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## School Honor Roll

For the past six weeks term of school, G. P. Lowry was honor pupil with an average of 99 with 98. Other pupils making an average of 90 or above were:

First grade: Vaughan Davis, Jack Snead, Ray Sides, Preston Ross, Stroud Roberts, Earl King, Charles Fowler, Charles Bessent, Winnie Ruth Boone, Geraldine Robertson, Dorothy McDorman, Frances Parker, Yvonne McCutchen, Charline McCutchen, Francis Johnson, Juanelle Jay, Floy Gunnels, Elsie Elkins, Ida Bell Eaton, Tommie Joy Denman, Jo Ann Bilbo -- second grade; Allene Olsen, Maine Scoggins, Lela Faye Hawkins, Agnes Prather, Billie Allen, Bobbie Arnold, Willie Gene Percifull, D. J. Walker, L. C. Day, J. C. Wallace Elbert Branden -- third grade; Martha Frances Smith, Royal Jordan, Jamie Chloe Bilbo, Billie Higgins, Mable Jay, Barbara Jo Ross--fourth grade: Lovenia Long, Jack Parker, Ruth Ann Taylor, Curtis Smith, L. C. Netherlin, Eddie Paul Good, Ione Davis--fifth grade; Wallace Clift, Agnes Walker, Marie Wallace, Ima Faye Landers, Rex Scoggins--G. P. Lowry, Billie Sue Brown, Catherine Taylor, Agnes Scoggins, Catherine Clark Dala Owens, Jessie Rae Burgess seventh grade; Gertrude Landers.

Eighth grade: Maxine Craddock, Prudie Ann Creech, Faye Brown, Mamie Lea Dixon, Jessie Pearl Summers, Jim Mack Taylor, Katie Sue Good, Hazel Ruth Peays--ninth grade; Edwina Ross, Josephine Taylor, Catherine Scoggins, Zelma Slaughter, Nina Gramling--tenth grade; Bryce Stewart--eleventh grade: Billie Craddock, Jane Taylor and Zada Patterson.

Highest prices paid for eggs, poultry, hides, etc. Robert Lee Produce Co

Miss Jewell Ledbetter is in Roswell, N. M., visiting with the J. F. Hamilton family.

Wilfred Gardner recently accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Coulson Drug Co. at Alpine. Mr. Coulson was formerly in the drug business here.

### SPECIALS

\$5.00 Permanents reduced to \$3.00 for a short time only. Mrs. May Hurley

Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Young of Brownwood are here this week to visit their daughter, Mrs. Chism Brown.

Uncle Joe Webb was in town Saturday and spent several hours visiting in the C. M. Barger home.

Miss Eunice McLure visited relatives in San Angelo Saturday.

Marvin's Helpy-Selfy Laundry and Cleaning Plant solicits your business. Do your washing the Helpy-Selfy way. Bring us your cleaning and pressing.

## Ariel Study Club

Mrs. W. C. McDonald served a three course luncheon when she was hostess to the Ariel Junior Study Club last Thursday.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Paul Good was in charge of a program on Ladies of the White House. Members responded to roll call with the names and high points in the lives of First Ladies. Thumbnail sketches of Dolly Madison, Mary Lincoln and Eleanor were given by Mrs. G. C. Allen, Mrs. Paul Good and Mrs. S. E. Adams and Mrs. Earl Hogard presented interesting facts about the White House. Mrs. Marvin Simpson conducted a contest of Husbands and Wives of the White House.

In the business session, the recent district conference of Federated Women's Clubs at Brady was discussed by the president, Mrs. G. L. Taylor, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mrs. G. C. Allen, Mrs. Paul Good and Mrs. H. E. Smith. The president appointed Mrs. G. C. Allen, Mrs. T. A. Richardson, Mrs. W. C. McDonald as a committee to consider the needs and desirability for organizing a sub-junior club of high school girls. While the purpose of such a club would be mainly for social activities, it is expected that interest would be developed in the study of personality development, etiquette, sports, and other subjects of interest to high school students.

A news reel showing the New London school disaster will be shown at the Alamo Sunday and Monday. Incidentally, a modern cooling system is being installed in the theatre, assuring patrons of plenty of fresh, cool air this summer. The installing of this system is costing the management about \$1200.

John Simpson of Robert Lee, who is attending State University, recently served as a member of the corps of student guides to direct visitors over the campus of the University during the spring Round-Up, ex-student reunion.

### New corsages

at  
W. K. Simpson & Co.

Miss Sybil Simpson is a visitor here this week, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Annie McCabe and her sister, Doris Simpson.

In cooperation with a south-wide observance of Parents Day, the local B. T. S. under the direction of Mrs. Curtis Walker, will give a special program before the evening service Sunday, April 25. Mrs. Walker expressed the hope that interest might be created for the organization of an adult union.

Don't fail to read the ads this week.

If want to buy or trade for a good Jersey cow, see Mose Jackson. Phone 107.

## Court Proceedings

After a short and snappy session, district court came to a close Wednesday night. The docket was short and it did not take long to dispose of the cases on the docket.

The following cases were disposed of:

Rufus Rawls vs. Lula White, suit for custody of child. Mistrial.

J. C. Hamilton vs. Lela Hamilton, divorce. Granted.

G. A. Best et ux vs. Fred Roe et al. Continued.

Hattie Waldie vs. Ned Waldie, divorce. Continued.

Susie Bell Hedrick vs. C. E. Hedrick, divorce. Granted.

R. E. Hickman vs. N. F. Roberts, suit on note. Judgment by default.

Cova C. Fisher vs. Eugene C. Fisher, divorce. Granted.

D. J. Walker vs. N. V. Hall et al, trespass to try title. Judgment for plaintiff.

Hewett Gutta Percha Rubber Co. vs. City of Robert Lee. Continued by agreement.

State of Texas vs. Wade Akelson. Mistrial.

State of Texas vs. Robert T. Hammett. 5-year suspended sentence.

State of Texas vs. Walter Lee Hensley. Continued by agreement.

State of Texas vs. L. D. Larkin. Five year prison term.

## Bluebonnet Bridge Club

Mrs. H. E. Smith used a profusion of orchids and bluebonnets in the rooms where bridge was played when she was hostess to the Bluebonnet Bridge Club last Friday afternoon. Orchid tallies were used and dishes of orchid candies centered the bridge tables.

The hostess served angel food cake, ice cream and grape punch. The tables were laid with lace cloths which were prized possession of the hostess' mother and are estimated to have been in use more than fifty years.

Mrs. Fred Roe scored high for members and Mr. J. C. Snead, Jr., took high for guests.

Members present were Mesdames Fred Roe, J. S. Craddock, Chism Brown, Paul Good, Lamont Scott, S. E. Adams, P. E. Mahon, W. B. Clift, Cortes Russell, Dollie Wylie, F. C. Clark, Marvin Simpson, and Rial Denman. Guests were Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr., and Mrs. T. A. Richardson.

Mrs. Dollie Wylie will be hostess to the club on April 30.

"It never rains but it pours." This old adage hit the Observer with full force this week. Ordinarily it's a proposition every week to find enough material for a make up, but this week business is "hanging over the chases." And do we like it? Boy, you're telling us!

## Coke County Agricultural Association

Beginning now, we are launching a move to enroll members of the Agricultural Association, which will receive special attention until June 1.

In view of the fact that strength is found in numbers, and a strong membership is worth a lot more to the farmers and ranchmen of the county, we are offering to accept your membership with the understanding that you are to pay the fee of \$2.00 as soon as the enrollment reaches the minimum of 180 members, this being the quota fixed by the leaders of the state organization, and with the understanding that in the event this number is not reached by the first day of June you will be at liberty to withdraw if you see fit.

Those wishing to enroll either under this proposition or become full-fledged members will please write me a card at Robert Lee, or see me in town on Saturday afternoons.

J. C. Jordan,  
Temporary Secretary of Coke County Agricultural Association.

## Has Brother As Guest

A guest of Mr. M. H. Havins, this week, is a younger brother, "Buddy" Havins, who arrived here unexpectedly Wednesday.

Of a family of fifteen Havins children, three survive: Buddy Havins, 76, whose home is in San Diego, Calif., M. H. Havins, 78, a long time resident of Coke county, and Rev. Jim Havins of Ranger, who is 92.

The Observer has been requested to announce that there will be a cemetery working at old Fort Chadbourn Saturday, May 8. Those interested are urged to come. Dinner will be served at the cemetery.

The West Texas Utilities Co. is sponsoring a free cooking school in Robert Lee today. The school will be in charge of Mrs. Bonnie McDaniel, and those interested are urged to attend.

We call attention to the page ad of the City Drug Store this week. They are offering some very attractive prices on standard goods, and when your needs run low call at the Rexall Store "where you can save with safety."

A number of the girls and younger married ladies of town are considering the organization of a baseball team and they extend an invitation to any who are interested to join. A practice game was played on the school ground last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Russell and Miss Mettie Russell spent last week-end at Liberty Hill with Mrs. Russell's mother, Mrs. N. O. Stubblefield.

## General Rain Monday Night Over Coke County

The county was blessed with a fine rain Monday night averaging about an inch. Farmers and ranchmen are jubilant, and the threat of a drouth has been considerably lessened.

Planting will now move along with increased speed, as there is a fine underground season that will carry crops well up in the summer, and will practically make a grain crop.

A large portion of the state received a good rain.

## Entertain at Ranch Home

Honoring George W. Barnes, animal husbandry specialist, and E. C. Martin, district agricultural agent, both of College Station, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roe entertained informally at their ranch home last Friday evening. Other guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Oden Wilroughty, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Higginbotham, Miss Mozelle Higginbotham, Jim Eubanks, Allen Bell of Bronte; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Good, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith, Misses Charline Morrow, Sybil Summers, Virginia Griffith, Christine Glenn and Bill Tom Roach, Hyman Teague, Woodrow Gardner and Delbert Walling.

Mr Barnes and Mr. Martin were dinner guests earlier in the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith.

## At the Baptist Church

Sunday Morning, April 25,  
11 a. m.

J. W. Patterson, prominent West Texas Baptist layman, who served on the program in the State Association, will take Tithing for his subject at the Baptist church Sunday at 11. Hon. O. S. Lattimore of Austin is responsible for the delivering of this address here.

At the night service, R. W. Fielder of San Angelo, well known layman, assistant manager of West Texas Utilities Co., also Public Relation for the company, will make an address at the services.

Everyone is urged to be present at both services.

Rev. J. L. Wallace, pastor, will preach at San Angelo at both morning and evening services.

West Texas Gas Co., San Angelo, distributors of Farm and Ranch Gas Systems, will be on the streets of Robert Lee all day Saturday, May 1, to demonstrate the system. They carry their own orchestra and broadcasting system and there will likely be a 15-minute home talent program put on the air.

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**Current Events**  
**IN REVIEW**  
 by Edward W. Pickard  
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**Wagner Act Upheld by the Supreme Court**

FIVE history-making decisions were handed down by the Supreme Court, all upholding the validity of the Wagner labor relations act and inferentially broadening the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution. The most important ruling made by five of the nine justices and read by Chief Justice Hughes, was in the case of the Jones & Laughlin Steel company and directed the reinstatement of ten discharged employees. The decision supported the constitutional basis of the Wagner act, finding it a legal "scheme" to protect commerce from injury resulting from the denial by employers of the right of employees to organize and "from the refusal of employers to accept the procedure of collective bargaining."

The broad constitutionality of the act, was strongly noted by the chief justice. He declared that: "We think it clear that the national labor relations act may be construed so as to operate within the spirit of constitutional authority."

Hughes defined the right of employees to self-organization and to select their representatives for collective bargaining as "a fundamental right."

Regarding the vital point of the application of the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution, Hughes declared:

"The congressional authority to protect interstate commerce from burdens and obstructions is not limited to transactions which can be deemed to be an essential part of a 'flow' of interstate or foreign commerce. Burdens or obstructions may be due to injurious action springing from other sources."

In the case of the Associated Press, concerning the dismissal of Morris Watson, a New York editorial employee, the court was split, 5 to 4. The majority opinion, read by Justice Roberts, held that the act does not "abridge the freedom of speech or of the press safe-guarded by the first amendment" to the Constitution. The court took the view that Watson was dismissed not because his work was unsatisfactory but because of his activities in the Newspaper Guild, and ordered his reinstatement.

Dissenting conservatives, comprising Justices Willis Van Devanter, George Sutherland, James C. McReynolds and Pierce Butler, contended that the act should not be applied to the Associated Press because its provisions violated the "freedom of the press" clause of the Constitution. They found that if the act interfered with the ability of the Associated Press to maintain a policy of impartial news reporting, it must fall under the freedom of the press guaranty.

The three other cases, in each of which the Wagner act was upheld, involved dismissal of 18 employees by an interstate bus company; a dispute between the Fruehauf Trailer Company of Detroit, Mich., and the United Automobile Workers Union; and a dispute between the Friedmann - Harry Marks Clothing Company of Richmond Va., and Amalgamated Clothing Workers. In the bus case the decision was unanimous; in the others the division was 5 to 4.

**Canada Motors Strike on Verge of Settlement**

MITCHELL HEPBURN, premier of Ontario, reiterating his determination not to permit C. I. O. representatives from the United States to take part in negotiations for settlement of the strike in the General Motors of Canada plant at Oshawa, promised to "call out an army if necessary" to protect the property of the corporation. Hugh Thompson, U. A. W. A. organizer, barred by Hepburn, threatened that every General Motors plant in America would be closed unless the strike were settled soon with recognition of the union demands. Homer Mar-



**Premier Hepburn**

tin, president of the U. A. W. A., called Hepburn a number of unpleasant names. The Toronto Trades and Labor Council pledged the support of its 40,000 members to the union's strike against General Motors.

Notwithstanding all this, it appeared likely at this writing that the trouble at Oshawa would be brought to an end very soon by the agreement of General Motors of Canada to recognize the United Automobile Workers and to increase the wages of its employees. To some unbiased observers it seemed that Premier Hepburn had intervened in the affair unnecessarily or at least prematurely, and that his blustery language was not warranted, since the strike was being conducted in a fairly orderly manner with no threat of a sitdown.

**C. I. O. Men Shoot Several Foes in Galena, Kan.**

ORGANIZERS of the International Union of Mill, Mine and Smelter Workers, an affiliate of the C. I. O., invaded the lead and zinc field of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri and were forcibly resisted by the "blue carders" of the Tri-State Metal Mine and Smelter Workers' union, which the C. I. O. says is a company union. The latter dismantled the C. I. O. offices at Picher and Treece and then moved into Galena, Kan., where they paraded. As they reached the C. I. O. headquarters one of the marchers smashed a window. There was a burst of gunfire from the building and at least eight men and one lad fell wounded.

Leaders of the blue card union say nearly every miner in the region belongs to it, that they are drawing higher pay than ever before and are interested only in keeping conditions as they are and in an opportunity to work.

The C. I. O. has started a campaign to organize the 270,000 employees of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, the largest corporation in the United States. Local unions are to be chartered by the United Electrical and Radio Workers of America.

**Prime Minister Baldwin Will Soon Quit Office**

FREQUENT reports that Stanley Baldwin would soon retire from the post of prime minister of Great Britain were confirmed by him in a speech to the members of his constituency at Worcester. It is expected he will quit office almost immediately after the coronation of King George VI on May 12, and there seems little doubt that his successor will be Neville Chamberlain, now chancellor of the exchequer.

In his Worcester address Mr. Baldwin said: "It is far better to go when people may still think of you as perhaps not incompetent in your work than to stay until they know before you do that you are becoming incompetent."

"In a democratic country the prime minister is not only the head of a government, but he is the leader of a party and the leader of the house of commons. To carry on that tripartite task for many years beyond the age I have now reached is, in my belief, beyond the strength of human nature."

**British Navy Ordered to Protect Merchant Ships**

GREAT BRITAIN will respect the blockade of the northern Spanish port of Bilbao established by General Franco, Fascist leader. But her navy has been given orders by the cabinet to protect to the fullest extent all British shipping outside the three mile limit. The huge battle cruiser Hood and other warships were sent in a hurry to the Bay of Biscay, and orders were given to open fire on any Spanish vessel interfering with British cargo ships on the high seas. The cabinet, it was said, decided to continue to withhold the granting of belligerent rights to Franco but regarded the blockade of Bilbao as a special case since Franco's forces surround the town by sea and land. Six British ships had been waiting at St. Jean de Luz and one at Bayonne, unable to land food cargoes at Bilbao because of the presence of Franco's warships.

**Drive Against Communism Started by the K. of C.**

IT IS the opinion of the Knights of Columbus that communism is responsible for sitdown and other strikes in the United States and Canada, and that national organization of 600,000 Catholic men therefore has started an "endless crusade" against what it terms "the most damnable organization in the world." The program was launched officially by 400 delegates of councils in the New York district and will be carried on all over the country.

**Fascism Is Defeated in Belgian Election**

BELGIAN Fascists were badly defeated in an election which was admittedly a show of Fascist and anti-Fascist strength though it was only for one seat in parliament. The voters flatly rejected Leon Degrelle, foe of Premier Paul Van Zeeland, the former obtaining only 69,242 votes as against 275,840 for Van Zeeland. The Fascists there are known as Rexists and were backed by the Flemish nationalists.

**Senate Hits Sitdowns but Sparing the President**

IN ORDER to get the Guffey coal control bill through the senate without an amendment condemning the sitdown strike, Majority Leader Joe Robinson promised to permit consideration of a resolution carrying similar condemnation, but when it was presented and adopted, by a vote of 75 to 3, it was not a joint resolution, which would require the signature of the President. That was what Senator McNary and others wanted, but Robinson said it must be concurrent, because he would not put Mr. Roosevelt in the position of having to indicate his position on the sitdown strike by either signing or vetoing the measure.



**Sen. Robinson**

Besides declaring the sitdown strike "illegal and contrary to sound public policy" the resolution as adopted took a double slap at the employers by also declaring:

"That the so-called industrial spy system breeds fear, suspicion and animosity, tends to cause strikes and industrial warfare and is contrary to sound public policy; and

"That it is likewise contrary to sound public policy for any employer to deny the right of collective bargaining, to foster the company union or to engage in any other unfair labor practice as defined in the national labor relations act."

**Senator Lewis Urges New Peace Conference**

SENATOR JAMES HAMILTON LEWIS of Illinois told the senate that he believes the time has come for President Roosevelt to call an international peace conference that would revise the treaty of Versailles. He said the object of the conference would be to reach a "new disposition that might content the nations that are now in revolt and which continue in conflict because of the affront and injury they feel was worked upon them under the terms of the treaty."

**Trans-Atlantic Air Service Soon to Be Realized**

TRANS-ATLANTIC air service between the United States and Great Britain may be expected to start almost immediately, for the last obstacle in its way was removed by an agreement with Canada concerning routes through the Dominion.

Assistant Secretary of Commerce J. Monroe Johnson announced that two routes through Canada had been made available for trans-Atlantic flying craft that will make a total of four trips a week. One route is by way of Shediac, N. B., and the other through Montreal. The hop-off point for eastward flights over the ocean would be from Bottwood, N. F., which also would be landfall on the westward flights.

**Italian Editor Accuses France and Russia**

THAT France and Russia are flagrantly violating the Spanish civil war neutrality agreement by sending aid to the Madrid government is the charge flatly made by Virginia Gayda, Italian editor who is generally regarded as voicing the views of Premier Mussolini.

Gayda said 25 officers of the French general staff were mapping the strategy of the loyalists especially on the front northeast of Madrid, and that transshipment had been permitted through France of much war material made in the United States.

**Washington Digest**  
 National Topics Interpreted By WILLIAM BRUCKART  
 NATIONAL PRESS BLDG WASHINGTON, D. C.

**Washington—Many spineless officials of the federal government were horribly shocked the other day when several hundred farmers took matters into their own hands and drove a bunch of sit down strikers out of the great Hershey chocolate plants in Pennsylvania. They thought it was terrible that men who were striking for higher wages should be beaten and slugged as the farmers at Hershey, Pennsylvania, treated the sit down strikers. The strikers had closed the chocolate plants, thus cutting off the daily market for thousands of gallons of milk.**

Fortunately for the country the number of these spineless creatures, charged with official responsibility, is very few. But I mention the fact because therein is a key to some of the things that have been happening in the Roosevelt administration's treatment of the labor disturbances.

I believe no one can support violence but there can be no doubt that the federal government is charged with responsibility for protecting rights. Rights are possessed by everyone under the Constitution and under our form of government and when a handful of individuals assume to disregard the rights of others it becomes something more than a situation about which soft words and tears for the down-trodden worker are required.

The importance of the action of the farmers at Hershey, Pennsylvania, cannot be minimized. It is a straw that points which way the wind blows. It means that unless the headlong and unrestrained actions of John L. Lewis and his labor agitators are curbed, sooner or later we will pay with blood; we will pay with lives of citizens because the American people always have insisted and always will insist upon a square deal.

In treating of conditions within the country, it is well always to avoid inflammatory declarations. I hope I am never guilty of unfairness in anything I write. But the cold fact is that, in this country, the time has arrived when government must make a choice between its functions as government and allowing autocracy of labor leaders to destroy the rights and property of the other millions of our population. Labor has its rights and they must be protected, but it is equally important that the rights of those who are not members of any union, who want to work, who own property, be protected. Thus far in the present labor controversy, it must be said that the Roosevelt administration and the governors of most of the states have fallen short in their sworn duty.

There has been much praise accorded Governor Murphy of Michigan for "settling" the strikes in the automobile plants. Yet, I cannot help wondering whether the term "settlement" is correct when strikers thumbed their noses at the courts and when law enforcement officers were told by their superiors to hold off the execution of court decrees. It seems to me that we, as a nation, will have cause to regret "settlements" of that kind for a good many years to come.

I am inclining to the belief that there is only one word capable of describing the attitude of the Roosevelt administration in dealing with strikers of the sit down character. Labor has a weapon in the strike and it is entitled to use that weapon because too many business interests have refused to be fair. But when labor abuses, instead of uses, the weapon available to it, then the time has come to call them to act just as business interests are called to act when they violate laws. The difference is that the ranks of labor involve millions of votes whereas the ranks of business involve only a comparatively small number of votes. Therefore, by any line of reasoning I have been able to follow through, it seems to me that the federal government's position thus far can properly be described as political cowardice.

**Political Cowardice**

There are a number of reasons why I think this term is appropriate. First, there was the famous night conference when Mr. Roosevelt returned from his Georgia vacation and talked things over with the house and senate New Deal leaders. They emerged from that meeting with the President saying that the federal government could do nothing; that no federal laws had been violated and that no request had come from any proper authority for federal government intervention.

It makes one laugh, such statements as these. If President Roosevelt and his administration had desired to curb sit down strikes, does anyone believe that he could not have conveyed word to Governor Murphy of Michigan that he was willing to help? I think there are plenty of grapevines by which word could have been sent to the Michigan governor and, I truly believe, that if there had been a request for federal troops, there would have been a distinct change in the attitude of Labor Leader Lewis almost overnight.

Further, I have heard from plenty of lawyers in the house and senate that the decision that no federal law was being violated was wholly questionable. Those lawyers were quite convinced that Mr. Roosevelt had federal statutes at his command to use as the basis for action in the various sit down strikes—if he seriously wanted to get mixed up in the labor row.

Then, I am reminded of the very frequent attacks which were forthcoming from the White House and other New Deal spokesmen when employers and banks and business generally failed to measure up to New Deal demands in the recovery programs. The President spoke with emphasis on those occasions. He has been completely silent in the current situation.

And he has been able to maintain silence through protection given him by political maneuvering in the senate. As an instance of this, let me cite the efforts of Senator McNary of Oregon, the so-called Republican leader, in the senate, who attempted to put the question directly to the President. He sought, when the senate was floundering and dodging over a resolution condemning sit down strikes, to change the form of the resolution from one needing only concurrence of the house to a joint resolution which is a measure that requires the signature of the President. Majority Leader Robinson was quick to block that maneuvering. No one needs to tell you, of course, that Mr. Roosevelt did not want to have that resolution come to him.

So, as a second instance of federal government sissiness, we see a subservient majority of New Dealers adopting a resolution which said in effect, "You naughty boys! You know it is wrong to indulge in sit down strikes, to take possession of other people's property, and we are going to slap you on the wrist for it." Well, that was a declaration of policy but when the resolution was before the senate they could not resist the temptation to denounce business because they charged it was unfair to labor.

**Kept Silent**

In the course of the discussion of the labor controversy, I adverted on several occasions to the politics that is imbedded in the situation. There is so much of politics in the picture that one hears in the under current around Washington a discussion of President Roosevelt's future plans. It is curious, but it appears possible, that Mr. Roosevelt may be forced to run for a third term. Such a course obviously would break all precedents, but Mr. Roosevelt likes to break precedents.

He has stated on several occasions his ambition to leave the White House in 1940 with the nation at peace and economically prosperous. This observation has been repeated whenever the opportunity was propitious. On the last occasion, there were a number of observers in Washington who sustained the same reaction to the declaration, namely, that perhaps—and only perhaps—Mr. Roosevelt had a yearning in his heart to serve another four years after his present term expires. One writer, noted for his direct expressions, observed that only by constantly referring to his future retirement could the President invite groups to interest themselves in demanding him to run for a third term.

**Talk of Third Term**

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# The Garden Murder Case

by S. S. VAN DINE

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WNU Service

## CHAPTER X—Continued

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"Not now. No," Vance returned. "A little bromin gas a few minutes ago; but the air will be clear in a little while. No casualties. Every one doing well . . . Did you want to see me?"

Garden looked round at the group on the roof with a puzzled air.

"Awfully sorry to interrupt you, Vance; but the fact is, I came for the doctor." His eyes rested on Siefert, and he smiled dryly. "It's the usual thing, doc," he said. "The mater seems almost in a state of collapse—she assured me that she hadn't an ounce of strength left." A worried look came into Siefert's eyes.

"I'll come at once, of course," he said. He looked at the nurse and then lifted his gaze to Vance. "Will you excuse me?"

Vance bowed. "Certainly, doctor. But I think Miss Beeton had better remain here in the air for a while longer."

Siefert left the roof reluctantly, with Garden following him.

Vance watched them until they turned through the door of the passageway; then he spoke to the nurse.

"Please sit here a few minutes, Miss Beeton. I want to have a talk with you. But first I'd like a minute or two with Mr. Hammle."

The nurse nodded her assent and sat down a little wearily on the settee.

Vance beckoned curtly to Hammle. "Suppose we go inside for a moment."

Hammle rose with alacrity. "I was wondering how much longer you gentlemen were going to keep me here."

Vance led the way into the study, and Markham and I followed behind Hammle.

"What were you doing on the roof, Mr. Hammle?" asked Vance. "I told you some time ago, after our brief interview, that you might go."

Hammle fidgeted. He was patently apprehensive and wary.

"There's no crime in going out into the garden for a while—is there?" he asked with unimpressive truculence.

"None whatever," Vance returned casually. "I was wonderin' why you preferred the gardens to going home. Devilish things have been happening in the garden this afternoon."

"As I told you, I wish I had gone. How did I know—?"

"That's hardly the point, Mr. Hammle." Vance cut him short.

"It doesn't answer my question."

"Well now, look here," Hammle explained fulsomely; "I had just missed a train to Long Island, and it was more than an hour until the next one. When I went out of here and started to go downstairs, I suddenly said to myself, 'It'll be pleasanter waiting in the garden than in the Pennsylvania station.' So I went out on the roof and hung around. And here I am."

Vance regarded the man shrewdly and nodded his head.

"Yes, as you say. Here you are. More or less in evidence. By the way, Mr. Hammle, what did you see while you were waiting in the garden for the next train?"

"Not a thing—absolutely!" Hammle's tone was aggressive. "I walked along the boxwood hedges, smoking, and was leaning over the parapet by the gate, looking out at the city, when I heard you come out carrying the nurse."

Vance narrowed his eyes: it was obvious he was not satisfied with Hammle's explanation.

"And you saw no one else either in the garden or on the terrace?"

"Not a soul," the man assured him.

"And you heard nothing?"

"Not until you gentlemen came out."

Vance stood regarding Hammle for several moments. Then he turned and walked toward the garden window.

"That will be all for the moment," he said brusquely. "But we shall probably want to see you tomorrow."

"I'll be at home all day. Glad to be of any service." Hammle shot a covert look at Vance, made his adieux quickly, and went out down the passageway.

Vance returned at once to the garden. Miss Beeton drew herself up a little as he approached her.

"Do you feel equal to a few questions?" he asked her.

"Oh, yes." She smiled with more assurance now, and rose.

As we crossed the garden to the balustrade, Miss Beeton took a deep breath and shuddered slightly.

"You'd better have your coat," Vance suggested. He returned to the study and brought it out to her. When he had helped her into it she turned suddenly and looked at him inquiringly.

"Why was my coat brought to the study?" she asked.

Vance's tone was reassuring. We really owe you an explanation. You see, two revolvers figured in Swift's death. One of them we all saw on the roof here—that was the one with which the chap was killed. But no one downstairs heard the shot because the poor fellow met his end in Professor Garden's storeroom vault—"

"Ah! That was why you wanted to know if the key was in its place." The girl nodded.

"The shot we all heard," Vance went on, "was fired from another revolver after Swift's body had been carried from the vault and placed in the chair out here. We were naturally anxious to find that other weapon, and Sergeant Heath made a search for it . . ."

"But—but—my coat?" Her hand went out and she clutched at Vance's sleeve as a look of understanding came into her frightened eyes.

"Yes," Vance said, "the Sergeant found the revolver in the pocket of your top-coat. Someone had put it there as a temporary hiding-place."

She recoiled with a sudden intake of breath.

"How dreadful!" Her words were barely audible.

Vance put his hand on her shoulder.

"But it's too terrible! . . . And then this—this attempt on my life, I can't understand. I'm frightened."

"Come, come," Vance exhorted the girl. "It's over now, and we need your help."

She gazed directly into his eyes for several minutes. Then she gave him a faint smile of confidence.

"I'm very sorry," she said simply. "But this house—this family—they've been doing queer things to my nerves for the past month. I can't explain it, but there's something frightfully wrong here . . . I was in charge of an operating room in a Montreal hospital for six months, attending as many as six and eight operations a day; but that never affected me the way this household does. There, at least, I could see what was going on—I could help and know that I was helping. But here everything goes on in dark corners, and nothing I do seems to be of any use . . . But please don't think I am not ready to help—to do anything I can for you. You, too, always have to work in the dark, don't you?"

"Don't we all have to work in the dark?" Vance murmured, without taking his eyes from her. "Tell me who you think could have been guilty of the terrible things that have happened here."

All fear and doubt seemed to have left the girl. She moved toward the balustrade and stood looking over the river with an impressive calm and self-control.

## CHAPTER XI

"Woode Swift's death wasn't at all the sort of thing I would expect to happen here," the nurse said.

"I wouldn't have been surprised at some act of impulsive violence, but this premeditated murder, so subtle and so carefully planned, seems alien to the atmosphere here. Besides, it isn't a loving family, except on the surface. Floyd Garden is saner than the others. His interests are narrow, to be sure, but, on his own mental level, he's dependable, too, I think. He has always taken the course of ignoring the existence of those qualities which have caused friction between the other members of the household."

She paused and frowned.

"As for Mrs. Garden, I feel that by nature she is shallow and is deliberately creating for herself a deeper and more complex mode of life, which she doesn't in the least understand. That, of course, makes her unreasonable and dangerous. I have never had a more unreasonable patient. She has no consideration whatever for others. Her affection for her nephew has never seemed genuine to me."

"And Professor Garden?"

"He's a researcher and scientist, of course, and, therefore, not alto-

gether human, in the conventional sense. I have thought sometimes that he isn't wholly rational."

"What is your impression of the guests who were present today?" Vance asked.

"I don't feel competent to pass judgment on them," the girl replied seriously. "I can't entirely understand them. But each one strikes me as dangerous in his own way. They are all playing a game—and it seems to be a game without rules. To them the outcome justifies the methods they use."

"Yes, quite. You have clear vision," Vance scrutinized the girl beside him. "And you took up nursing because you are able to face the realities. You are not afraid of life—or of death."

The girl looked embarrassed.

"You're making too much of my profession. After all, I had to earn my living, and nursing appealed to me."

"Yes, of course. It would," Vance nodded. "But tell me, wouldn't you rather not have to work for your living?"

She looked up.

"Perhaps. But isn't it natural for every woman to prefer luxury and security to drudgery and uncertainty?"

"No doubt," said Vance. "And speakin' of nursing, just what do



"Vance! Come Down From There!"

you think of Mrs. Garden's condition?"

Miss Beeton hesitated before she answered:

"Really, I don't know what to say. I can't understand it. And I rather suspect that Doctor Siefert himself is puzzled by it. Mrs. Garden is obviously a sick woman. She shows many of the symptoms of that nervous, erratic temperament exhibited by people suffering from cancer. Though she's much better some days than others, I know that she suffers a great deal. Doctor Siefert tells me she is really a neurological case; but I get the feeling, at times, that it goes much deeper—that an obscure physiological condition is producing the neurological symptoms she shows."

"That's most interestin'." Doctor Siefert mentioned something of the kind to me only a few days ago."

Vance moved nearer to the girl. "Would you mind telling me something of your contacts with the members of the household?"

"There's very little to tell. Professor Garden practically ignores me—half the time I doubt if he even knows I am there. Mrs. Garden alternates between periods of irritable admonition and intimate confidence. Floyd Garden has always been pleasant and considerate. I've rather liked him for his attitude."

"And what of Swift—did you see much of him?"

The girl seemed reluctant to answer.

"The truth is, Mr. Swift asked me several times to go to dinner and the theater with him. I got the impression that he was one of those unhappy men who feel their inferiority and seek to bolster themselves up with the affections of women. I think that he was really concerned with Miss Graem, and merely turned to me through pique."

Vance smoked for a few moments in silence. Then he said:

"What of the big race today? Had there been much discussion about it?"

"Oh, yes. For over a week I've heard little else here. A curious tension has been growing in the house. I heard Mr. Swift remark to Floyd Garden one evening that the Rivermont Handicap was his one remaining hope, and that he thought Equanimity would win. They immediately went into a furious argument regarding Equanimity's chances."

"Was it generally known to the other members of the afternoon gatherings how Swift felt about this race and Equanimity?"

"Yes, the matter was freely discussed for days—You see," the girl added in explanation, "it's impossible for me not to overhear some of these afternoon discussions."

"By the way," asked Vance, "how did you come to bet on Azure Star?"

"Frankly," the girl confessed shyly, "I've been mildly interested in the horse-betting parties here, though I've never had any desire to make a wager myself. But I overheard you tell Mr. Garden that you had picked Azure Star, and the name was so appealing that I asked Mr. Garden to place that bet for me. It was the first time I ever bet on a horse."

"And Azure Star came in," Vance sighed. "Too bad. Actually you bet against Equanimity, you know—he was the favorite. A big gamble. Most unfortunate that you won. Beginner's luck, d'ye see, is always fatal."

The girl's face became suddenly sombre, and she looked steadily at Vance for several moments before she spoke again.

"Do you really think it will prove fatal?"

"Yes. Oh, yes. Inevitable. You won't be able to resist making other wagers. One doesn't stop with the first bet if one wins. And, invariably, one loses in the end."

Again the girl gave Vance a long and troubled look; then her gaze drifted to the darkening sky overhead.

"But Azure Star is a beautiful name, isn't it?" She pointed upward. "There's one now"

We all looked up. High above we saw a single bright star shining with blue luminosity in the cloudless sky. After a moment Vance moved toward the parapet and looked out over the waters of the river to the purpling hills and the still glowing sunset colors in the west.

"No city in the world," Vance said, "is as beautiful as New York seen from a vantage point like this in the early twilight." (I wondered at his sudden change of mood.)

He stepped up on the parapet and looked down into the great abyss of deep shadows and flickering lights far below. A curious chill of fear ran over me—the sort of fear I have always felt when I have seen acrobatic performers perilously balanced high above a circus arena.

Miss Beeton was standing close to Markham, and she, too, must have experienced something of the sensation I felt, for I saw her face go suddenly pale. Her eyes were fixed on Vance with a look of apprehensive horror.

"Vance!" It was Markham's stern voice that broke the silence.

"Come down from there!"

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## Foreign Words and Phrases

Etourderie. (F.) Giddy conduct, an imprudent caprice.

Ricordo. (It.) A souvenir, a keepsake.

A contre coeur. (F.) Unwillingly.

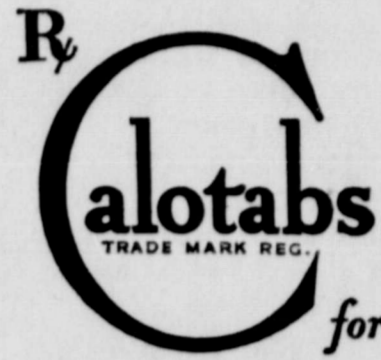
Calembour. (F.) A pun.

Pas seul. (F.) A dance performed by one person.

A la lettre. (F.) To the letter, literally.

Ex animo. (L.) Heartily.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ELECTION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COKE

To the Resident Property Taxpaying Voters of Road District No. 3, of Coke County, Texas:

TAKE NOTICE that on the 30th day of April, 1937, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., in the Commissioners Court Room in the Coke County Courthouse at Robert Lee, Texas, the Commissioners Court of Coke County shall proceed to hear the petition of Fred Roe and 176 other persons filed with said Court on the 5th day of April, 1937, in obedience to an order setting said petition down for hearing passed by the Commissioners Court on the 17th day of April, 1937, and which order is as follows:

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COKE

On this, the 17th day of April, 1937, the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, being in regular session, and all members thereof being present, to-wit:

- McNeil Wylie, County Judge,
- H. C. Varnadore, Commissioner Precinct No. 1,
- S. A. Kiker, Commissioner Precinct No. 2,
- T. R. Harmon, Commissioner Precinct No. 3,
- Sam Gaston, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

came on to be heard and considered the petition of Fred Roe and 176 other resident property taxpaying voters of Road District No. 3 of Coke County, Texas, hereinafter described and defined, who own taxable property within said District and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, which petition is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

**PETITION FOR ROAD BOND ELECTION IN ROAD DISTRICT No. 3**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COKE

To the Honorable Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas:

We, the undersigned property taxpaying voters of Road District No. 3, of Coke County, Texas, who own taxable property within said Road District and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, respectfully pray your Honorable Body to order an election in said Road District to determine whether the bonds of said Road District No. 3, of Coke County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), bearing interest at the rate of Four per cent (4%) per annum, payable annually, and maturing serially within twenty-five (25) years from their date, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; and whether an ad valorem tax shall be levied upon the property of said Road District No. 3, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the annual interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.

We further pray that if said bonds for the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, are voted and issued that the money received from the sale thereof be applied to the construction of said roads as follows:

1. \$6,500.00 for the District's part of a W. P. A. project to improve the road commonly known as "The

Divide Road," beginning with the Tom Green County Line at the S. W. corner of Section 32, and continuing 14 miles along the same right-of-way to mountain at N. W. corner of Section 12.

2. \$8,500.00 for the improvement of the Paint Creek and Wild Cat Roads. (1) Beginning at the Mountain or the N. E. corner of Section No. 12, H. & T. C. Ry. Co., and continuing North past the Paint Creek School House to the intersection of said Road with State Highway No. 158 as now located; (2) Beginning at the Paint Creek School House or the N. W. corner of Section No. 284 and the N. E. corner of Section No. 283, H. & T. C. Ry. Co., and continuing East along this road as now located to the Precinct Line or the S. W. corner of the Bob Patterson 160-acre tract No. 3, and (3rd) Beginning at the N. E. corner of Section 286, and continuing South to the S. E. corner of Section 313; thence West to the S. W. corner of Section 313.

3. \$10,000.00 to secure right-of-way and provide fencing on Highway No. 158, as it is now designated by the State Highway Department.

The metes and bounds of said Road District No. 3, of Coke County, Texas, are shown in and by the Order of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, passed on the 5th day of April, 1937, establishing said Road District No. 3, which order is duly recorded in Vol. 6, Page 628, Minutes of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, and reference is hereby made to said Order and the record thereof for more particular description of said Coke County Road District No. 3.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners respectfully pray as set forth hereinabove and further that your Honorable Body fix the time and place of hearing on this petition, such time to be the earliest practicable date, and that the Clerk of this Court be ordered to post and publish the notices of such hearing in the manner and form and for the length of time as required by law, and for all such other and further orders and decrees as are or may be required by the laws of Texas, in such cases made and provided.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed by Fred Roe and 176 others)  
AND it appearing to the Court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property taxpaying voters of said Road District No. 3 of Coke County, Texas, who own taxable property within said District and who have duly rendered the same for taxation; and

It further appearing that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Road District No. 3 of Coke County, Texas; and

It further appearing that said Road District No. 3 of Coke County, Texas, has been duly established by an order of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, dated the 5th day of April, 1937, of record in Volume 6, Page 628, Minutes of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, and the boundaries thereof are herein described as described and defined in the order of the Commissioners Court establishing such District, as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point where the N. B. L. or survey No. 143 and the S. B. L. of survey No. 118, H. & T. C. Ry. Co., Blk. 2 crosses the county line between Coke and Sterling counties;

Thence East with the N. B. L. of surveys Nos. 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, same company and block and continuing East to the S. E. corner of Winfield Scott Survey No. 3;

Thence North with Scott's East line to the E. B. L. of River survey No. 507 in the name of W. F. Wedge;

Thence North 30 East with Wedge East line to the Colorado River;

Thence down said River with its meanders to the upper corner of River Survey No. 482 in the name of P. Jonas same being the lower corner of River Survey No. 483, in the name of C. Joeger;

Thence South 30 West to Jaeger's S. E. corner;

Thence North 60 West to the N. E. corner of F. L. Harris Survey No. 20;

Thence South with Harris' East line to his S. E. corner, in the N. B. L. of W. Lucas Survey No. 3;

Thence West to the S. E. corner

of J. Guerrero Survey N. 2;

Thence South with the West line of Lucas, F. M. Randell, J. A. Knight and R. L. White surveys to White's S. W. corner in the N. B. L. of survey 314 H. & T. C. Ry. Co., blk. 2;

Thence East to the N. E. corner of said Survey 314;

Thence South to the S. W. corner of Geo. Allen Survey No. 2;

Thence East to the N. E. corner of J. B. Burrough Survey No. 4;

Thence South to the S. E. corner of said No. 4;

Thence West to W. C. Locke Survey No. 2;

Thence South to the S. W. corner of D. Hornbuckle Survey No. 18;

Thence East to the N. E. corner of Mathew Burnett Survey No. 10;

Thence South to Burnett's S. E. corner;

Thence West to H. Franks N. W. corner;

Thence South to A. March Survey No. 2;

Thence East to the N. E. corner of said Survey No. 2;

Thence South to the S. E. corner of said Survey No. 2;

Thence West to the E. B. L. of Survey No. 36, D. & S. E. blk. Z;

Thence South to the S. E. corner of said Survey No. 36;

Thence West to the N. E. corner of Survey No. 37, same company and block;

Thence South with the East Base line of surveys 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41, D. & S. E. Ry. Co. Blk. Z and the E. B. L. of N. March Survey No. 68 to the North line of Tom Green County;

Thence West with the County line to the S. W. corner of Coke County;

Thence North with the Common County line of Coke and Sterling counties to the place of beginning.

IT IS THEREFORE considered by the Court, and so ordered, adjudged and decreed that said petition shall be heard by this Court on the 30th day of April, 1937, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the Commissioners Court Room in the County Courthouse of Coke County, at Robert Lee, Texas, at which time and place this Court shall proceed to hear such petition and all matters in respect of the proposed bond election, and at such hearing, at said time and place, any person interested in the matter may appear before this Court in person or by attorney and contend for or protest the calling of such bond election.

IT IS FURTHER ordered, adjudged and decreed that the County Clerk of Coke County, Texas, shall forthwith issue a notice of the time and place of the hearing on said petition, and shall execute said notice by posting true copies thereof in three public places within said Road District No. 3 of Coke County, Texas, and one at the Courthouse door of Coke County, for ten days prior to the date of said hearing, and shall also publish said notice in The Robert Lee Observer, a newspaper of general circulation, published in said Road District No. 3, one time at least five days prior to such hearing. Such notice shall set forth the time and place of hearing, and inform all persons concerned of their right to appear at such hearing and contend for or protest the ordering of such bond election, and such notice shall also state the amount of bonds proposed to be issued, and describe said Road District No. 3 by its name and number and the boundaries thereof, as described and defined in the order of the Commissioners Court establishing such Road District.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that a copy of this order, containing a copy of the petition presented to this Court and the boundaries of said Road District No. 3 of Coke County, duly signed and sealed by the Clerk of the County Court of Coke County, Texas, shall serve as proper notice of the time and place of the hearing upon said petition, and the said Clerk of the County Court is hereby directed to cause said notices to be posted and published in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas in such cases made and provided.

Given under my hand and seal of the Commissioners Court, this 7th day of April 1937.

WILLIS SMITH,  
County Clerk,  
Coke County, Texas.

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Irvin S. Cobb

Communism's Gallant Foe.

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But because, in the last few months, we've learned to expect it of him, I'm thinking many of us fail to appreciate a recurrent act of gallant service by one venerable, enfeebled man whose name is familiar to all Christendom. From time to time, triumphing by sheer will power, by sheer singleness of purpose above his own suffering, Pope Pius XI, speaking from what soon must be his deathbed, sends forth a clarion call for a united front against the growing menace of communism.

Waning Merchant Marines.

AFTER we've spent billions in government subsidies trying to build up a proper merchant fleet of our own, it's just a trifle disconcerting to read that, among the six nations leading in maritime shipping, the United States still ranks third in gross tonnage, fifth in ships having a speed of twelve knots or better, and last in ships built within the last ten years.

But, although Los Angeles is a great port, we have no time right now to pester about a comparatively trivial thing such as the threatened vanishment of the American flag from the seven seas—not while we're still so uncertain about who will have the leading parts in "Gone With the Wind."

Italians in Spain.

IT MUST be slightly annoying to those Italian soldiers who were flung headlong upon Spain to fight in a war in which they had no personal interest, when, through mistake, they are mown down in hundreds by their own troops, and then the bewildered remnants find themselves in the hands of the opposing government forces, who have a reputation for sometimes being a trifle rough with prisoners whom they capture.

Still, it must be a great comfort to the confused captives—and to the relatives of the fallen back home as well—to have assurance from Mussolini that they are winning the way for fascist doctrines.

The Height of Gall.

AS J. CAESAR remarked at the time, all Gaul was once divided in three parts, but it is obvious that subsequently there was a complete re-consolidation.

When France, already in default to us on one little four-billion debt, starts scheming to peddle her newest issue of government securities over here, that must indeed be regarded as the height of gallishness or Gaulishness—spell it either way, reader, it'll come out the same. Moreover, to evade the Johnson act, she would have American investors send the money to Paris and buy these French bonds there. This sort of smacks of inviting Br'r Rabbit to come into camp to be massacred.

the dogs.

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"Warning in Russian"

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FEW bodies of men have ever attracted so much attention as the Canadian "Mounties" and few have ever had so much written about them. The Mounties have been the center of many a tale, both true and of the fictionized variety. This one is true—told by a man who once was a Mountie himself. It's an actual page out of the Canadian Mounted's history, and the man who is telling us about it is Constable Walter D. Fast of Chicago.

Walt served for five years with the Mounties—from 1929 to 1935. And the events which make up this strange tale happened in 1935. Walt was stationed at St. Paul de Metis, in Alberta.

He was out on a routine patrol one July day, riding along a lonely trail, when he saw smoke rising from a clearing up ahead.

He put the spurs to his horse and headed for the clearing. As he came closer, he could see fire and suddenly a hoarse scream came to his ears over the still summer air.

Trapper's Cabin Was Blazing.

At a gallop, Walt pushed toward the blaze. The screams grew fainter as he approached. He dashed into the clearing to find a small trapper's cabin burning furiously.

Even as he approached, the cabin's walls began falling. The screams of the man inside, fading to a low moan, stopped abruptly as beams and timbers dropped on him.

By the time Walt got across the little clearing, the cabin was burned nearly to the ground. There was absolutely no hope for the man within. Walt began seeing to it that the fire didn't spread, and at the same time he began wondering why the man who had died in the ruins didn't get out of that cabin.

There was something strange about it. The cabin was a one story affair, and its occupant had only to step out of the door when it caught fire. If the fire started near the door and blocked his exit in that direction, he could easily have crawled out of a window.

True, the poor devil might have been so ill that he couldn't move, but if so, what was he doing alone in that condition in a lonely cabin in the woods? Walt rejected that theory. Darned few people get so sick they can't move when fire is bearing down on them.

Things Looked Very Suspicious.

Walt reported the fire and the man's death, and then waited for the embers to cool down. The Mounties went over the ruins of that



The Victim's Charred Body Was Found.

cabin with a fine-toothed comb. The investigation disclosed some mighty suspicious facts.

The victim's charred body was found and examined. The poor fellow's hands had been tied behind his back with wire, and bound behind him to an iron bedstead!

There was evidence of foul play all right. But who had done it? The clues found in the cabin didn't help to answer that question. There wasn't a shred of evidence pointing to anyone in the neighborhood.

The Mounties made further investigations. They learned from folks in the vicinity that the dead man had quarreled with one of his neighbors—a Russian—who lived a short distance from his cabin.

Walt went to the Russian's home. The Russian came out in front of the house and Walt started asking him questions. It was just a routine questioning. There wasn't the slightest bit of evidence to link the Russian to the crime, and Walt had no hope of getting any results from his questioning.

The Russian answered questions readily enough. There was no sign of guilt in his face. As the questioning proceeded it seemed to Walt that the fellow had an air-tight alibi.

Sure, he had quarreled with the dead man. The Russian admitted that. But he hadn't been anywhere near the victim's home on the day it burned down, and he had his wife to prove it by.

She Said Something in Russian.

It all looked pretty hopeless, but Walt kept asking questions. And the more he asked the more he became convinced that the Russian was innocent of any connection with the hideous crime. No matter what Walt wanted to know, his suspect had a ready answer.

And then, as Walt was about to give up, the Russian's wife came out of the house and stood listening. Walt asked a couple more questions, and the woman moved closer. Suddenly she began talking to her husband in Russian.

As she began to talk, Walt gave a sudden start. Then he controlled himself and waited. He waited until the woman had finished talking—and then he walked over to the Russian and slipped the handcuffs on him. He knew then what had happened to the poor devil who had been burned alive in that blazing cabin!

Walt took his prisoner to headquarters, locked him up and charged him formally with the crime. Canadian justice moves rapidly, and it was not long before the Russian was brought up for trial.

At his trial Walt testified, and it was chiefly on the testimony he gave that the fellow was convicted, and sentenced to hang. And hang he did.

And what was the testimony which Walt gave and by which the murderer was convicted? The whole secret lay in the Russian's wife. She had come out of the house while Walt was questioning her husband and had spoken to him in Russian—without knowing that Walt spoke Russian

And what she had said was: "Don't tell the policeman you killed him. Say what we agreed to say and they will never be able to prove it on you."

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"Girls, girls, if your talk were only half as pretty as your frocks you'd be better off. Sometimes I wonder if you wouldn't be more appropriately titled The Cheek Twins, rather than The Chic Twins."

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## Lesson for April 25

### THE OBEDIENCE OF NOAH

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 8:20-22; 9:8-17.  
GOLDEN TEXT—By faith Noah, being warned of God concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house. Heb. 11:7.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Meaning of the Rainbow.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Rainbow's Message.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Following God's Plan.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Deliverance through Obedience.

The "book of beginnings" (Genesis) has already brought before us the creation of the world, the origin of man, the entrance of sin into the world, and God's judgment upon that sin. In chapter 4 we find the first murder. Cain, who brought an offering before God which was not acceptable, murdered his brother Abel, whose offering pleased God. Strange it is that man has it in his heart to hate those who expose his sin by their godly life.

God does not leave himself without a witness in the earth. The God-fearing line of Seth appears. There are always those who have not bowed the knee to the Adversary. Consider the astonishment of Soviet officials at the deep-seated and wide-spread faith in God revealed in their recent census.

But sin again lifts its ugly head and ere long God is driven to the necessity of judgment upon mankind. Read the terrific indictment of humanity in Genesis 6:5-7. It is still true that the heart of man apart from God's grace is "desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9). Well does a contemporary writer say that even modern "psychology has unveiled the dismal and sinister depths in human nature. Man can no longer flee from reality into the romantic refuge of his own heart; for the human heart has become a house of horrors in whose murky recesses man cannot erect for his solace either a shrine or a citadel. Man is bad; he is a sinner. The depths of his meanness are being unveiled in a ghastly way in individual and social life in these times. What a contemporary ring there is about these old biblical judgments on mankind! (Gen. 6:5, 6; Isa. 1:6.) What a tremendous arraignment of sinful human nature is Paul's prologue in Romans 1" (Mackay).

So God sent a flood upon the earth. It used to be fashionable to doubt the story of the flood, but archaeology has joined hands with geology and history to agree with Scripture. The facts are available; let us use them.

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord" and prepared an ark at God's command. Here again it can be demonstrated that the ark was sufficiently large to meet the need of Noah and all his family, with the animals and their food, and with room to spare. It is significant that the proportions of the ark were those of a well-planned boat. God knows how to build and man does well to obey his instructions.

The rain came, the fountains of the deep were opened, and all the living perished, except those within the ark. What an instructive type of our safety in Christ is the ark!

But our lesson concerns primarily what occurred after Noah came forth from the ark and presented himself before God.

**I. An Obedient Man (8:20-22).**  
To come before God with acceptable worship, man must come with clean hands. The question is not whether he is brilliant, learned, or of high position. The one thing that counts is obedience. When such a man offers the worship of his heart before God, it goes up to him like a sweet savor.

### II. A Covenant-Keeping God (9:8-17).

The beautiful rainbow in the cloud became a token of God's promise, and the visible assurance to "all flesh" that the judgment of the flood will not be repeated. Never again will seed time and harvest, nor any of the orderly processes of nature, fail throughout the whole earth.

What a gracious God we have! And what a pity that men presume upon his goodness. Because he "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45), men not only forget that he is the giver of all things, but assume that they may sin against him with impunity. Let us remind them that it is the clear teaching of Scripture that "every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12).

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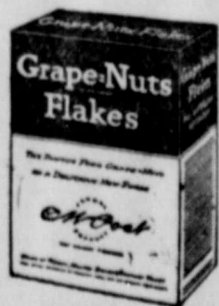
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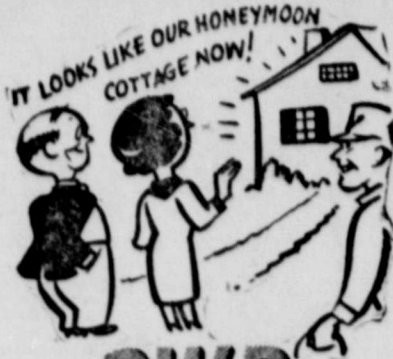
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