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From County Agent's Office

At the meeting held in Robert Lee, March 25th, members of the senger cars, 93 farm trucks, and Coke County Agriculture Conser- 54 commercial trucks had been vation Association for this com- registered. Of course, registramunity elected H. A. Williams tion will go on at intervals all and Lem Cowley, Committeemen. the year, making this number Herman Carwile, first alternate, much higher. and C. C. Casey, second.

men in this community A. N. senger cars, 170 farm trucks, and Counts was elected ranch com- 58 commercial trucks and pickmitteeman.

The meeting held by the Agriculture Conservation Association in Bronte community, March 26th, Noah Pruitt and J. A. Caudle were elected Committeemen. J. W. Price, first alternate, and Jess Scott second.

At the previous meeting of ranchmen of this community F. S. Higginbotham of Bronte, was elected ranch committeeman.

The organization for the Association will be completed at a meeting to be held in the County Agent's Office, April 2nd.

County Agent, H. E. Smith, Range Committmen, F. S. Higginbotham and A. M. Counts, and Range Inspectors Clint Wilkins and H. C. Allen, will leave 40,000 mark. Bobert Lee Sunday afternoon, to attend the Range School which Spring Experiment Station, Mar. 29-31 inclusive. These men will and camp out in true range fash-

plications for range inspection in- ings, rather than dissipate them volving 211,760 acres in Coke in death, injury and destruction? county.

this week at the county agent's or shudder and say, "Nothing can office and practically all of them be done about it," others are dohave been delivered.

Honored on Birthday

Honoring Mrs. Calvin Wallace on her birthday, Mrs. Earnest Lowrance and Mrs. Willie Wallace gave her a surprise dinner at her home Sunday.

Present were the families of the honoree and hostesses, Emory Davis, Raymond Jay, and Luda, Wilma and Sonny Roberts, Mrs. Mabel Williams, Geraldine Davis, Mrs. Dick Skipworth and H. B. Wallace.

In the afternoon the children at the gathering were given an Easter egg hunt.

New and Renewals THIS WEEK

Lem Cowley, O. D. Spoonts, done now! Coke Austin, W. S. Jackson.

Watch the figures opposite your name on the margin of your paper. It shows when your time

striking him in the foot.

Car Registrations

Up to noon Thursday, 635 pas-

The total number of vehicles At a previous meeting of ranch- registered in 1936 were 975 pas-

> tion fund this year by purchasing \$825 truck license plates.

The Cavalcade of Death

When in the boom year of 1928 deaths, the nation was shocked -business indices rising steadily, new boom year in accidents. And the roads and highways. there is a danger that traffic

death halt? When will we turn to furnish information which will be interested in a report will be conducted at the Big it back? Surely the American places it on comparable basis from the Census Dept. to the us with the manifold blessings of owners as its neighboring coun- stance, 57.6 percent of the naof a motor age. Why we don't | ties. 89 ranchmen have signed ap- we control it, and retain the bless-

The great irony is that while More cotton checks arrived some people shrug their shoul ers, ing about it, and doing it very well. It is a matter of record that the cities and towns which are pursuing positive, planned and permanet policies of routing out the fundamental causes of their traffic accident problems, are reducing accidents and chopping away congestion. It is a matter of record that despte the unprecedented number of deaths in 1936, nineteen states reduced their traffic fatality records on an average of 7 per cent. All but two of these states carried out positive traffic control programs. Yes, it

can be done. Traffic control is not yet an exact science. But authorities agree that far more is known about it than is being applied by the average community. We need not kili 40,000 men, women and children this year if we determine not to, and if we put the goal of halting the cavalcade of W. H. Bell, B. D. Gartman, death on the list of things to be

Sheep and goat raisers are beginning to see the light once more. For the past few years this industry has been a losing proposition. But those who were able Roy Lee Bauman, 14, of Sanco, to hold their flocks through the is recovering from an injured foot lean years are new in a prospersustained when he stumbled and ous condition. The high price of discharged a 22 rifle, the cullet wool and mohair is putting new life into the sheep raising areas

Highway Items

from the Highway Planning Sur. Mr. and Mrs. Mosquto and Mr. vey, 71 car owners of Coke and Mrs. Fly, with their kinfolks, County have mailed the post are on the way to Texas for the cards which were handed to sum her season. They state that, them at the time they paid their although many had died since last 1937 automobile license fees a t summer, they would soon have Tax. the office of Mr. Frank Perciful large families. Mrs. Mosquito Tax Assessor and Collector, raises from fifty to three hundred Since the number of cards thus children at one time and only far returned from this County takes around two weeks to have The county road construction are insufficient to give complete full grown children. Mrs. Fly adcompanies added to the registra- proof of the real needs of the mitted that she and her husband County, every car owner should could be ancestors to a million request one of these self-addres- flies in one season. sed, postage-free cards and Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health should fill it in and mail it at Officer, stated that Texas hospionce because information so col- taliy could be refused the Fly and lected, together with informa- Mosquito families if Annual tion compiled by other branches Clean-Up Week from April 4 to the State Highway Department campaign to eliminate the breedthe traffic death toll reached the and the U.S. Bureau of Public ing spots of these pests. new and awful high of 37,000 Roads in allocating federal funds which will soon be spent in imbut not sufficently. Now, with proving the secondary road system and in planning the future we seem to be embarking on a construction and maintenance of

Throughout the State the car deaths in 1937 will reach the owners have been returning these cards in a highly satisfact-Where will this cavalcade of ory way. This county, in order old age. That is why everyone people are adequade to cope with with other counties, should re- effect that the age of American this social emergency. Here we turn these post cards from as citizens is gradually being inhave the automobile, endowing high a percentage of its car

Your Actual Worth

Without regard to how much money or property he may have, the average citizen is worth only about 98c. That figure is determined by measurement secured from present-day market quotations, and is divided as follows: There's water enough in the average man's body to fill a small keg; fat enough for several bars of soap; iron enough for a medium-size nail; sugar enough to fill a teacup; lime enough to whitewash a chicken coop; phosphorous enough to make 2,000 match tips; magnesium enough for a dose of magnesia; potassium enough to explode a toy cannon and sulphur enough to rid a dog At any rate, its the sort of news of fleas. On todays market this entire collection could be purchased for 98c. So no matter to the effect that the average age how important you may think you are, and regardless of how well off your neighbor may think he is, you are both on a par when it comes to actual value -- neither one of you are worth much more than one of Uncle Sam's present day 69c dollars.

An election will be held Saturday for the election of school trustees. Go and vote for your favorite candidate.

Pay your water bill - by with of each month or have your service discontinued.

City Commission.

Department of Health

Word has just been received by According to the latest report the State Department of Health

of the survey, will be used by 11 is used to begin a thorough

We're Living Longer

If there is any one thing people want to do mo e than anything else it is to live to a ripe creased. Back in 1920, for intion's population was 21 years of age or older, while in 1935 it had jumped to 61 5 percent.

Then, too, the number of persons 70 years of age or over has bee increasing at a rate twice as fast as our population increase. That means more people per 1,-000 now reach the age of 70 that at any time in the past. Most local citizens may recall when a man was considered "old" when he reached the fifty mark. Today the 50-year-old man is considered still within the prime of life.

is due to is a matter for debate. Whether it is the result of more skilled medical service, or more careful attention to body-care or with greater attention to diet and exercise, it is not possible to say. Perhaps it is the result of all these things put together. every paper loves to print and every reader loves to read--news of the American people is being extended at a slow but certain

According to reports, the Senate finance committee has reported favorably a \$3,600 biennial appropriation for the UCRA proj-

Many jack rabbits have been slain in the county the past few weeks in drives. They are a menace to crops and gardens, but the early day pioneer thought quite a lot of these rabbits for they were a cource of food to many during the early struggle mour were week-end visitors of for existence.

Doings of the Legislature By James M. Simpson

The past week's important items of legislation center around the Sulphur Tax, the conduct of the members of the Legislature, Hon. Jim Farley's address to the Legislature, and the Franchise

The people must have been disappointed to learn that their Representatives failed to levy a substantial tax on the sulphur companies, of which the Gulf Corporation alone made \$10,000,-000 last year. The special interests have one of the most efficient, well-oiled machines a person ever saw.

It is a shame that the Representatives of people so go against the people's welfare, and It is more regretable that the people do not keep a closer check upon their Representatives. The people should be very careful in sending lawyer to the Legislature to represent them. The lawyers or either attorneys for the special interests before they come to the Legislature or are potential attorneys for these interests after they arrive, the most of which play for the attention of the "big

Mr. Farley's speech was short, delivered with a calm that inspired confidence in the message. and to the point. The plan of the President in changing the Supreme Court is to appoint a new member in the place of the members over seventy years of age who refuse to leave the Bench. At the expiration of the ones succeeded the Court would resolve itself to the original nine Justices.

The Franchise Tax is meeting with "tough sledding." A substitute bill for the one defeated two weeks ago was engrossed with the vote of Speaker Bob Calvert. The Hartzog amendment, mentioned in last week's article, was rejected in the substitute by approximately a vote of two to one. Just what this extension of life Renewed efforts by the lobbyists to defeat the bill will cause concern for its passage.

> The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Garvin of Eldorado died last Sunday morning. The services were held at the home. Mrs. Garvin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Porter. Mr. Garvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Garvin. The baby was christened Nora Ed-

Mary Frances Smith spent last week-end with her aunt, Mrs. D. I. Durham, in San Angelo.

O. D. Spoonts of Ft. Chadbourne was a Robert Lee visitor Monday.

Your attention is called to the used car ad of Coke Motor Co. this week. Owing to unprecedented sales of new cars the past ten days, they have a number of good buys in used cars.

Dr. and Mrs. Hennen of Sey-Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Russell.



Chief Justice Hughes Opposes Court Plan

HIEF JUSTICE CHARLES E. CHIEF JUSTICE CHUGHES created something of

a sensation by sending to the senate judiciary committee a letter declaring that an increase in the number of Supreme court justices, as proposed by President Roosevelt, "would not promote the efficiency of the court." He added:

"It is believed that it would impair that efficiency so long as the court acts as a

Chief Justice Hughes

"There would be more judges to hear, more judges to confer, more judges to discuss, more judges to be convinced and to decide. The present number of justices is thought to be large enough so far as the prompt, adequate and efficient conduct of

the work of the court is concerned." Mr. Hughes said his letter was approved by Justices Van Devanter and Brandeis. He made it clear that he was commenting on an increase from the standpoint of efficiency and "apart from any ques-tion of policy," which he said, "I do not discuss.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, Democrat, was the first opposition witness called before the committee, and he started in by reading Mr. Hughes' letter. Before entering the committee room he said he believed the administration would eventually accept a compromise plan. He advocates a constitutional amendment, permitting congress, by two-thirds majority, to override Supreme court invalidation of acts of congress, provided a national election had intervened between invalidation and overriding.

"The administration will compromise, don't worry," Wheeler said. "They can't get more than thirtyfive senate votes for the President's plan. Public opinion, which swerved toward them for a while, is now swinging heavily against them."

Edward S. Corwin, professor of constitutional law at Princeton, was heard by the senate committee in support of the President's bill and he got along very nicely until Senator Burke, leader of the opposition, called his attention to a speech the professor made a year ago and a book he wrote 25 years ago, in both of which he expressed views quite different from those he seemingly now holds. Then Senator Tom Connally took a hand in the questioning:

"Now you say the court is biased. You want to add six new justices who will be biased in the other direction, don't you?"

Professor Corwin evaded a direct answer for some time, but Senator Connally demanded to know whether he did not support the President's plan for this purpose.

"Well, that is one of the reasons," the witness said.

Detroit Is Threatened With General Strike

B ECAUSE the Detroit police, directed by Mayor Frank Couzens and Police Commissioner Pickert put an end to a number of the

smaller sitdown strikes in that city by raiding and arresting the strikers, Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers, threatened to call a general strike in all the auto plants there except those Motors.

of General Governor Murphy

"I don't believe Mr. Martin would be so unwise as to call out on general strike men who have just been through six years of suffering due to depression and loss of work.' Mayor Couzens said. "It would be unfortunate for him to do so."

The mayor added that the police would continue to evict strikers from plants and stores held by others than employees at the places.

The eight Chrysler plants were still held by the sitdowners, and everyone was waiting anxiously for Gov. Frank Murphy to determine what action the state government would take to enforce the law. Eviction and arrest of the strikers had been ordered by Circuit Judge Campbell, whose order to get out was defied by the workers, but the

sheriff said he couldn't act further until he was given a sufficient force of deputies.

Governor Murphy had declared that constituted authority must be obeyed, but he explained his failure to act promptly by saying that "blind adherence to a legalistic philosophy will surely lead to eventual frustration of the democratic ideal of true freedom."

The committee named by the governor to devise ways of disposing of future labor disputes was busy formulating legislation; and Mr. Murphy held frequent consultations with James F. Dewey, federal conciliator. Also he was in communication with Washington.

Sitdown Strikes Debated by the Senate

SENATORS indulged in an indignant debate concerning the sitdown strike and there were demands for a congressional investigation of this new

weapon of labor. Majority Leader Joe Robinson said: "Manifestl; the sitdown strike is unlawful. It is not within the rights of any individual or group of individuals to seize or retain possession of property to the exclusion of the employer for

Sen.Robinson

the purpose of enforcing demands against the employer.'

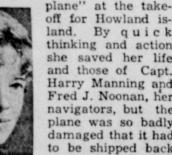
However, he added, it was difficult for the federal government to do anything in the matter until the Supreme court has passed on the validity of the Wagner-Connery labor relations act.

Senator Van Nuys of Indiana, Democrat, and others protested against this seeming effort to place on the Supreme court the blame for the epidemic of sitdown strikes.

The Democratic senate whip, Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, vehemently criticized sit-down tactics of labor and demanded investigation by congress. "Is the United States a government?" Lewis asked. "Every form of commerce is being torn apart under the name of controversy between employer and employee, leading to the danger of national riots."

Amelia Earhart's Flight Stopped by Crack-Up

A MELIA EARHART'S globe-encircling flight ended, for the present, at Honolulu when she cracked up her \$80,000 "laboratory



Amelia

off for Howland island. By quick thinking and action she saved her life and those of Capt. Harry Manning and Fred J. Noonan, her navigators, but the plane was so badly damaged that it had to be shipped back to the Los Angeles factory for repairs.

Earhart The daring aviatrix sailed immediately for San Francisco, asserting that she would resume the flight as soon as possible.

As the big plane rushed down the runway for the take-off it swayed badly, the right tire burst and the ship went out of control. The left undercarriage buckled and the left wing slashed into the ground. The ship then spun to the right, crashed down on its right wing, and the right motor snapped off the right wheel. Miss Earhart quickly cut the ignition switches, so there was no fire, and no one was injured.

The first leg of the flight, from Oakland to Honolulu, had been made successfully and in record time, but an inspection revealed that the propellor bearings of the plane were almost dry when she landed.

Treasury Objects to the Railway Pension Plan

HE new railway pension plan agreed upon by railroad management and labor doesn't meet proval of the Treasury departme , which says its taxes on employer and employees are too et pension outlays. If the low to m alls to level up with outgo, income . sury officials, the differuld come out of general govnt funds. It was predicted in ngton that President Roosemight intervene to settle

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the armistice in 1918, the country was suddenly awakened to the fact that living costs were extraordinarily high. It was a Living

condition that

struck close home Costs to everyone. It was a condition that developed an unusual emotion. There followed, naturally, a wave that engulfed hundreds of thousands of people who felt that they were being subjected to high prices that were unjustified.

Most people will remember how "H. C. L." became an expression as common and one that figured in as many puns and jokes and wise cracks as the alphabetical agencies common now to the New Deal. It was a type of propaganda that came along spontaneously because the condition affected so many people.

The reason I have recalled that circumstance is because we are again headed straight into another era of "H. C. L." We have not reached the top of living costs by any means. It takes more than a fortune teller or crystal gazer to predict what is going to happen in the way of increased commodity prices. Suffice it to say, however, that a "vicious cycle" has started whirling and in the midst of the situation stands a very confused consumer, representative of all of the people in the United States.

There undoubtedly will be an increase in the propaganda concerning living costs again. Indeed, there already is a rather far-flung propaganda which results from the increased cost of living but it is directed rather on a slant and not pointed accurately into the heart of the condition now confronting us.

Undoubtedly a great many people have not thought of the frequent and recurring attacks on business and business practices as having anything to do with the increased living costs. But the truth is that this type of propaganda springs directly from the sporadic cries that are coming from many localities about the higher prices-complaints that the dollar does not go very far in buying food across the grocery

It seems to me that it is time for some calm thinking about this situation. It seems to me further that public officials everywhere ought to be honest enough to analyze the situation and tell the public what the real causes are. If this is not done, there again will be undoubtedly a perfect deluge of propaganda in protest against high living costs and the bulk of the people who suffer from these increased costs will not know the reason any more than they understood the reasons that brought about a counterpart of the present outlook back in 1918 and 1919.

In any examination of an economic condition, one must dig considerably below Seeking the surface to find the factors that the Cause have operated to

bring about the results visible to the eye. Such is certainly the case in the present situation. One can not fairly say that the present booming prices in food have just happened. In truth, things never happen; they are brought about. They have been brought about in the present circumstance by factors that date back to 1933 and include numerous governmental policies that

have been initiated since that time. The trained economist will describe present conditions as due to inflation-which indeed they are. But inflation is such an all-inclusive term that the real story lies hidden.

In an effort to spur and encourage production and aid recovery, President Roosevelt devalued the dollar. He reduced its gold value. During 1933 and 1934 there came

numerous pieces of legislation including the NRA and the AAA, each designed to foster increased prices and to build up the level of wages for industrial workers.

Subsequently, President Roosevelt sponsored legislation which had as its end and aim federal control of wages for workers. This legislation sought to give the federal government power to force business interests to recognize labor unions and to accept labor union scales of pay-all to the end that labor should be paid a greater percentage of the returns received by business.

There came also legislation designed to increase the price of silver and the United Then Came States Treasury

Strikes was directed by this law to buy millions of ounces of silver and to I

Washington.-Immediately after | use that silver in our currency. In the meantime and recurring almost constantly the New Deal administration, from President Roosevelt on down, maintained a barrage of attacks on business interests seeking wider employment of labor at increased wages. Coupled with these attacks was violent criticism of banks and bankers. They were charged with being an obstacle to recovery because they were not lending money. It did not matter to the critics that no one wanted to borrow money; the criticisms were continued because loans simply were not being made and no examination of the reason why loans were not being made ever was undertaken.

Next in the chain of events and still continuing came labor troubles. The New Deal avowedly was on the side of labor and against employers. Strikes followed in increasing num-

The results of this combination of factors and circumstances now are showing. Considered from any angle, one can not fail to see why they constitute a cycle of events that lead to higher prices.

When the dollar was cheaper by devaluation, more dollars were required to feed a family than had been required before. Workers felt this sting. They demanded more dollars in pay for their work. Pressure from the New Deal administration together with labor's use of the strike weapon forced business to pay higher wages.

But business must live. It can not live unless it gets back its costs of production. Agriculture can not subsist unless it receives a reasonable price for its production. Neither agriculture nor industry will go ahead unless there is a reward in the shape of a profit.

In connection with this increasing price level, and the dangers inherent in the general Credit situation, I think

Eccles credit ought to be given to President Eccles, of the Federal Reserve board of governors, for the bold statement he made a few days ago. Mr. Eccles warned the country very frankly what the dangers are in a situation where labor continues to clamor for a greater share of the profits of commerce and industry and where labor's leadership seeks

to take advantage of the inability of

employers to protect themselves. The Eccles statement took occasion to link labor's position with the general money market and the effect labor's position is having on the country as a whole. He referred to the demands of some labor leaders for a working week of 30 hours and while not completely discarding that theory, he gave the very definite impression that shorter hours do not constitute a solution

for our present problem. "Increased wages and shorter hours," said Mr. Eccles, "when they limit or actually reduce production are not at this time in the interest of the public in general or in the real interest of the workers themselves. When wage increases are passed along to the public, and particularly when industries take advantage of any existing situation to increase prices far beyond increased labor costs, such action is shortsighted and an indefensible policy from every standpoint.

"The upward spiral of wages and prices into inflationary price levels can be as disastrous as the downward spiral of deflation. If such conditions develop, the government should intervene in the public interest by taking such action as is necessary to corect the abuses.

"The remedy for a price inflation when the country has unused man power, natural resources and capital, is through more, not less production, through an orderly, balanced use of these three fundamental factors and not by creating a needless, artificial shortage of any one of them."

Thus we have brought into bold relief a criticism of the final factor entering into the present increasing price level. I refer to the artificial shortage in food products that resulted from the ridiculous crop control program that was accomplished through AAA. We are now paying the price for the destruction of 6,000,000 little pigs.

I said at the beginning of this discussion that a calm examination of the factors involved was necessary now if it ever were necessary in history.

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IMPROVED T UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL CUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

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Lesson for April 4 GOD THE CREATOR

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31.
GOLDEN TEXT—In the beginning God
created the heavens and the earth. Gen.

PRIMARY TOPIC-When God Made the JUNIOR TOPIC—In the Beginning—God.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—

God the Maker of All. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC-God in Creation.

From the completion of the great Gospel of John, which took us back to that time "in the beginning" when the Living Word "was" and "was with God and was God," we turn to the first book of the Bible, which is, as indicated by its title, a book of "beginnings." We find in it not only the record of the creation of the heavens and earth, but of man, and the beginnings of his history, the entrance of sin into the world, the beginning of God's revelation of redemption. It is indeed a most important book, fundamental to an understanding of the

rest of the Bible. Genesis has been the special object of attack on the part of critics, and especially by those who saw in its account of the creation statements which apparently did not square with the announced findings of science. Fortunately, as men make advances in scientific discovery, as well as in the understanding of God's Word, they are beginning to realize that there is no real conflict between the established facts of science and a proper interpretation of Scripture. When there is an apparent clash it will be found that either the Bible has been misinterpreted by men or they have mistaken a hypothesis of science for

a fact. We are in error when we talk about the Bible's being confirmed by archaeology or by science. If the United States naval observatory should find that its master clock does not agree with the observation of the stars, it would not assume that the universe had gotten out of order. It would know that the clock is wrong, and would make correction. Science does not confirm the Bible; the Bible confirms true

science. The account of creation may be considered in two great divisions. I. The Creation of Heaven and Earth (1:1-5).

'In the beginning God''-what awe-inspiring words! How fully and satisfactorily they state the origin of all things.

Men ask us to believe their theories, but there is no cosmogony offered which does not call for a measure of credulity. Man cannot explain the origin of matter, the origin of life, the origin of rational life. These three great gaps and many smaller ones his theories cannot bridge. Man asks us to take his word for them. But we prefer to take God's Word.

Study the entire account of creation. Space here forbids more than the briefest reference to its perfect order and symmetry, its completeness, the self-evident fact that it is a true account of the working of God. It is so received by thoughtful men and women of our day. Even scoffers have long since ceased to speak foolish words about "the mis-

takes of Moses." II. The Creation of Man (vv. 16-23).

"Let us" is an indication that the Holy Trinity was active in creation. God the Father is mentioned (v. 1), the Holy Spirit (v. 2), and without the Son was nothing made (John 1:3).

Man was created in "the likeness and image of God." This undoubtedly refers to a moral and spiritual likeness. Man is a moral being, possessed of all the characteristics of true personality. He is a living spirit, with intelligence, feeling, willpower. This image, no matter how it may have been defaced by sin, is that in man which makes it possible for us to seek him in his sin and beseech him "to be reconciled to God." "Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter, feelings lie-

buried that grace can restore." Notice that God gave man "a helpmeet unto him," that he established the family as the center of life on this earth. He gave man dominion over the entire creationand his restless pioneering spirit still carries him on to the complete realization of that promise. He provided not only for man's spiritual and social needs. but also for his every physical need. Surely we may every physical needs. Surely we may say with Moses that "everything that he (God) had made . . . was very good" (v. 31).

The Garden Murder Case

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CHAPTER VIII-Continued

"By George! I did hear some thing, now that you put it that way I thought nothing of it at the time. since Woody was already dead. But just as I re-entered the stairway there was an explosion of some kind back-firing down in the street, and paid no attention to it.'

'That's very interestin' . . ." Vance's eyes drifted off into space. "I wonder . . . But to continue your tale. You say you left the roof immediately and came downstairs But there were at least ten minutes from the time you lett the garden to the time I encountered you entering the apartment at the front door. How and where did you spend these ten intervening minutes?"

"I stayed on the landing of the stairs and smoked a couple of cigarettes. I was trying to pull myself together."

Heath stood up quickly, one hand in his outside coat pocket, and thrust out his jaw belligerently toward the agitated Kroon.

"What kind of cigarettes do you smoke?" he barked.

The man looked at the Sergeant in bewilderment, and then said: "I smoke gold - tipped Turkish cigarettes. What about it?'

Heath drew his hand from his pocket and looked at something which he held on his palm.

"All right," he muttered. Then he addressed Vance. "I got the stubs here. Picked 'em up on the landing when I came up from the dame's apartment."

"Well, well," sneered Kroon. "So the police actually found something! . . What more do you want?" he demanded of Vance.

"Nothing for the moment, thank you," Vance returned with exaggerated courtesy. "You have done very well by yourself this afternoon, Mr. Kroon. We won't need you any more."

Kroon went to the door without a

"A good story," Markham commented dryly when Kroon had gone. "Yes, yes. Good. But reluc-Vance appeared disturbed.

"Do you believe it?" "My dear Markham, I keep an open mind, neither believin' nor disbelievin' Prayin' for facts. But no facts yet. Drama everywhere, but no substance."

There was a rustle in the passageway, and Madge Weatherby came rushing into the study, with Heath following and protesting vigorously. It was obvious that Miss Weatherby had dashed up the stairs before anyone could interfere with her.

"What's the meaning of this?" she demanded imperiously. "You're letting Cecil Kroon go, after what I've told you? And I"-she indicated herself with a dramatic gesture-"I am being held here, a prisoner."

"The fact is, Miss Weatherby," said Vance, returning to his chair, "Mr. Kroon explained his brief absence this afternoon lucidly and with impellin' logic. It seems that he was doing nothing more reprehensible than conferring with Miss Stella Fruemon and a brace of attorneys.

"Ah!" The woman's eyes glared with venom.

"Quite so. He was breaking off with the lady for ever and ever." "Is that the truth?" Miss Weath-

erby straightened in her chair. "Yes, yes. No subterfuge. Kroon said you were jealous of Stella. Thought I'd relieve your mind." "Why didn't he tell me, then?"

"There's always the possibility you didn't give him a chance." The woman nodded vigorously.

"Yes, that's right. I wouldn't speak to him when he returned here this afternoon."

"Care to revamp your original theory?" asked Vance. "Or do you still think that Kroon is the culprit?"

"I-I really don't know now," the woman answered hesitantly. "When I last spoke to you I was terribly upset. . . . Maybe it was all my imagination."

Vance looked at the woman quizzically. "Since you're not so sure that Kroon did the deed, have you

any other suggestions?"

There was a tense silence. Miss
Weatherby's face seemed to con-

tract: She drew in her lips. "Yes!" she exploded, leaning to-

call it. She's capable of such things, | too. There was something between her and Woody. Then she chucked him over. He didn't have enough money to suit her. You saw the way they acted toward each other

"Have you any idea as to how outside. I thought it was a car she managed the crime?" Vance asked quietly.

"She was out of the drawing-room long enough, wasn't she?'

"Poignant question. Situation very mysterious" Vance rose slowly and bowed to the woman. 'Thanks awfully - we're most grateful. And we shall not hold you prisoner any longer.'

When she had gone Markham grinned sourly.

"The lady is well equipped with suspects. What do you make of this new accusation?'

Vance was frowning. "Animosity shunted from Monsieur Kroon to La Graem Yes Queer situation. Logically speakin' this new accusation is more reasonable than her first. It ha. its points . . If orly I could get that disconnected buzzer out of my mind

It must fit somewhere . . . And that second shot-the one we all heard." Vance again moved to the buzzer and inspected it with care.

indications of a mechanism." "It could have been removed before the repair man arrived," theorized Markham without enthusi-

"Yes, another possibility. I had thought of that too. But the opportunity was lacking. I came in here



He Sank Limply Into a Chair.

immediately after I had found the johnnie shot . . ." He took the cigarette from his lips and straightened up. "By Jove! Someone might have slipped in here when we all dashed upstairs after the shot. Remote chance, though."

"Does the buzzer connect with any other room besides the den?" asked Markham.

Vance shook his head. "No. That's the only connection."

"Didn't you say there was someone in the den at the time you heard this shot?"

Vance's gaze swept past Mark-

"Yes. Zalia Graem was there. Ostensibly telephonin'." His voice, I thought, was a little bitter.

"We might get more information from the young woman herself," Markham put in sarcastically.

"Oh, yes. Quite. Obvious procedure. But I have a few queries to put to Garden first. Pavin' the way, as it were. I say, Sergeant, collect Floyd Garden and bring him

Garden came into the room uneasily and looking slightly haggard. "What a mess!" he sighed, sinking dismally into a chair. "Any

light on the case?" "A few fitful illuminations," Vance told him. 'By the by, it seems that your guests walk in and out the front door without the formality of ringing or being an-

nounced." playing the races. Much more con- exploding molecule to the next, a

terruptions."

gentleman to call back later, did | I told you Zalia had discovered it you actually know that it was a man she was talking to?" Garden opened his eyes in mild

surprise. "Why, no. I was merely ragging her. Hadn't the faintest idea. But, if it makes any difference, I'm sure

Sneed could give you the informa-

tion, if Miss Graem won't. Sneed

answered the phone, you know." "It's of no importance." Vance brushed the matter aside. "It might interest you to know, however, that the buzzer in this room failed to function because someone had carefully disconnected the

wires. "The devil you say!"

"Oh, yes. Quite." Vance fixed Garden with a significant look. 'This buzzer, if I understand it correctly, is operated only from the den, and when we heard the shot, Miss Graem was in the den. Incidentally, the shot we all heard was not the shot that killed Swift. The fatal shot had been fired at least five minutes before that. Swift never even knew whether he had won or lost his bet."

Garden's gaze was focused on Vance wth wide-eved awe.

"God God, man!" He shook his head despondently. "This thing is getting hellish."

'By the by," said Vance, "Miss Weatherby tried to convince us that Miss Graem shot Swift."

"Has she any grounds for such an

accusation?" 'Only that Miss Graem had a grudge of some kind against Swift and detested him thoroughly, and that, at the supposed time of his demise, Miss Graem was absent from the drawing-room. Doubts that she was in the den phoning all the time Thinks she was up here, busily engaged in murder."

Garden drew rapidly on his pipe and seemed to be thinking.

"Do you yourself regard Miss Graem as capable of a cold-blooded, skillfully planned murder?'

Garden pursed his lips and

frowned. "Damn it, Vance! I can't answer that question. Frankly, I don't know who is and who isn't capable of murder. The younger set today are all bored to death, intolerant of every restraint, living beyond their means, digging up scandal, seeking sensations of every type Zalia is little different from the rest, as far as I can see. She always seems to be stepping on the gas and exceeding the speed limits. How far she would actually go. I'm not prepared to say. Who is, for that matter? It may be merely a big circus parade with her, or it may be fundamental -a violent reaction from respectability.'

"A vivid, though not a sweet, character sketch," murmured Vance. "One might say offhand that you are rather fond of her

but don't approve." Garden laughed awkwardly. "I can't say that I dislike Zalia. Most men do like her-though I

don't think any of them understand her. I know I don't. There's some impenetrable wall around her. She's either damned superficial or deep as hell-I can't make up my mind which. As to her status in this present situation . . . well, I don't know. It wouldn't surprise me in the least if Madge was right about her. Zalia has staggered me a couple of times-can't exactly explain it. You remember, when you off?" asked me about father's revolver,

in that desk and staged a scene with it in this very room. Well, Vance, my blood went cold at the time. There was something in the way she did it, and in the tone of her voice, that made me actually fear that she was fully capable of shooting up the party. I was relieved when she put the gun back and shut the drawer . . All I can say," he added, "is that I don't wholly understand her."

"No. Of course not. No one can wholly understand another person. If anyone could he'd understand everything. Not a comfortin thought . Thanks awfully for the recital your fears and impressions. You'll look after matters downstairs for a while, won't you?"

Garden seemed to breathe more freely on being dismissed, and with a mumbled acquiescence, moved toward the door.

"Oh, by the by," Vance called after him. "One other little point I wish to ask you about."

Garden waited politely. "Why," asked Vance, blowing a ribbon of smoke toward the ceiling, "didn't you place Swift's bet on Equanimity?"

CHAPTER IX

The man gave a start, and his jaw dropped. He barely rescued his pipe from falling to the floor.

"You didn't place it, don't y know," Vance went on dulcetly. "Rather interestin' point, in view of the fact that your cousin was not destined to live long enough to coliect the wager, even if Equanimity nad won. And in the circumstances, had you placed it, you would now be saddled with a \$10,000 debt-since Swift is no longer able to settle."

"God Almighty, stop it, Vance!" Garden exploded. He sank limply into a chair. "How do you know I

didn't place Woode's bet?" Vance regarded the man with searching eyes.

'No bookie would take a bet of that size five minutes before post time. He couldn't absorb it."

"But Hannix-"Don't make a Wall-Street financier of Hannix for my benefit," Vance admonished quietly. another thing: I happened to be sitting in a strategic position near your table when you pretended to place Swift's bet. You very deftly pulled the cord taut over the plunger of the telephone.

Garden capitulated. "All right, Vance," he said. "I didn't place the bet. But if you think, for one moment, that I had any suspicion that Woody was going to be shot his afternoon, you're wrong.

"My dear fellow!" Vance sighed with annoyance "I'm not thinkin". Higher intellgence not at work at the moment Mind a blank Only tryin' to add up a few figures. Ten thousand dollars is a big item. It changes our total-eh, what? . . . But you haven't told me why you didn't place the bet.'

Garden rose angrily. "I didn't want him to lose the money," he asserted aggressively. 'I knew what it would mean to him."

"Yes, yes. The Good Samaritan. Very touchin'. But suppose Equanimity had won, and jour cousin had survived-what about the pay-

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Giant Radio Stations May Set Clocks, According to a University Professor

A ticklish time for watchmakers is | feet a second, can be photographed ahead, Dr. Walter H. Bucher, professor of geology at Stanford university, predicts, states a Stanford university, Calif., United Press writer. The day is near, he says, when a powerful radio station will supply the entire world with synchronized

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"Civilization has been exacting," declares Dr. Bucher, "in its demand for exact time. At the United States naval observatory, the instruments are housed underground and are inspected through periscopes. Astronomers examine the stars to find the length of the day ward Vance with a new enthusiasm.
"It was Zalia Graem who killed Woody! She had the motive, as you was phoning in the deviation of the was phoning in the deviation of the devia and radio and telegraph service brought into use to spread the exa

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Recipe Billie Burke

Actress

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cupful sugar

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2 teaspoonfuls cream 1 teaspoonful vanilla

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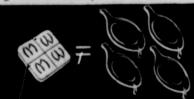
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It has been a good many years since the old Pilgrim fathers maintained their old "ducking stools" for gossipers, but the need for such method of punishment does not seem to have disappeared with them. They abolished the "ducking stool" but they did not abolish gossip, and today it exists to the detriment and happiness of practically every community, regardless of its size or the earnestness of its citizens to so live that they will not be made a target of gossipers. And therein lies the greatest danger -- one doesn't have to really be guilty of something wrong to become the target of this type of humans.

Since it is impossible to stamp out this detestable habit by law-and gossip is a habit of the very worst form-then the cure would seem to be for everyone to sit, down hard on the man or woman of loose tongue. Turning a leaf ear will prove effective, but coming out flatfooted and declaring "I wont believe it" will do far more to discourage the character assissin than anything else. There wouldn't be much gossiping if the gossipers couldn't get anyone to listen to them. There would soon be no gossip at all if people would openly denounce the gossiper and then refuse to pass the gossip along.

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A steady stream of people have been passing in and out of the court house the past few days. Registration of cars was the cause. Thursday was the dead line.

For the past ten days this section has had plenty of freezing weather. The fruit crop has been practically ruined and if any fruit at all is raised it will be a light yield. According to the old adage, if March "comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion," has certainly run true to form this year.

We believe the public is getting fed up on the Prince of Wales and Simpson affair. Since the abdication of the throne, every daily paper and magazine in the country has run a daily news story about the affair.

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Just recently a pageantry of lace was staged in the ballroom of one of the noted superb hotels in Miami which presented a most entrancing scene. At this gorgeous lace ball, which seemed almost as if it were a glimpse of fairyland, the utures that assured an edented vogue for lace. Notwithstanding the lure of ravishing evening creations of shimmering filmy lace or of the very new printed laces or of crisp starched lace sil-

TEEN AGE FROCK



Special emphasis is being put on dresses for the 'teen-age girl. Tailored girl fashions such as this are designed to avoid the "awkward age." They are youthful but not childish, simple but not plain. Here is a charming tailored girl dress. It is made of gaily patterned crinkled cloquassay cotton and is one of the many cunning models of this material that is being shown in the shops and 'teen-age dress sections this spring.

houettes, or of lace in the very "pretty" colors (cyclamen pink, thistle, azure blue and such), not forgetting smart black or white, the big message comes to us of the importance of daytime lace fashions, such as, for example, the suit of dark lace centered in the accompanying illustration.

This model by Victor Stiebel (London designers are certainly coming to the front this season) is of navy wool lace lined with tile red crepe. The shirt blouse is in the same tile red crepe with pleats at the front from yoke to waist. The hat is designed especially to complement the suit, being of the identical wool lace worked with felt in the same colors.

Likewise, the daytime dress tailored of lace declares its practicality as well as its flattering, prepossessing looks. The two-piece model to the left in the picture, being smartly tailored, bespeaks all program unfolded with breathtak- that one could wish for to wear to ing beauty with a promise of style any afternoon occasion from spectator sports to the cocktail hour. Just now it is proving highly acceptable for cruise or resort wear. It is wearable, also, under the fur coat or a new spring topcoat, if you are faring north. It has puff sleeves and high pockets on the blouse, both of which features are pet topics with young girls this season.

The suit illustrated to the right speaks in dramatic terms of the use being made of val lace edgings this season. The shops are showing daintiest of blouses thusly fashioned of val and the neckwear departments are making a big showing of ravishing collar and cuff sets, bibs, vestees and the like of this type lace worked row-on-row on net foundations. In this model we see a winter resort fashion such as is to be taken seriously as a forerunner of a style-to-be when summer comes north. This stunning suit of shirred val lace on a net background tells better than words of the whole-hearted way in which designers are emphasizing lace this season.

And have you seen the new lace frocks with all-around pleated skirts! If not you have a revelation of super chic and charm awaiting you. There is a fabric type of lace suggesting eyelet embroidery that yields most graciously to this treatment. Printed laces are immensely important. @ Western Newspaper Union.

FASHION NOTES

Many of the new straw hats are of raffia.

The smartest spring coiffures slant upward.

Luxurious negligees are very popular at present.

Hats seen recently include offface, cuffed turbans. Prints and lightweight wools are

the fabrics of the moment. Flowered linens are going big. Call is also for black and white. Tight-fitting reefers and roomy

Know your girdles if you want to look properly streamlined this sea-Accessories and hats are more

boxers are being shown for spring.

colorful than they have been in Those spangled evening jackets and beaded dresses of the past season were merely forerunners of

more spangles and beads to come.

AROUND the HOUSE ltems of Interest to the Housewife

If sirup for hotcakes is heated before serving it brings out the flavor of the sirup and does not chill the hotcakes.

Your doughnuts will have that different flavor if one half stick of bark of cinnamon and four whole cloves are added to the fat used in frying them.

When the frying pan becomes slightly burnt, drop a raw peeled potato into the pan for a few minutes. Then remove it, and all traces of burning will have disappeared.

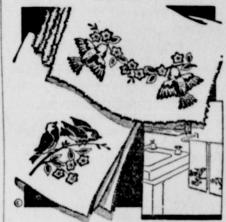
A thin syrup of sugar and water flavored with almond essence is good to sweeten fruit cup.

Filling for a sponge cake is made by creaming three ounces of fresh butter and six ounces of sifted icing sugar, adding two ounces of chopped pineapple and a little pineapple syrup.

To keep the crease in men's trousers, turn them inside out and soap down the crease with a piece of dry sdap, then turn back to the right side and press, using a damp cloth. The crease will remain for a long time.

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Miss Lois Vowell spent Easter n San Antonio. She says that even though flowers were profuse and everything was beautiful, it was cold Easter in the Alamo city.

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