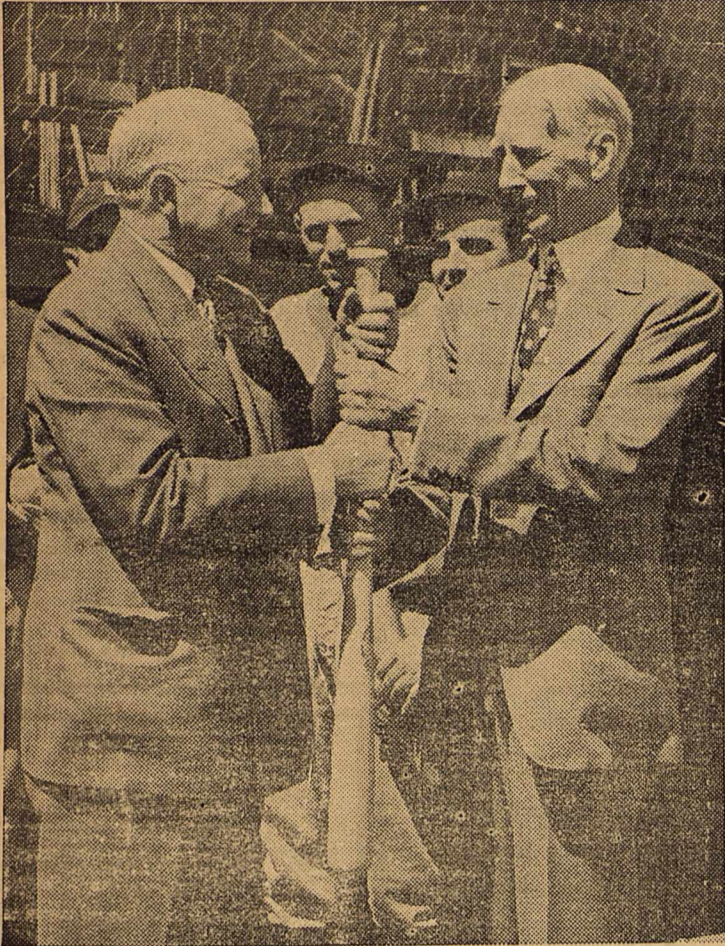


MACK AND BANKER FRIEND "CHOOSE-UP"



Connie Mack, who has been playing professional baseball and managing major league clubs for more than half a century, came to Dallas recently with his Philadelphia Athletics and renewed a friendship of many years with his old friend, Nathan Adams. Mr. Adams is something of a pilot himself. For fifty years he has been piloting the First National Bank in Dallas and on April 19, 20 and 21 associates, employees, friends and neighbors will celebrate the banker's golden anniversary of service with the bank of which he is president. And Mr. Cornelius McGillicuddy (Connie Mack) plans to return to Dallas to join in the celebration.

VOICE OF TEXAS

By PIERCE BROOKS

Harmony prevailed in both Houses when the famous Perricone quadruplets of Beaumont played some accordion music. The day they played, April 5th, was the first day of the session that old age pensions was not the major topic. Two days before, the House held its first Monday night meet. Chairman E. H. Thornton, Jr., of Galveston of the House Appropriations Committee, will very likely be a busy man during the next few days as floor debate is due on general appropriations.

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tion is of agricultural origin, and there is also the further conclusion reached by economists to the effect that here in the United States eighty-six cents of the sale price of the average of commodities is reckoned as labor's share.

Chas. E. Baughman, former commissioner of markets and warehouses, and now chief clerk of the Department of Agriculture, recently gave voice to an unusually sound theory of economics. He said: "One of the first essentials of a wisely administered government is that the government see to it that the dollar has an equal purchasing power throughout the nation, but there can be no equality of the purchasing power of the dollar so long as there is a high protective tariff to enable the manufacturers to set up and maintain a two price system for his goods and wares when at the same time those responsible for the industry of agriculture are compelled to buy the necessities of life in a protected market and sell their products in an unprotected market, "nor can" continued Mr. Baughman, "the industry of agriculture move out of the ruts when it must support discriminatory transportation charges, such as create a disparity between different producing areas."

It is interesting to note that many Texas business men are taking up the fight of the farmer. P. Pierce Brooks, recent candidate for Lieutenant Governor, speaking in Austin recently said, "It is my opinion that should the Congress reverse eighty per cent of all tariff duties received by the Government to provide a parity price for agricultural commodities of which there may be a surplus, such as cotton, wheat, rice and tobacco, then re-vamp transportation rates so that there would be no inequalities as between the different sections of the country as a whole, we would witness one of the most remarkable come backs in the industry of Southern agriculture ever experienced."

These arguments seem sound and the time seems opportune for concerted action on the part of Southern representatives in our National Congress to take a definite stand against discriminations in the application of freight schedules; to either lower tariff duties, or to properly subsidize agriculture to give it the same purchasing power as industry in general. It is certain that until we have come to appreciate the place occupied by agriculture in this nation, and so long as these discriminations continue to exist, we can never hope for an economic normalcy that would cause the wheels of commerce and industry to spin with the rapidity so badly needed now in order to provide employment for our millions who are idle.

HEALTH

Austin, April 13.—May first has been proclaimed May Day-Child Health Day nationally by Franklin D. Roosevelt, and State-wide by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel. The State Department of Health has been designated as the official agency to head the activities in Texas.

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, has stated that May Day is in reality an entire week's activity centered on the health and welfare of children. Every group in Texas interested in children will hold special meetings, clinics, and other projects to promote public consciousness of the development needs of childhood, so that everyone will realize that, "In the Health of its children lies the future of Texas".

Activities will vary in each community according to the existing problems and facilities. Many towns make this their chief activity of the year and schools, churches, luncheon clubs and women's clubs will have special programs. Merchants will use special window displays of children's clothes, toys and health aids, and carry special newspaper advertising.

This is a splendid time for parents to have their babies and children immunized against diphtheria, smallpox and typhoid fever. A thorough physical check-up is in order and should be followed by having corrections made of any physical defects. May Day gives you an opportunity to see that your child has a proper state along life's path and that proper safeguards are furnished him.

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R. C. Brinkley, pastor

Business Mens Bible Class

With the coming of spring a very definite interest has developed in our Bible Class at La Vista Theatre. A fine attendance the last two Sundays makes us look forward with happy anticipation to seeing you and your friends next Sunday. Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot and her Junior Choir of girls will render special music for us. Come.

F. T. Jones, president

GARDENING NOTES ON FILMING A PICTURE

One of the most ticklish problems encountered during the filming of "Kentucky," a technicolor production appearing tonight and Saturday at La Vista Theatre, was the matter of growing grass.

When Director David Butler returned from Kentucky he found that all California grass had been burned brown. In order to match scenes, he had to send to Kentucky for seed of the particular blue grass he had filmed and plant it on the set. Tests were shot every other day until it was found that the color mached and the set was ready for use.

"Kentucky," a romance of the Blue Grass country, features Loretta Young, Richard Greene and Walter Brennan. Darryl F. Zanuck was in charge of production.

Sonoran's Mother Leaves

Mrs. J. W. Martin of Brawley, Cal., left for her home Monday after a months visit in Sonora with her mother, Mrs. Ellen Green, a son, W. D. Martin, and Mrs. Martin and another son, Johnnie Martin of Del Rio.

Jeweler Home From Hospital
George A. Barrow returned to Sonora Saturday night after having undergone a tonsillectomy in a San Antonio hospital on Friday morning of last week. Mr. Barrow was able to be in town Monday. The Rev. R. C. Brinkley has had charge of the store during Mr. Barrow's absence. He was accompanied to San Antonio by Mrs. Barrow.

Highwayman Has Operation
H. P. Largent, bridge foreman, state highway department, underwent an operation Saturday morning in a San Angelo hospital for the removal of his tonsils. He returned home Monday and is getting along nicely. H. L. Taylor, division supervisor, is teaching Mr. Largent's first aid class during his absence.

Sustains Cuts on Face
Clifford Ledbetter sustained cuts about his face and right ear Saturday when thrown from a terrace while working on the Pete Garvin ranch.

Mexican Burned Thursday
A Mexican, Manuel Lombrano, was burned while burning prickly pear Thursday on the Tom Bond ranch.

The average person can still taste the bitterness of quinine when one part of it is dissolved in 152,000 parts of water.

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WINGS OVER TEXAS

By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

An eastern bird-bander tells of seeing thirty-eight cats around the barns on a Vermont farm. When questioned about them, the foreman stated that most of them left in the spring and foraged for themselves in the woods, returning with cold weather. They wintered around the barns, then left for the woods and fields again each spring when nesting season approached.

The toll of birds that this many cats take normally in one season runs into the thousands. In Massachusetts 228 cats were observed to kill 624 birds in one day. In Connecticut five cats on an estate killed a thousand young pheasants. The Texas Game Commission considers the cat a deadly enemy of our wildlife. Paul V. Jones, Jr., at College Station is now doing research work on the food habits and predatory instincts of the house cat. Some convincing proof should come out of this study.

This is not a brief against pet cats. Personally, birds aside, I like them. Though imported, there is no doubt that they have won for themselves a place in American life. But a strong affection for the animal cannot cancel the facts.

Dumping cats in the woods or on the edge of town is a cruel practice. For every well-fed cat that dozes on the hearth there are probably five homeless, half-starved ones stalking the wilds searching for food. These are the ones that do most of the incredible damage to birds. It is kinder to put them out of their misery.

Our Canadian neighbors in Stavelly, Alberta have pioneered cat belling. When Fred Fleming and others were working on legislation to control the prowling cat menace, evidence was submitted that at least 75 per cent of the destructive cats were ownerless or, at least unclaimed by any owners.

Mr. E. C. Webster, an officer of the Stavelly Fish and Game Association, pointed out in a recent letter: "Attention was called to the Migratory Birds Convention Act, between Canada and the U. S. Practically all our song and insectivorous birds are protected by this

Act. It was ridiculous for a child or grown-up to be subject to a heavy fine for molesting birds and birds' nests, and then to permit marauding cats to run wild." Under Stavelly's cat belling plan it is illegal for cats to be at large unless they are tagged or belled. Mr. Webster stated further:

"The bells used so far do warn the birds to some extent, but not enough. They have the advantage however, of showing the public that the cats so belled are owned by somebody, something like a dog license. Cats not belled we can take for granted are ownerless, and a great menace, and can and should be destroyed.

"I noticed an article in a Calgary newspaper a few days ago that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is becoming alarmed at the great number of cats, presumably ownerless, running at large in Calgary. The Society is requesting cat owners to destroy cats they are unable to care for properly, instead of turning them loose. Some time ago this Society was more or less opposed to our Cat Belling By-Law."

Jones of A. & M. agrees that the bells are not effective enough in warning birds: "It seems that the birds in the cat's neighborhood become so accustomed to hearing the bells that they pay no attention to the noise the bells make and fail to associate bells and cats. . . I have on my desk a picture of a cat who, although equipped with six silver bells attached to a collar about her neck succeeded in killing 32 birds during one nesting season and 28 the next."

When Stavelly, Alberta was first settled 30 years ago, trees and birds were both scarce. Newly planted trees also had to be protected from the cats who weakened them by sharpening their claws on the bark. Since cats have been under control both trees and birds have multiplied at a rapid rate.

A wide awake County Wildlife Planning Board or Wildlife Association could conduct an interesting experiment in Cat Belling patterned after the Canadian plan.

It would most likely be enlightening and richly rewarded.

In the meantime it is well for persons interested in the welfare of wildlife to follow Mr. Jones suggestion: "The best way to keep cats from doing damage to our bird life is to confine the cats to the house at night since most catch their greatest number of birds then, often stalking a nest and killing mother and young at one time."

35 Years Ago

H. Sharp the sheepman left on Friday's hack for Lampasas to attend court.

Mrs. W. R. Rudiell who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Adams at the ranch for a couple of weeks was in Sonora several days this week visiting friends and left for Middle Valley ranch Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Yaws.

Jim Robson was in from the ranch on Buffalo Draw of the Llano Wednesday talking trade.

Talk about the new school building so that everything may be in readiness to commence building when school is out.

Will Whitehead was in from the ranch Wednesday and reports haying sold 27 head of 1 and 2 year old bulls to Greenwood and Brod-bent of Del Rio, at \$25 round.

You must accustom yourself to writing 1900.

Sonora's public schools will open

for the balance of the term on Monday, Jan. 8, 1900.

H. C. Hunt, the new lively man, has received a consignment of double and single rigs. If you want a stylish turnout, see Hunt.

WHAT AIR RAID WILL LOOK LIKE IN "NEXT WAR"

The complete destruction of a great city by an air raid during a "future war" is graphically pictured in "Idiot's Delight," which comes Sunday to La Vista Theatre for an engagement of two days. Not a fanciful version of such a raid, the sequence of bombing



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scenes is technically perfect, according to Director Clarence Brown a graduate engineer and war-time flying instructor who holds a transport pilot's license.

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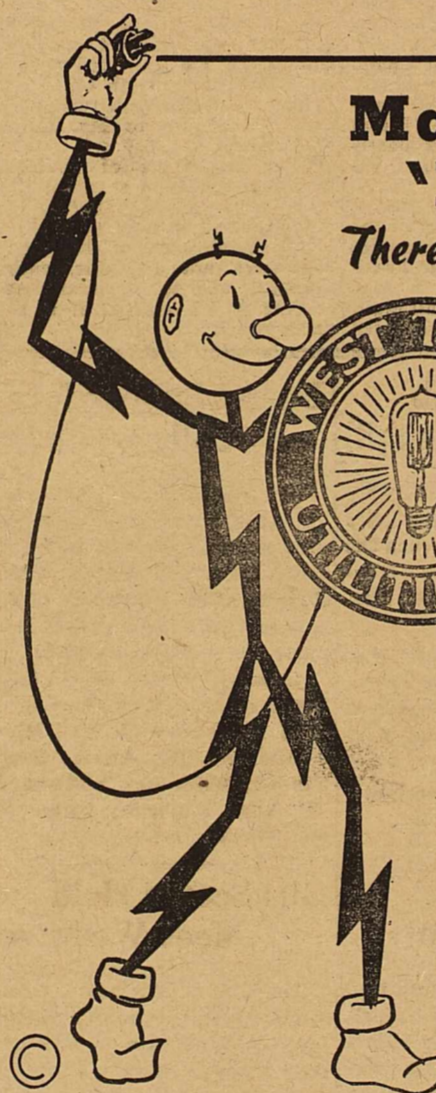
said. "It is a definite part of the story. From official records of the terror and devastation caused by modern aerial warfare, we have attempted to give motion picture audiences a clear and vivid insight into what war from the sky means."

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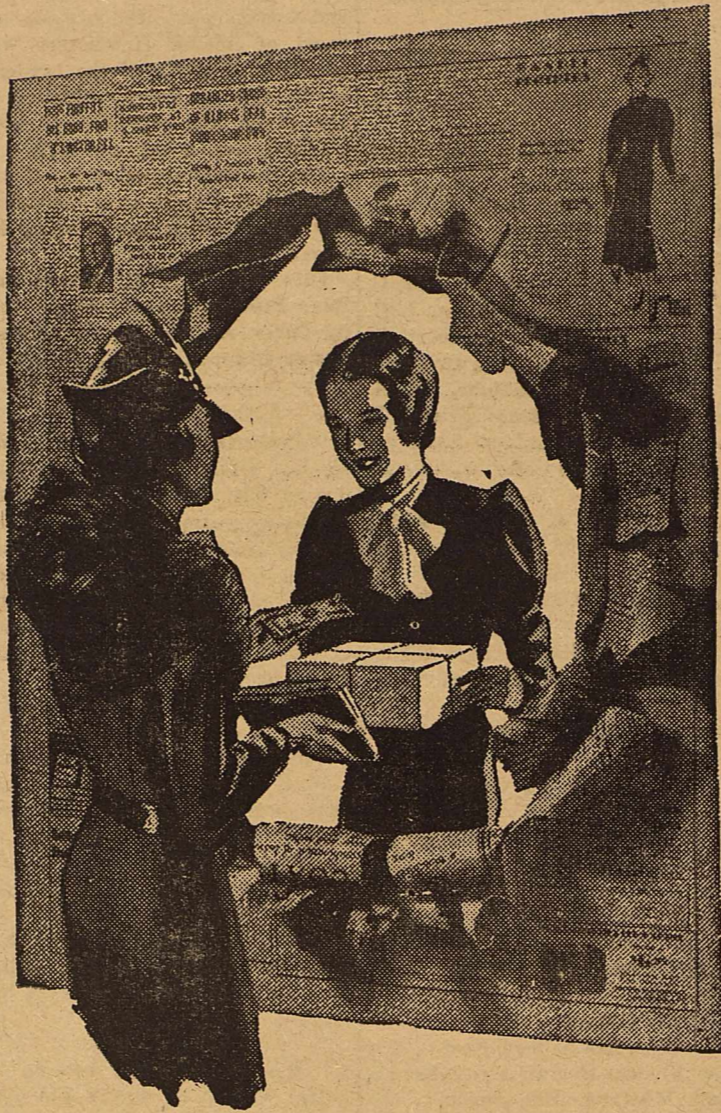
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at least twenty signatures must be secured or otherwise this agreement is not binding."

Up to nine o'clock yesterday morning ninety-seven Sonora and Sutton county citizens had signed this document.

First signers of this petition immediately started to forego shaving, and as a result quite a number have beards discernible at a distance of two feet. The faces of later signers just look dirty.

As the motive back of the plan is to secure fine money, it is the committee's desire that a number committed break the agreement

before the show date rolls 'round.

Anyone becoming 'disheartened with his efforts to grow whiskers, and the strain on his physical being too strenuous may have this handicap wiped out with a five-dollar bill.

When signers are slow in coming forward, managers resort to some trickery in getting victims on the dotted line.

One ruse is to engage a prospect in softball discussion. If the party admits he likes softball and would like to see it played, the wily manager leads him to the petition and says:

"You want to see the softball movement go over, don't you? Well just sign here!"

It is said of Alfred Cooper, when the softball argument convinced

him he should help promote the entertainment by "signing-up," remarked as he wrote his name: "I hope this isn't that whisker petition." It was.

The list, (which you will find at the Sonora Drug Co. store, in case you want to see softball flourish) is:

W. H. Dameron, H. C. Atchison, Jr., Sam Karnes, Roy Valliant, Roy Christie, L. R. Baker, E. E. Johnson, T. R. Driskell, George J. Trainor,

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Dave Locklin, Ira D. Hale, Fred Nichols, J. H. Brasher, Jr., R. C. Vicars, W. P. McConnell, Jr., J. C. Morrow, Ed Wall, O. F. (Jack) Kasper,

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Lee Patrick, W. R. Parsons, W. A. Carroll, J. W. Parker, Alfred Schwiening, F. H. Hamby, C. T. Jones, Jr., M. O. Westbrook, Edwin Sawyer,

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Hillery Phillips, Frank Bond, Clyde Cox, B. E. Cartwright, Bill Mittel, Bill Seahorn, Jerry Westmoreland.

They See Dizzy Dean in Action
J. T. McClelland and son, Ernest and Mrs. McClelland attended the game Sunday in San Antonio between the Chicago White Sox and the St. Louis Browns. The party had the pleasure of seeing Dizzy Dean as he pitched for two innings of the game. The Browns won, 11 to 10.

McMillans, New Comers
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McMillan of San Angelo are new comers to Sonora. Mr. McMillan takes the place vacated recently at the J. W. Trainer & Son store. Their son is remaining in San Angelo until school is out.

Fisherman Has Good Luck
W. P. McConnell, Jr., returned this week from a fishing trip to the Rio Grande. He was well fortified with fisherman's luck as he brought home the cats. That is several good size cat fish which were very enticing to the palate.

Mrs. Shurley P T A Delegate
Mrs. Velma Shurley spent the first of the week in Midland as official delegate to the district meeting of the Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Receives Finger Injuries
R. H. Blaylock received cuts requiring several stitches on two fingers while working Monday on Sol Mayer's ranch.

Star Repeats Eclipse Cycle Twice Every Year
AUSTIN, TEXAS.—The first major discovery from the William McDonald observatory—that the bright star Mu Sagittarii undergoes eclipse every 180 days—has been announced by Dr. Otto Struve, co-director of the observatory.

"The discovery of an eclipse which repeats itself every 180 days in a bright star is an important matter in itself," Doctor Struve wrote the University of Texas.

"The importance is enhanced by the fact that the phenomenon is quite similar to that observed in the eclipsing of the large double star, Epsilon Aurigae, much discussed by astronomers a year ago," Doctor Struve added.

He informed university officials that the discovery was made upon the basis of a prediction by Dr. W. W. Morgan, an astronomer. The discovery was recorded in the observatory by Dr. C. T. Elvey.

Although McDonald observatory has been in use for some time, it is not yet fully equipped. Struve pointed out that instruments in use there now are supplemental to a major lens being ground in a Cleveland laboratory.

The observatory, in the Davis mountains of southwest Texas, is operated jointly by the University of Texas and the University of Chicago.

Commissioners in Regular Session

The commissioners court of Sutton county met in regular session Monday. Only routine business was transacted.

The appointment of Lem Eriel Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson, as a public weigher was sanctioned and his bond approved.

All bills were read, approved, and ordered paid. The expense account of Sheriff Hutcherson was approved. Reports of the tax collector, George Barrow, justice of the peace, the pay roll of road workers were given an o. k.

The election returns of the Cedar Hill School district were canvassed and the following new trustees declared elected:

Otto Thiers, E. C. Ahrens and Dave Rusk. The election was held by Oscar Adams, Herman Thiers Lester Shroyer.

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(adv) Mr. and Mrs. Ikey Kring

City Commission Visits Austin
W. C. Gilmore, mayor, and Commissioners Hamilton and Schwiening were in Austin last week to negotiate arrangements with the legislature for the use of a street roller. They visited George E. Smith, city manager, in San Antonio. Mr. Smith is said to be improving rapidly since a recent operation.

Mrs. Smith to San Antonio
Mrs. George E. Smith and children are now in San Antonio with Mr. Smith. While there one of their children will undergo a tonsillectomy.

Mrs. Bowers Home
Mrs. John Bowers has returned to her home in Sonora after having undergone an operation in an Abilene hospital a few weeks ago. She is said to be getting along nicely.

Salesman Goes With Oberkamp
Leslie Nance of Ozona who has been with the West Texas Utilities Co., for the last seven years as salesman, has resigned his position to go with Joe Oberkamp. His new position will be the same as held with the Utilities. Ozona will be Mr. Nance's headquarters. The resignation is to take effect Monday.

Sonora Boy to Chicago
Garland Slaughter, 1938 graduate of the Sonora high school left Monday for Chicago where he will enter an electrical school under the Department of Rehabilitation through the National Youth Administration. He was accompanied to San Angelo by Joe F. Logan and his daughter, Miss Emmalou, who was returning to school in Georgetown.

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