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Well Known Farm Leader Visits Robert Lee

A few representative farmers and ranchmen of Coke county assembled at the county's agent's office on Thursday night, April 29, and listened to a very interesting address by C. H. Day of Plainview, Texas, on the present problems confronting the southern farmer and ranchman. Other features of interest in town on the same night and a slight misunderstanding as to the time and place of meeting accounted for the lack of a larger crowd, but the interest shown by those present was genuine.

In the beginning Mr. Day stressed the urgent need of organization among the farmers of the South and gave figures and facts to prove that previous moves toward organization had not only not been in vain but had accomplished a vast amount of good. He went on to explain that the farmers of today had come to understand the mistakes of organized efforts of the past to the extent of being able to profit by them in the present move.

After disclosing many interesting things about the present move he outlined the purpose of the present organization as being, (1) promotional, (2) educational, (3) and legislative.

In discussing the promotional and educational phases, he said that farmers had hitherto given their increase of the volume of the production and the improvement of the quality of the product, but had neglected the maintenance of the fertility of the soil, and had almost entirely disregarded the disposition of the product in a profitable manner.

As to the legislative phase, he referred to the fact that all foreign countries had recently enacted laws erecting high tariff walls against our farm products thus greatly limiting our foreign market, while this country has built up a protective tariff against the importation of foreign products thus forcing the southern farmer to deplete his financial resources to the enhancement of the great industrial centers.

Before concluding his remarks, Mr. Day described a recent move to have the gas tax refund to farmers discontinued, and depicted the hard fight made by a group of leading farmers to thwart this legislation which would have meant a heavy loss to farmers had it been enacted. He called attention to the fact that the farmers received no parity payment in their cotton program in 1936 due to the fact no organized group asked for it. A conservative estimate of the amount lost by Coke county farmers alone as a result of this arrangement is \$30,000 which very forcibly brings home to us the enormous cost of not being organized.

Mr. Day was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith of this place and made his visit here as part of a speaking tour of this agricultural district in the interest of the Texas Agricultural Association of which he is president.

Court House Getting Some Needed Repairs

The historic Coke county court house is getting a facial. Built of native stone in 1892 when this county was very young, it has undergone the ravages of wear and time but this week it is enjoying the process of rejuvenation and it bids fair to look even more attractive than when it was new.

The work was prompted by civic pride as well as the preservation of the building, will be general repair and refinishing. Leaks are being mended and the roof painted red with brown trim. The entire interior is being redecorated--the woodwork cream, walls silver gray and floors tan.

A small room under the stairway, used as a storage room and a constant worry as a fire hazard, has been cleared and remodeled and will serve as office for the county judge. The large room, formerly the judge's office, can now be used as court room for the different branches of county court, jury room, commissioners' court etc., without inconvenience to anyone.

The court yard was cleaned of weeds and trash some time ago.

Hollis Hurley

Hollis Hurley, six-year old adopted son of Charlie Hurley, was buried here Saturday afternoon. The child, born Aug. 5, 1930, died in a hospital at Pecos Friday night, twelve hours after undergoing a serious operation.

Elder Bailev Sliger officiated in the funeral service. Pallbearers were Calvin Wallace, Emory Davis, Jake Davis, and Bobbie Lee Davis. Carrying flowers were Stroud Roberts, Vaughn Davis, Wilma Roberts, Maxine Davis, Jane Davis, Charline Hurley, Alvilda Davis and Mabel Jay.

Charley Hurley returned to Pecos Saturday night but his sister, Pearl Hurley, remained until Monday because of the serious illness of Charley's younger child.

Prisoner Escapes From Jail

L. D. Larkin, held in jail here for six months and given a five-year prison term in 51st District Court last month, escaped from the county jail here Friday night and made a get-away with Sheriff Perciful's car. Larkin was taken into custody at Henrietta Saturday night when he tried to sell Perciful's car.

It is supposed Larkin gained his freedom by fashioning a key to his cell from a spoon.

For the girl graduate give lovely step-ins and brassieres. Landers Variety Store.

FOR SALE--A span of work horses, above average. Wylie Byrd.

Close of School Programs

Rev. J. W. Leggett, pastor of the Methodist church of Miles and former pastor here, will deliver the sermon for the baccalaureate exercises at 11:00 a. m. May 16, at the Methodist church.

Graduating exercises will be held in the high school auditorium Friday night, May 21. E. E. (Pat) Murphy of San Angelo will be the principal speaker and Supt. Taylor will deliver the diplomas. Running a close race all the year for first honors, Jane Taylor, senior class president, and Bill Craddock, tied with an average of 92.5-12 at the middle of the last six weeks term.

Seventh grade graduation exercises will be Wednesday night May 19, with Rev. Earl Hoggard pastor of the Methodist church, giving an address to the class and W. T. Roach, seventh grade teacher, presenting the diplomas. The list of candidates for graduation from the grades numbers 33, but, as usual, some will likely be retained for a stronger foundation on which to build their high school work.

Tuesday, May 18, the first five grades will give a program, the chief feature of which will be an operetta. (Note-- Supt. Taylor advises there will be a charge of 5 and 10 cents for this program with a maximum charge of 50c for a family. All other programs of the week will be free.)

Thursday night, May 19, the eighth, ninth and tenth grades will present a three-act play.

Breaking a custom of long standing, this year seniors, instead of giving a class play, sponsored a movie show, Theodora Goes Wild, at the Alamo Theatre with a net profit of \$35.

Turney Hall returned from Dallas Wednesday night where an operation was performed on his injured eye. He was assured that in time his sight would probably return good as ever. Mr. Craddock, who accompanied him, returned earlier in the week.

Remember mother on Mothers' Day. For appropriate cards and gifts go to Landers Variety Store.

Friends will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. W. T. Teeters at Greenfield, Calif. Mr. Teeters was an old Coke county farmer. He died April 27 and was 71 years old. Survivors are a wife, five children, two sisters, and one brother.

W. H. Bell, who has been critically ill in a San Angelo hospital for several days, is gradually improving.

There will be a cemetery working at Paint Creek Saturday morning. Those interested will please be on hand and bring tools to work with.

Seersucker cloth navy, mais, helio, blue and tan at W. K. Simpson & Co.

Robert Lee to Meet Ballinger Here Sunday

The Robert Lee baseball nine is scheduled to meet Ballinger here Sunday, May 9, 2:30 p. m. for a double-header. In order to give more strength both in the field and at the bat, several changes will be made in the lineup of the home team. Everyone is invited to come and give the boys a boost.

The names of the fourteen players allowed each team in the Concho Basin League must be enrolled with the League's president no later than Friday. If you want to play on the team let it be known before that time, and come out to practice at 5 p. m. every Tuesday and Friday.

A Reception

A reception honoring Mrs. Houston E. Smith, P. T. A. president-elect, and Mrs. Drue Scoggins, out-going president, will be held in the basement of the Methodist church, Thursday, May 13. At the same time, Jane little daughter of Mrs. Scoggins who arrived last week, will be given special recognition in the form of a shower.

Mrs. A. F. Landers, chairman of the hospitality committee, is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Scoggins, Mrs. H. E. Smith, Mrs. Frank Perciful, Mrs. Mary Russell and Mrs. G. L. Taylor will be in the receiving line.

Mrs. J. C. Snead, Jr. and Mrs. Ray Teller will have charge of the gifts.

Committees are: Decoration; Mrs. G. L. Taylor and Mrs. A. E. Latham, -- program; Mrs. J. S. Craddock and Mrs. Joe Long Snead, -- refreshments; Mrs. W. C. McDonald and Mrs. F. C. Clark. The invitation committee is composed of all room mothers and they request that any who cannot accept report to the committee by Tuesday, May 11.

Bluebonnet Bridge Club

Mrs. Dollie Wylie used a profusion of roses for decoration when she entertained the Bluebonnet Bridge Club in her home last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Marvin Simpson took high score for members while Mrs. Joe Ramsey scored high for guests. Other guests were Mrs. T. A. Richardson, Mrs. J. C. Snead Jr. and Miss Louise Roe.

Members present were Mesdames Marvin Simpson, Fred Roe, J. S. Craddock, S. E. Adams, C. S. Brown, Paul Good, P. E. Mahon, Cortez Russell, W. B. Clift, Houston E. Smith and Miss Mettie Russell.

Mrs. Cortez Russell will be hostess to the club on May 14.

See our line of infants clothing at Landers Variety Store.

Brothhers Meet First Time In Forty-six Years

When brothers meet for the first time in 46 years, there is usually a great deal to talk about but, not many brothers have such thrilling and romantic experiences to recall as M. H. Havins and his younger brother H. F. who dropped in on him last week from San Deigo California.

Their parents and the older of fifteen children trekked from Missouri to Texas in 1836. It was a long journey of hardship and danger and sorrow. A little son died on the way. The only available lumber for a coffin was wagon beds and from a part of one, the father built a rough box and they buried their child in a lonely, unmarked grave.

During those early days in Texas the Indians were troublesome and the children of settlers were strictly charged to stay at home. But H. F. Havins took a great liking to the use of a bow and arrows, and he declares he can still hit a mark, and on one occasion when he was still quite small, he took the butcher knife from the house and slipped off to the creek to cut a choice branch for a bow. In the meantime, the family missed him and when he was finally found it was just too bad for Buddy for in those days, disobedience was directly associated with painful consequences.

In pioneer days, a fire shovel was an indispensable household furnishings and the older Havins fashioned a sturdy one out of iron and it always stood by the fireplace.

It seems that the Indians did most of their prowling at night, in fact moonlight came to be called "Indian nights." For safety, the pioneers covered the fire early at night and kept as quiet as possible. But the Havins brothers recall that that old iron shovel never failed on moonlight nights to fall on the stone hearth with a ring and a clatter that scared the children stiff.

They remember the first hats they ever had. Made of wool clipped from their father's sheep and fashioned by a neighbor who happened to know the art. They were very stiff and sailed beautifully. H. F. knows because he sailed his hat at a bunch of sheep the very next day after he got it, but he also got something he wasn't counting on--a dressing down in an old style manner.

H. F. when a young man, made a number of long cattle drives through the Indian Territory to Northern markets. He says that as a usual thing each tribe demanded a beef from the herd as it passed through their country. On one occasion he was guarding the herd alone, three Indians came with a request for a beef and in the conversation he learned that one of them was the half breed son of Cynthia Ann Parker. Mr. Havins never met Cynthia Ann but knew her son and husband.

The older brother, M. H., has been a resident of Coke county for nearly half a century, but Buddy with a love for adventure has lived in several states. At 76 he still has a venturesome spirit and when he decided to come to see his brother, he slipped off from his family rather than have the trip. He was not able to make the trip.

Its little wonder these brothers have much to talk about.

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Current Events
IN REVIEW
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Mellon's Aluminum Company
Attacked by Uncle Sam

ANDRREW MELLON, frequently the target of administration attacks, is again called on to defend his business. Attorney General Cummings announced that the Department of Justice had filed in the Federal District court in New York a suit to compel dissolution of the Aluminum Company of America—which Mellon controls—for the purpose of breaking "its monopolistic control" of the aluminum industry. By this action the government revives the Sherman anti-trust act as a legal weapon in regulating business.



Andrew Mellon

The suit named 36 officers, directors, and stockholders of the company, including Mellon. Twenty-five subsidiary and affiliated companies were named co-defendants. Other members of the Mellon family named with the former Treasury head are Paul Mellon, Richard K. Mellon, Jennie King Mellon, Sarah Mellon Scaife, David K. Bruce, son-in-law of Mellon, and Ailsa Mellon Bruce, his daughter.

Action of the company on March 1, 1937, in advancing the car-lot price of virgin ingot was cited as the most recent act of "oppressive and unreasonable price fixing" in the petition signed by Cummings and Robert H. Jackson, head of the department's anti-trust division. The suit charges that the company is a monopoly in violation of the anti-trust laws and that it has power to fix arbitrary and discriminatory prices. It charges the defendants with conspiracies to restrain and monopolize, attempts to monopolize, and monopoly in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Government Employees May
Not Speculate in Stocks

IN A letter addressed to H. B. Mitchell, president of the civil service commission, President Roosevelt placed a ban on speculation in securities by government officials and employees. There was no official explanation of this act, but for some time there have been rumors that some persons high up in the New Deal have been making a lot of money by speculating in the stock markets after getting tips on probable White House moves.

305,000 Unemployed Got
Jobs During March

NO ONE knows how many unemployed persons there are in the country, the estimates ranging from about 9,000,000, by Secretary Perkins, to less than 3,000,000. However, according to Madame Perkins, the number was reduced by 305,000 during March. Weekly pay rolls for the period, she said, were \$15,100,000 larger than during February in the manufacturing industries. She said the employment increase continued "the practically unbroken succession of increases which have been shown each month since February, 1936."

President Intervenes to
Avert New York Strike

INTERVENTION by President Roosevelt averted, for the time being at least, a strike of 25,000 freight handlers on eight railroads that threatened the food supply of New York city. The President appointed an emergency board of three members to attempt a settlement. In his proclamation he said the dispute threatened "substantially to interrupt interstate commerce within the state of New York and other states in the eastern part of the country to a degree such as to deprive that section of the country of essential transportation service."

A dispute between rival workers' unions balked efforts of the national mediation board to effect a settlement. Under the railway labor act, the President forced a postponement for at least 30 days while mediators work.

Byrd Would Consolidate
Federal Housing Units

SENATOR HARRY F. BYRD of Virginia, Democrat, prepared for introduction in the senate a bill providing for the consolidation of the Home Owners' Loan corporation and the Federal Housing administration. This merger, said Mr. Byrd, would result in a saving of

more than \$24,000,000 a year without impairing the work of the units.

Senator Byrd is chairman of the senate committee on government reorganization and is not at all satisfied with the plan offered by President Roosevelt, believing it will not save tax money. Discussing his own scheme for merging the housing units, he said that there are 20 or more other agencies which, established and publicly justified as emergency establishments, can be consolidated, merged, or liquidated just as profitably. If the appropriate committee will allow this bill to come to the floor for full and open discussion by senators, he predicted, other bills of this nature, providing for substantial savings, are sure to follow.

Goods as Debts Payment
Offered to United States

SENATOR JAMES HAMILTON LEWIS of Illinois said that several nations had offered to ship a billion dollars' worth of food supplies and manufactured products to the United States in part payment of their war debts, and that he approved their offer. The State department formally denied that such an offer had been received, but Mr. Lewis said his information was authoritative. He had a conference with the President before the latter left on his fishing trip and urged that the plan be given serious consideration. He recommended that the commodities be distributed for use by states for relief purposes.

Senator Nathan L. Bachman
of Tennessee Dies

NATHAN L. BACHMAN, United States senator from Tennessee, died suddenly of heart disease in Washington at the age of fifty-eight years. Mr. Bachman was appointed senator in 1933 to succeed Cordell Hull who became secretary of state. He had been a consistent supporter of the Roosevelt administration policies and was especially interested in the Tennessee valley program.

Franco Creates Authoritarian
State in Spain

FRANCISCO FRANCO is well on the way to becoming a real dictator of the part of Spain his insurgent forces control, and of the entire country if they win the war. By decree the general has merged the two chief rightist factions under his leadership and has outlawed all other parties, thus creating a one-party authoritarian state. His decree left open the way to restoration of the monarchy in Spain "if the nation needs it," and the monarchists of the Carlist and Bourbon persuasions agreed that if this takes place, the king shall be Prince Juan, youngest son of Alfonso XIII. He is known as prince of the Asturias and is twenty-three years old.



Gen. Franco

Whether the "high seas" begin three or six miles from the coast line is a matter of dispute between the British government and General Franco. A number of British ships ran the blockade into Bilbao harbor with food and coal, and in most cases they were escorted to the three mile limit by British warships. The insurgent guard ships threatened to fire on the blockade runners within the six mile limit and were warned not to do so by British representatives. Protests were made by both sides.

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Windsor Gets Apology for
a Slanderous Book

EDWARD, duke of Windsor, was thoroughly enraged by many things about him and Mrs. Wallis Simpson printed in "Coronation Commentary," a book written by Geoffrey Dennis and published by William Heinemann, Ltd., of London. The former king of England, through his solicitor, demanded the withdrawal of the book and the publication of a suitable apology, and the publishers gave in and complied with the demands.

At first it was said Edward's anger might lead him to marry Mrs. Simpson as soon as her divorce was made absolute; but later dispatches averred the lady had persuaded him to delay the ceremony until after the coronation of King George VI and thus avoid further criticism.

Belgium Freed From Its
Locarno Obligations

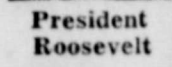
BELGIUM has attained the position sought in a recent move toward complete neutrality. Great Britain and France have released the little buffer state from its Locarno treaty obligations, practically abandoning that pact, and have promised full protection of Belgium against aggressors. In return Belgium promises to rearm and defend its frontiers effectively, and to observe its obligations as a member of the League of Nations.

England and France also were reported as getting closer together in a co-operative plan for a united front against Mussolini's designs in the Mediterranean and for the development of an understanding with Germany. It also may result in the loosening of France's friendship with Soviet Russia, which has been irksome to Britain.

Mussolini's conference with Chancellor Schuschnigg of Austria in Venice was believed to have been mainly about Austria's relations with Germany and the Duce was reported to have told Schuschnigg that Nazi expansion toward the south was inevitable, to which the chancellor replied that Austria would resist to the limit any attempt by Germany to annex Czechoslovakia.

President Asks Economy but
\$1,500,000,000 for Relief

REVISING his budget estimates for the fiscal year 1938, President Roosevelt told congress in a special message that the deficit probably would amount to \$418,000,000 exclusive of debt retirement payments of \$400,000,000, instead of the "lay-man's" balanced budget he predicted in January. He recommended the appropriation of \$1,500,000,000 for relief; and he demanded rigid economy to combat an anticipated drop in federal revenues amounting to \$600,000,000. Mr. Roosevelt also said there must be a careful survey of the nation's tax structure, and intimated that a new tax bill would be introduced at the next session of congress.



President Roosevelt

In correcting the over-estimation of revenue and the under-estimation of expenditures, the President indicated that the national debt will rise over the 36 billion dollar mark.

Though he made no specific recommendations as to economy, the President spoke sharply about "special groups" who are exerting pressure to bring about increases in government expenditures. It was understood he referred especially to the farm tenancy program, proposing an annual expenditure of \$135,000,000; the Wagner housing bill, calling for an expenditure of \$50,000,000 a year, and the Harrison-Black education bill, calling for allocations among the states beginning at \$100,000,000 for the first year and reaching a maximum of \$300,000,000 a year.

Mr. Roosevelt had rejected these measures at a White House conference and his attitude provoked various prominent senators and representatives so much that they declared they would favor cutting down the relief appropriation he asked to one billion dollars.

In the house the economy program lost a point when Representative Vinson of Kentucky succeeded in getting through his \$1,000,000 stream pollution bill.

Next the \$927,000,000 Agriculture department bill came up in the house and was passed despite the efforts of Republicans to have it sent back to the committee with instructions for a blanket cut of 10 per cent. It is reported that the Democrats of both house and senate plan to put through a joint resolution at the close of the session reducing all departmental appropriations by 10 per cent.

Maine Governor Quick to
Check Strike Violence

GOV. LEWIS O. BARROWS of Maine has lined up with other state executives who will not stand for riotous and illegal tactics by strikers. When an unruly mob of 1,000 men tried to storm a factory of nineteen factories in Auburn involved in a general shoe strike and the local authorities were unable to handle the situation, Governor Barrows ordered out eight companies of the National Guard.

Keeping "foreign agitators" out of the picture, the representatives of General Motors of Canada and of the workers at Oshawa, Ontario, reached a settlement of the strike in that plant. The company agreed to raise wages and shorten work hours, but does not recognize the United Automobile Workers of America. J. L. Cohen, Toronto attorney who represented the strikers, said the settlement reached was "completely satisfactory."

Floyd Gibbons
Adventurers'
Club
Hello Everybody!



"Jungle Nightmare"
By FLOYD GIBBONS
Famous Headline Hunter

WELL, sir, here's a real, dyed-in-the-wool adventurer for your money. Jack A. Matthews of New London, Conn., says he ran away from home in 1895, and one year later, on his sixteenth birthday, he was shooting Indians in the Sierra Perija mountains of Venezuela and Colombia.

And that was just the beginning of a life of adventure in the South American jungles, prospecting for gold, and hunting for rubber, which, in those days, Jack says, was worth a dollar a pound and as good as cash. The jungles were full of rubber then. All you had to do was go and get it.

But the jungles were full of head-hunting Indians, too—and animals, and snakes, and fever and a whole lot of other things. The man who went hunting rubber earned every cent of the dollar a pound he got for it. And it's the story of something that happened on a rubber hunt that Jack is going to tell us about today.

On the Trail of the Rubber Hunters.

Jack takes a sock at explorers of today who come back from the jungles claiming to be the first white man to set foot in a certain region. "Why," he says, "we cut the trails for those fellows." And I can believe it, too, for Jack speaks of places I've never heard of and of rivers I can't even find on the map when he tells of the route he and his party of adventurers took to get to the rubber country. They paddled through a seven-mile canyon where Jack says the water roared with a sound like ten subways and ran so swiftly through the narrow gap that it crowned itself higher in the center than on the sides.

"We got through with our canoes," he says, "by following the eddies and back currents along the canyon walls. The sharp projecting corners were tough, as the water hit them with such a force as to turn over like land being plowed. The navigation was dangerous—but we made it."

And then, on they went, down through the territory of the Jivaro Indians, who cut the heads off their victims and shrink them down to the size of oranges. They passed through the Jivaro territory, and, at length, found rubber trees and settled down to the job of collecting rubber.

Ran Across a Beautiful Jaguar.

"My job," says Jack, "was to find the trees and blaze them, and sometimes I would trail the roots of a rubber tree for hundreds of yards through dense jungle. On all these trips I carried a machete in a



The Snake Wrapped Himself Around the Jaguar.

scabbard, a holstered .38 six gun and a ten-gauge shotgun slung across my shoulder. I was usually alone on those trips and I had to be able to fight my way back to camp if I were attacked by Indians."

One day on such a trip Jack was cutting a trail to one of the biggest rubber trees he had ever seen. Half way to the tree he got tired and sat down to eat a lunch he had brought with him. He had just finished when he heard leaves stirring down the trail, and, mindful of the ever present danger of Indians, he grabbed up his shotgun and slipped into the growth behind him. He had no sooner reached cover than he heard a sound that explained the stirring of those leaves. The cough of a jaguar.

"It was so close that it startled me," Jack says. "The jaguar walked slowly down my newly cut trail, stopped where I had eaten and sniffed at a sausage skin I had thrown there. He was such a beautiful animal that I didn't want to shoot. I eyed him through the grass, and he must have felt my eyes boring into him, for suddenly he faced me with a growl. He had discovered me."

Still Jack didn't shoot. "I think I forgot to," he says. "We stood gazing at each other for a moment, not three feet apart. And then, suddenly, a long snake fell from the tree tops, and, with a lightning-like motion, wrapped itself around the beautiful animal."

Battling With a Huge Snake.

"In an instant the silence was broken by a crashing bedlam. The jaguar leaped—almost got free. It bit and clawed and screamed. But the scream was a hopeless one, for the snake had the jaguar tight in its grasp now and was squeezing it to death. The jaguar fought furiously, striking and biting—but the loops were tightening on him. He had one paw on the ground and he caught a root—began dragging the snake to one side. The snake lashed out with its tail for something to get a hold on, and—"

And that's where Jack, standing a scant three feet away from the struggle, began to take an active part in it. The snake's lashing tail reached into the undergrowth and caught hold of Jack.

"It touched me," he says, "and immediately wrapped itself around me. Then I pulled the trigger of the gun in my hand. I heard the impact of the buckshot, but I had shot the jaguar. And the snake's powerful tail was dragging me right out of the grass. I was knocked off my feet and the gun was scraped out of my hand. Immediately the snake let go of the dead jaguar and went to work on me."

"I reached for my machete and got it out just as the snake got a loop around my waist. I could feel the breath going out of my body as I swung the machete. If that blow missed I might not get a chance to swing another. But the blade hit the snake squarely across the body and almost cut it in two. Another swing finished the job. The loops relaxed and I was free."

"The tail end of the snake quivered and the head slashed about in all directions, but after the squeezing I had taken I didn't have strength enough to move. I lay with my head on the jaguar when the men came from camp. They were very much shocked and had come from the river expecting to find me with an Indian arrow through me. They carried me back to the landing, where I soon got over the squeezing. The natives skinned the jaguar. It was nine feet from tip to tip, while the snake, when measured, was thirty-eight feet long."

The Garden Murder Case

by S. S. VANDINE

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WNU Service

CHAPTER XII—Continued

"For God's sake," Garden burst out, "it's up to you to find out the truth. I'm on the spot—what with my going out of the room with Woody yesterday, my failure to place his bet, then the mater's accusation, and that damned will of hers, and the medicine. You've got to find out who's guilty."

As he was talking the door bell had rung, and Heath came up the hallway.

Vance went to Garden and, putting a hand on the man's shoulder, urged him back into his chair. "Come, buck up," he said; "we'll need your help, and if you work up a case of jitters you'll be useless."

"But don't you see how deeply involved I am?" Garden protested weakly.

"You're not the only one involved," Vance returned calmly. He turned to Siefert. "I think, doctor, we should have a little chat. Possibly we can get the matter of your patient's death straightened out a bit. Suppose we go upstairs to the study, what?"

In the study Vance went directly to the point.

"Doctor, the time has come when we must be perfectly frank with each other. The usual conventional considerations of your profession must be temporarily put aside. I shall be altogether candid with you and trust that you can see your way to being equally candid with me."

Siefert, who had taken a chair near the door, looked at Vance a trifle uneasily.

"I regret that I do not understand what you mean," he said in his suavest manner.

"I merely mean," replied Vance coolly, "that I am fully aware that it was you who sent me the anonymous telephone message Friday night."

Siefert raised his eyebrows slightly.

"Assuming, for the sake of argument," he said with deliberation, "that it was I who phoned you Friday night, what then?"

Vance watched the man with a faint smile.

"It might be, don't you know," he said, "that you were cognizant of the situation here, and that you had a suspicion—or let us say, a fear—that something tragic was impending."

Vance took out his cigar case and lighted a cigarette. "I fully understood the import of that message, doctor—as you intended. That is why I happened to be here yesterday afternoon. The significance of your reference to the Aeneid and the inclusion of the word 'equanimity' did not escape me. I must say, however, that your advice to investigate radio-active sodium was not entirely clear—although I think I now have a fairly lucid idea as to the implication. However, there were some deeper implications in your message, and this is the time, d' ye see, when we should face this thing together with complete honesty."

Siefert brought his eyes back to Vance in a long appraising glance, and then shifted them to the window again.

"Yes, I did send you that message. I realize that nothing can be gained now by not being frank with you. . . . The situation in this household has bothered me for a long time, and lately I've had a sense of imminent disaster."

"How long have you felt this premonition?" asked Vance.

"For the past three months, I should say. Although I have acted as the Gardens' physician for many years, it was not until last fall that Mrs. Garden's changing condition came to my notice. I thought little of it at first, but, as it grew worse and I found myself unable to diagnose it satisfactorily, a curious suspicion forced itself on me that the change was not entirely natural. I began coming here much more frequently than had been my custom, and during the last couple of months I had felt many subtle undercurrents in the various relationships of the household, which I had never sensed before. Of course, I knew that Floyd and Swift never got along particularly well—that there was some deep animosity and jealousy between them. I also knew the terms of Mrs. Garden's will."

Siefert paused with a frown.

"As I say, it has been only recently that I have felt something deeper and more significant in all this interplay of temperaments; and

this feeling grew to such proportions that I actually feared a violent climax of some kind—especially as Floyd told me only a few days ago that his cousin intended to stake his entire remaining funds on Equanimity in the big race yesterday. So overpowering was my feeling in regard to the whole situation here that I decided to do something about it, if I could manage it without divulging any professional confidences. But you saw through my subterfuge."

Vance nodded. "I appreciate your scruples in the matter, doctor. I only regret that I was unable to forestall these tragedies. That, as it happened, was beyond human power," Vance looked up quickly.

"By the by, doctor, did you have any definite suspicions when you phoned me Friday night?"

Siefert shook his head with emphasis. "No. Frankly, I was baffled. I merely felt that some sort of explosion was imminent."

Vance smoked a while in silence.

"And now, doctor, will you be so good as to give us the full details about this morning?"

Siefert drew himself up in his chair.

"There's practically nothing to add to the information I gave you over the phone. Miss Beeton called me a little after eight o'clock and informed me that Mrs. Garden had died some time during the night. She asked for instructions, and I told her that I would come at once. I was here half an hour or so later. I could find no determinable cause for Mrs. Garden's death, and assumed it might have been her heart until Miss Beeton called my attention to the fact that the bottle of medicine sent by the druggist was empty."

"By the by, doctor, what was the prescription you made out for your patient last night?"

"A simple barbitol solution."

"And I believe you told me on the telephone that there was sufficient barbitol in the prescription to have caused death."

"Yes," Doctor Siefert nodded. "If taken at one time."

"And Mrs. Garden's death was consistent with barbitol poisoning?"

"There was nothing to contradict such a conclusion," Siefert answered. "And there was nothing to indicate any other cause."

"When did the nurse discover the empty bottle?"

"Not until after she had phoned me, I believe."

Vance, smoking lazily, was watching Siefert from under speculative eyelids.

"Tell me something of Mrs. Garden's illness, doctor, and why radioactive sodium should have suggested itself to you."

Siefert brought his eyes sharply back to Vance.

"I was afraid you would ask that. But this is no time for squeamishness. I must trust wholly to your discretion. As I've already said, I don't know the exact nature of Mrs. Garden's ailment. The symptoms have been very much like those accompanying radium poisoning. But I have never prescribed any of the radium preparations for her—I am, in fact, profoundly skeptical of their efficacy."

He cleared his throat before continuing.

"One evening while reading the reports of the researches made in California on radioactive sodium, or what might be called artificial radium, which has been heralded as a possible medium of cure for cancer, I suddenly realized that Professor Garden himself was actively interested in this particular line of research and had done some very creditable work in the field. The realization was purely a matter of association, and I gave it little thought at first. But the idea persisted, and before long some very unpleasant possibilities began to force themselves upon me."

Again the doctor paused, a troubled look on his face.

"About two months ago I suggested to Doctor Garden that, if it were at all feasible, he put Miss Beeton on his wife's case. I had already come to the conclusion that Mrs. Garden required more constant attention and supervision than I could afford her, and Miss Beeton, who is a registered nurse, had, for the past year or so, been working with Doctor Garden in his laboratory—in fact, it was I who had sent her to him when he mentioned his need of a laboratory assistant. I was particularly anxious to have her

take Mrs. Garden's case, rather than some other nurse, for I felt that from her observations some helpful suggestions might result."

"And have Miss Beeton's subsequent observations been helpful to you, doctor?" asked Vance.

"No, I can't say that they have," Siefert admitted, "despite the fact that Doctor Garden still availed himself of her services occasionally in the laboratory, thereby giving her an added opportunity of keeping an eye on the entire situation."

Vance was studying the tip of his cigarette. Presently he asked: "Has the nurse's presence in the house resulted in any information regarding the general situation here?"

"Nothing that I had not already known. In fact, her observations have merely substantiated my own conclusions. It's quite possible, too, that she herself may unwittingly have augmented the animosity between young Garden and Swift, for she has intimated to me once or twice a very strong suspicion that

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"You sleep, I believe, in Mrs. Garden's room?"

The nurse inclined her head.

"Yes. You see, Mrs. Garden frequently needed some small service in the night."

"Had she required your attention at any time during the night?"

"No. The injection Doctor Siefert gave her before he left her seemed to have quieted her and she was sleeping peacefully when I went out."

"You went out last night? . . . What time did you leave the house?" asked Vance.

"About nine o'clock. Mr. Floyd Garden suggested it, assuring me that he would be here and that he thought I needed a little rest."

"Had you no professional qualms about leaving a sick patient at such a time?"

"Ordinarily I might have had," the girl returned resentfully; "but Mrs. Garden had never shown me any consideration. She was the most selfish person I ever knew. Anyway, I explained to Mr. Floyd Garden about giving his mother a teaspoonful of the medicine if she should wake up and show any signs of restlessness. And then I went out into the park."

"At what time did you return, Miss Beeton?"

"It must have been about eleven," she told him.

"Mrs. Garden was asleep when you came in?"

The girl turned her eyes to Vance before answering.

"I—I thought—she was asleep," she said hesitantly. "Her color was all right. But perhaps—even then—"

"Yes, yes, I know," Vance put in quickly. "By the by, did you notice anything changed—anything, let us say, out of place—in the room, on your return?"

The nurse shook her head slowly.

"No. Everything seemed the same to me. The windows and shades were just as I had left them, and—wait, there was something. The glass I had left on the night-table with drinking water was empty. I refilled it before going to bed."

Vance looked up quickly. "And the bottle of medicine?"

"I didn't particularly notice that; but it must have been just as I had left it, for I remember a fleeting sense of relief because Mrs. Garden hadn't needed a dose of medicine."

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Hospitals of India Used Heat Over 2,000 Years Ago

The earliest development of hospitals on the plan on which they have long existed, took place about 1,000 B. C. among the Aryans in the northwestern part of India whose culture centered around the city of Benares. Its greatest impetus came about the time Buddha was born, in that city, in the Sixth century B. C., and continued to its highest development about the Third century B. C., according to a writer in the New York Herald-Tribune. Its progressive expansion throughout the surrounding areas continued until the Sixth century A. D., when the Scythian hordes from the north over-ran the country and were unable to absorb and carry on its culture. A great deal of the knowledge of the early doctors and surgeons has been preserved in Sanscrit.

These early Sanscrit records make it plain that the early Aryan doctors knew of the spread of disease by contagion and took measures to guard against it. In the maternity hospitals of India more than 2,000 years ago clean sheets were provided for the patients every day, indicating that they knew of the power of heat to prevent disease.

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Markham nodded in reluctant acquiescence as Doremus was led into the room by Miss Beeton. After a brief interchange of explanations and comments Doremus readily agreed to Markham's suggestion.

Doctor Siefert rose and looked hesitantly at Vance. "You will not need me further, I trust."

"Not at the moment, doctor," Vance rose also and bowed formally. "We may, however, communicate with you later. . . . And, Miss Peeton, please sit down for a moment."

The girl came forward and seated herself in the nearest chair, as the men went down the passage-way.

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she is personally interested in Floyd Garden."

Vance looked up with augmented interest.

"What, specifically, has given you that impression, doctor?"

"Nothing specific," Siefert told him. "I have, however, observed them together on several occasions, and my impression was that some sentiment existed there. Nothing that I can put my finger on, though. But one night when I was walking up Riverside drive I happened to see them together in the park—undoubtedly a stroll together."

The nurse appeared at the door at that moment to announce the arrival of the medical examiner, and Vance asked her to bring Doctor Doremus up to the study.

"I might suggest," said Siefert quickly, "that, with your consent, it would be possible to have the medical examiner accept my verdict of death due to an accidental overdose of barbitol and avoid the additional unpleasantness of an autopsy."

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Household Questions

Date Pie—Two cups milk, half pound dates, two eggs, one-quarter teaspoon salt, nutmeg. Cook dates with milk twenty minutes in top of double boiler. Strain and rub through sieve, then add eggs and salt. Line pie plate with paste, pour in filling and bake in quick oven at first to set rim, decrease heat afterwards.

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NOTICE OF ROAD BOND 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 an election will be held on the 5th day of June, 1937, to determine if said District shall issue bonds and if an ad valorem tax shall be levied in payment thereof, in obedience to an election order entered by the Commissioners Court on the 30th day of April, 1937, which is as follows:

On this, the 30th day of April, 1937, the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, convened in Special Session at the regular meeting place thereof, in the Court House at Robert Lee, Texas, all members of said Court, 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,

being present, came on to be heard the petition of Fred Roe and 176 other resident property taxpaying voters of Road District No. 3 of Coke County, Texas, who own taxable property in said District and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, the said petition having been set down for hearing on this date by an order of the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, passed on the 14th day of April, 1937; and

WHEREAS, at the time and place set for said hearing the matter came on for hearing and consideration, and it appearing to the Court that due and legal notice of the date and place of said hearing had been given in the manner and for the length of time required by law, the Court proceeded to hear all evidence offered for and against said petition; and it appearing to the Court that the 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 in said District and who have duly rendered the same for taxation; and

It appearing to the Court that the proposed improvements would be for the benefit of all taxable property situated within said Road District No. 3, of Coke County, Texas; The said petition prays that an election be held throughout said Road District No. 3, of Coke County, Texas, to determine whether or not bonds should be issued in the sum of \$25,000.00 by said Road District No. 3, bearing interest at the rate of four (4%) per cent per annum, 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 or not a tax shall be levied on all the property of said Road District No. 3, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity; and

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

BEGINNING at a point where the N. B. L. of 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 Ster-

ling 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 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. Jaeger;

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 N. E. corner of J. Guerrero Survey No. 2;

Thence South with the West line of Lucas, F. M. Randell, J. A. Knight, and R. L. White surveys to White's corner in the N. B. L. of Survey 314 H. & T. C. Ry. Co., block 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. 16;

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. block 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. Block Z, and the N. 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. All of the territory hereinabove described and included within said District lies wholly within Coke County, Texas;

And it further appearing to the Court that the said petition is in all things regular and that the proposed bond issue of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars does not exceed the constitutional limitation of one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Road District No. 3 of Coke County, Texas,

IT IS, THEREFORE, considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed, and the Court does now so order, consider, adjudge and decree that the said petition be granted and that an election be held within and for said Road District No. 3, of Coke County, Texas, on the 5th day of June, 1937, which is not less than thirty (30) days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. 3 of Coke County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, bearing interest at the rate of Four (4%) per cent per annum, and said bonds to mature 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, within and for Road District No. 3, of Coke County, Texas, as above described, and whether or not 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.

The money derived from the sale (Seal)

of said bonds to be applied to the construction of 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. 153 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. 58, as it is now designated by the State Highway Department.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 16, General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the 39th Legislature at the First Called Session thereof.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this County, and who are resident property taxpayers within 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, shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue the bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

And those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

The said election shall be held at the following places, and the following named persons are hereby appointed presiding officers for said election:

At THE WILD CAT SCHOOL BUILDING, in Coke County, Voting Precinct No. 10, with Frank Strom as Presiding Officer.

At THE GREEN MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BUILDING, in Coke County, Voting Precinct No. 9, with Loyal Schooler as Presiding Officer.

At THE WALNUT SCHOOL BUILDING, in Coke County, Voting Precinct No. 12, with C. G. Munn as Presiding Officer.

At THE DIVIDE CHURCH BUILDING, in Coke County, Voting Precinct No. 5, with Fred McCabe as Presiding Officer.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the General Election Laws of this State, when not in conflict with the provisions of the Statutes hereinabove referred to.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order in THE ROBERT LEE OBSERVER, a newspaper published in Road District No. 3, of Coke County, Texas, for three successive weeks prior to said election, and, in addition thereto, there shall be posted other copies of this order at three public places in Road District No. 3, of Coke County, Texas, and one at the Court House door in Robert Lee, Texas, for three weeks prior to said election.

The County Clerk is hereby directed to cause said notices to be published and posted, as hereinabove directed, and further orders are reserved until the returns of said election are made by the duly authorized election officers and received by this Court.

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what Irvin S. Cobb thinks about:

Touring Accommodations.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—For the sake of comparison two of us, out lately on a little trip, stayed one night at a way-side motor camp and the next night at the most expensive tourist hotel in three states, rates \$25 per day per sucker.

At the tourist camp, the company was mixed but neighborly and, for the most part, pleasant. The only really discordant note was a lady in the adjoining cabin who, at all hours, kept waking her husband up, apparently for the purpose of telling him another thing about him that she didn't like.



Irvin S. Cobb

At the exclusive establishment were many guests who seemed to be suffering from severe attacks of nervous culture, being fearful, I'd say, that, if ever they behaved naturally, they'd give themselves away. Mainly they were dull. Waxworks, even when animated, usually are dull.

But stopping at a \$25 a day hotel has one advantage, I find. Afterward, you can go around bragging that once you stopped at a \$25-a-day hotel. This should be a great help socially.

Dealing With Snakes.

A CONNECTICUT congressman is pushing an act to prohibit importation of venomous serpents from other countries for exhibition purposes. His fear is that an earthquake or something might shake the zoo apart and liberate a lot of deadly reptiles that would start multiplying and constitute a new menace to the lives of such of the populace as have thus far escaped being killed by automobiles.

Without presuming to assume that the gentleman is a bit of an alarmist, I'd like to point out that he can obtain millions of adherents for this measure among old-fashioned Americans by tacking in an amendment to his bill providing that the bars likewise shall be put up against foreign-born communists.

How Times Change.

I JUST read what I once knew for myself but had forgotten in the rush and bustle of these latter days.

It related to the attitude which America, considerably less than half a century ago, held toward unescorted woman. For instance, as recently as 1890 not many respectable hotels would permit one of them to register.

Some time after 1900—in fact, as I remember, it was about 1910—a prominent lady was asked to leave one of the smartest hotels in New York city because she dared to light a cigarette in the public lounge. As for women drinking at a bar—well, not even the most forward-looking liberal could conceive of so incredible a sight as that.

And now just look at the darned things!

Hardships de Luxe.

WHEN our plutocratic classes decide to go simple, they go simple, regardless of what it costs 'em.

A rich couple have just completed a trip out here, following the ancient trails of the early pathfinders. Like true pioneer stock, they roughed it in specially built twin trailers, each about the size of a pullman but much more complete, and were towed by a couple of Rolls-Royces. The servants, only six in number, had to put up with two much cheaper cars.

During the entire trip there was no dressing for dinner and thus, with true democratic spirit, was the primitive plan of the expedition carried out. Every hardship encountered enroute—such as the champagne getting all jolted up and the caviar coming unglued in the can—was cheerfully endured. An armed guard was maintained a night to repel kidnapers and hostile Indian tribes.

I wonder how Jim Bridger and Kit Carson ever stood it with no butler along—in fact, not even a second man.

IRVIN S. COBB.
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World's Many Languages

There are about 70 independent countries in the world. Practically all these countries have a distinct language. The exceptions are the United States, whose official language is English; the South American republics, whose languages are either Spanish or Portuguese, and Austria, where German is largely spoken.

Washington Digest

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



Washington.—Several weeks ago, I reported to you the apparent necessity for presidential action in the direction of a curb on spending.

Must Cut Spending
I have written about this subject many times and I have no regret that I have done so, because for a half dozen years our government has been spending money too rapidly.

The President's latest message reviewing the budget situation indicates that the Chief Executive at last has started his thoughts in the direction of curtailed spending. Indeed, Mr. Roosevelt's message to congress in which he asked for a billion and a half dollars for relief purposes was characterized by quite a new note of firmness in his discussion of the need for cutting government costs. I think it is fair to say that in previous messages the President gave little more than lip service to the cause of economy in government. His previous suggestions to congress lacked force. Not so with the current call for a reduction in expenses. It had the earmarks of determination—but it yet remains to be seen whether he will insist strongly upon his conclusions when the showdown with congress comes.

The President's message was interesting in several respects beside the note of firmness, mentioned above. He confessed, for example, that there was no chance for a balanced budget in the next fiscal year. There is no chance, he disclosed, even for achieving the "layman's balance." That "layman's balance" ought to be explained for, my understanding of economics does not contemplate more than one kind of budget balancing, namely, income equalling outgo. But Mr. Roosevelt, in his campaign last year and in his message to congress last January, spoke of "layman's balance" as meaning a balance of income and outgo with the exception of expenditures for relief and for retirement of the public debt. I have heard it described in many quarters as a trick balance which I truly believe it should be called since it is not an honest balance.

In the January message, Mr. Roosevelt talked at length about the necessity for business taking on workers who were then on relief rolls. Only in that manner, he emphasized, could there be a reduction in relief rolls.

In the more recent message, the President omitted any reference to the responsibility of industry for reducing relief rolls by re-employing workers. That is not strange. The fact is, according to the government's own records, that industry is taking on workers at a more rapid rate than the administration had expected. But still there is no hope of a balanced budget this year.

So we must look elsewhere to find the reason. Instead of one, we find two reasons. The first and most important of the two is the fact that, by whatever analysis you make, the New Deal is guilty of continuing to waste money by hundreds of millions and it was not until a few weeks ago that any serious effort was made to choke off this drain, assuming the current effort is serious.

That statement sounds complicated and dull. It is not either one. The unvarnished truth is that Secretary Morgenthau and the flock of experts, trained only in theory, with whom he has surrounded himself, were unable to calculate what the present taxes would produce in revenue. Or, to say the same thing in a few words: Revenue receipts were far below what the Treasury experts guessed they would be.

Thus, the picture seems to be clear. On the one hand, the President heretofore has allowed the alphabetical agencies to run hither and yon in their money spending spree. On the other hand, the lack of competent financial men in the Treasury again is glaringly shown.

To get back to the question of curtailed spending I should like to call attention to the President's

Sounds Strong; but—
language in his latest message. He said that he proposed to use "every means at my command" to eliminate the deficit next year. That statement sounds strong enough. I question, however, that it can be called a program of retrenchment. In other words, Mr. Roosevelt was content in his message to congress

simply to criticize, if not to denounce, extravagant outlays insofar as new commitments are concerned.

During the last few weeks, Mr. Roosevelt has called upon the various agencies of the government for statements of their financial requirements and something of a review of what they have done with previous funds. Considerable ballyhoo accompanied announcement of this survey of governmental requirement. But again, there was no evidence of specific determination by the Chief Executive as to what governmental activity should be restricted or entirely eliminated. It was like a charge of bird shot. It scattered. There was no target mentioned except in a general way.

There has been some talk that possibly Mr. Roosevelt's message and promise to use every means at his command for curtailing expenditures may have been intended as a message to his own subordinates that definite orders were to follow; that he intended his subordinates should see where they themselves could lop off spending plans, and could put their own houses in order. I hope it works out that way. On the other hand, I entertain very serious doubt that such a procedure will ever cause such individuals as the impetuous Mr. Harry Hopkins, relief administrator, to cut down on his spending. Mr. Hopkins loves to spend money. He seems to be happiest when he has billions to spread around, regardless of whether the spending plans really accomplish aid for the destitute. I suspect that congress alone can curb Mr. Hopkins and the only way congress can do so is by declining to appropriate extra money for him.

What I am trying to say in using Mr. Hopkins as the "horrible example," is that Mr. Roosevelt has taught his subordinates to spend money as freely as they can. To a considerable extent, he has let congress have a taste of new spending morsels and what politician does not like to spend money! Therefore, the President is confronted with the necessity of educating both his own subordinates and congress to the new order of conserving taxpayers' money. If he does not accomplish this, we will be saying in another six months what we have said many times—that we are confronted with national bankruptcy.

Mr. Roosevelt's message asking for a billion and a half for relief served to get the collective mind of congress off the Supreme court packing plan only temporarily. The relief message caused quite a stir in the house of representatives where there has been a decided move already to continue appropriating huge sums of federal money for relief purposes, but it held the senate off the court question no longer than one business day.

I think there has been no question more frequently asked in my time in Washington than: "Will the President's bill to pack the Supreme court pass?"

I have watched the ebb and flow of the tide of sentiment in the senate constantly since the court packing plan was submitted. As the situation now stands, I believe Mr. Roosevelt has the odds in his favor. There is probably a margin of from five to ten votes on the President's side. Whether that will be the state of affairs when a vote comes, I think no one can foretell because the vote in the senate is going to be close.

Many informal polls of the senate have been taken. The results have varied somewhat. They have varied of necessity because there are many senators who remain non-committal, and who are unwilling at this time to take a position for or against the President's scheme. One may properly ask why this is. The answer is politics. A good many senators do not know how their home states feel about the plan. That is, they are not able to determine whether there has been a crystallization of sentiment for or against the thing.

Consequently, these senators are trying to wait outside of the playing field until they can tell whether they can be justified in going against presidential wishes or capitulating to the President's command. It is to be remembered that if they turn against the President, they antagonize the administration.

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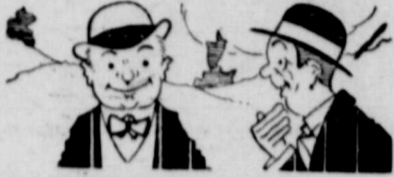
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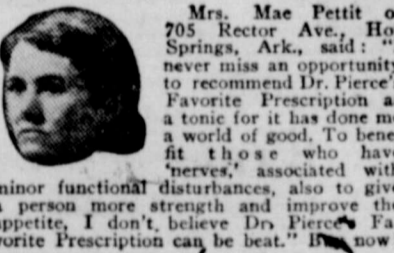
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Carole Lombard

Frances Farmer, who plays the feminine lead in "Toast of New York," has skyrocketed to fame in record time, but nevertheless, she has not buried her stage ambitions. This summer she will go to New Hampshire to work with the Peterboro Players.

The rest of Hollywood may believe that Glenn Morris, Olympic decathlon winner, will make an ideal Tarzan, but Lupe Velez holds firmly to the belief that only Johnny Weissmuller can effectively play the part. Even Lupe had to admit in the midst of argument that Glenn Morris had the looks and physique for the part, but she still held out that he would never be able to give the Tarzan yell. Whereupon some old meanie said that in that case the producers would hire the same yeller who howled for Johnny.

Marion Claire, who for the past two years has been trouping around the country with "The Great Waltz," has been signed to play Bobby Breen's mother in "Make a Wish." Schulberg has signed Lenore Ulric, who was so good as the vicious grafting friend of "Camille," to play in "The Great Gambini." A girl in her teens named Wyn Cahoon who has had considerable success on the New York stage has been signed by Columbia, who have also nailed the veteran Dick Arlen down to a contract to keep him from gallivanting off to England again.

For those audiences that like chills and fever, horror and suspense, blood and thunder, there are two new pictures just made to order. "The Soldier and the Lady," an RKO picture which is really that old classic of spine chillers, "Michael Stragoff," is the more spectacular since it introduces army scenes made in Europe. More intimate, but less blood-curdling, is "Loye From a Stranger," which stars Ann Harding and Basil Rathbone. It is a story of a mild young woman who wins a sweepstake prize and marries a fiend who has dispatched several wives.

ODDS AND ENDS—Bing Crosby has been kidded so much about his ballooning figure that he has taken up tennis in an effort to reduce. Incidentally, did you hear his old pal Harry Barris on his program? And wouldn't you love to see him in a picture with Bing? ... Basil Rathbone, as I kept reminding myself all through his horrifying antics in "Loye From a Stranger," keeps 86 kinds of tea on hand at his house so as to have just the flavor he wants of an afternoon. ... All Hollywood swooped down on the Selznick-International studios to watch the Coronation scenes in "The Prisoner of Zenda." And then Madeline Carroll broke up the scene by whispering to Ronald Colman just as the hundreds of extras in the procession got under way, "Don't look now, but I think we are being followed."
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Lesson for May 9

ABRAHAM A MAN OF PRAYER

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 18:17-32.
GOLDEN TEXT—The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Abraham Praying for His Neighbors.
JUNIOR TOPIC—A Great Man's Prayer.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Praying for Others.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Ministry of Intercession.

Prayer—how many are the books that have been written on that subject and the sermons preached, and yet how little it is actually practiced. One can attract an audience to hear it discussed, but only a handful will come to pray. We as Christians agree that it is God's appointed way of blessing. We put up mottoes such as "Prayer changes things," or "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," and then (may God forgive us!) we try to change things ourselves. We struggle with problems when we ought to pray.

The lesson of today, from the life of that great hero of faith, Abraham, stresses the importance of intercessory prayer, that is, the giving of ourselves to pray for the temporal and spiritual welfare of others. In an age characterized by a grasping spirit of acquisition for personal advantage it is like a breath from heaven to read of this man's prayer for others.

I. The Nature of Intercessory Prayer.

1. It is a Privilege. Abraham had been honored by a visit from God. The covenant had been renewed, a son had been promised. The three visitors looked out toward Sodom. God who had thus appeared to Abraham in visible form and had shared the hospitality of his home now extends to him the privilege of sharing in God's purpose. How glorious to be on such terms of confidence with God, to know him and to know his will and purpose!

2. It is a Responsibility. "Abraham stood yet before the Lord"—why? To pray for Sodom and Gomorrah. Privilege and responsibility go together. Those who have audience with the King of kings are there to carry the blessed burden of prayer for others. Are we praying for our children, our families, our church, our nation? If not, who will pray?

3. It is Objective, not Subjective. Some modern "religious" leaders would devitalize prayer by making it a sort of spiritual exercise which has only the value of developing our own soul. The prayer room is to them a sort of spiritual gymnasium where the soul develops its strength and a spiritual sense of well-being floods the soul.

Undoubtedly the very fellowship with God which is inherent in prayer is spiritually beneficial, but prayer actually deals with such things as cities, men, sin, sorrow. It concerns men's physical well-being, their material prosperity, as well as their spiritual welfare. It is the means designated by God for the release of his power on behalf of the object for which we pray.

II. Characteristics of Intercessory Prayer.

1. Unselfish. Abraham already had his promise and his blessing. The cities of the plain were wicked, yet he prayed for them. Those who know the spirit of God are not selfish in prayer.

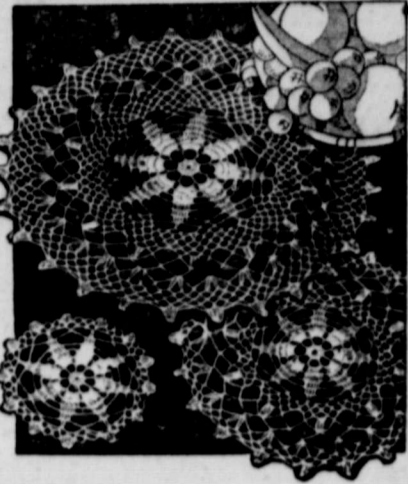
2. Courageous. Note the reverent boldness with which Abraham pleaded the cause of the condemned cities. The Bible reveals that God honored men who had a holy courage. History tells the same story. We celebrate this year the centenary of one who prayed boldly—and believed, and labored—Dwight Moody.

3. Persistent. No one likes a "quitter." Christ spoke of a man who was heard for his importunity (Luke 11:8). See also Luke 18:1-8. Some one has said that when we pray we are all too often like the mischievous boy who rings the doorbell and runs away without waiting for an answer.

III. Results of Intercessory Prayer.

The cities were destroyed, but the righteous were saved. God hears and answers prayer. This is the testimony of His Word, of countless Christian men and women of all ages, yes, of the men and women of our day. We know by experience that it is true—"I cried; he answered." He says to you and to me, "Call unto Me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).

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Blue Star MATCHES, 6 boxes	19c
Gold Label BAKING POWDER, 2 lb can	23c
Yankee Doodle MACARONI or SPAGHETTI, 3 pkgs	10c
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4 lb carton	55c
Pure Cane SUGAR, 10 lb. cloth Bag	59c
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Beverly SAUSAGE, 2 cans	15c
Beverly POTTED MEAT, 3 cans for	12c
Deer Cut GREEN BEANS, 2 no 2 cans	19c
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Sinclair LIMA BEANS, 2 No 2 cans	25c
R & W FLAV-R-JELL, asst. flavors, 3 packages	14c
R & W TOMATO JUICE, 2 - 12 1/2 oz cans	15c
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Red & White MILK, 4 small cans or 2 large cans	15c
CARROTS, 3 large bunches	5c
MUSTARD GREENS, 3 bunches	5c
TURNIP GREENS, 3 bunches	5c
ONIONS, White Wax, 3 pounds	12c
ORANGES, California, 344's, doz	23c
APPLES, Wash. Winesaps, Size 234, doz	15c
LEMONS, Gold Tag 442 Size, Per Dozen	21c

W. J. Cumbie

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in every way during the illness and death of our mother and grandmother. The beautiful floral offering, and your comforting words will ever be cherished.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Vestal
 Claud Parker
 All of grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our deepest appreciation for the many expressions of love and sympathy bestowed upon us by our friends during the dark hours of grief we suffered in the bereavement of our loved one. It is our desire that such kindness be yours in your time of need. May God's richest blessings be with you.

Charley and Pearl Hurley
 Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis and family
 J. H. Hurley and family.

See our new socks, ties and belts for the boy graduate. Landers Variety Store.

DeWitt Snead and family have moved back here from Deming, N. M., and Mr. Snead will be in charge of the prescription department of the Arc Light Drug Store.

Seersucker cloth in navy, mais, helio, blue and tan at W. K. Simpson & Co.

Bill Teller was brought home from San Angelo last week and is doing well. He underwent an operation for removal of the appendix two weeks ago.

Thursday of last week, the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Myers Roberts on the C. Y. Roberts place was burned and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts lost their furniture and clothing.

For Sale or Trade--Four lots. Also two white male pigs, \$8 a pair, at the Frank Robbins place.

Miss Lois Vowell spent last weekend at Mertzon as the guest Miss Nell Blackstock who is a teacher of public school music in the Mertzon school.

Mrs. Fern Havins, who has been a patient in the Spann Sanitarium for several weeks, is expected home the latter part of this week.

SPECIAL
 Water pitcher, 6 small glasses and 6 large glasses in rose marie, all for \$1.25. Landers Variety Store.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that original letters of Administration upon the estate of THOMAS WEBB, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1936, by the County Court of Coke County. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post-office address are Robert Lee, County of Coke, State of Texas. J. K. GRIFFITH, Administrator of Estate of Thomas Webb, Deceased.

'M' SYSTEM

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY
 MAY 7 & 8

LETTUCE,	3 for	10c
APPLES,	each	1c
ORANGES,	each	1c
Fresh B E PEAS,	3 lbs	25c
KER MEL, a delicious dessert	3 for	14c

Lipton's Tea

1/4 lb pkg. -	1 glass free	21c
1/2 lb pkg. -	2 glasses free	39c
1 lb pkg. -	4 glasses free	77c

Grapefruit Juice,	no 1 can	5c
	no 2 can, 2 for	15c
Texas SPINACH, No 2 Can	3 cans	19c
Red & Gold COFFEE, Ground frsch as you buy,	lb	17c
Armour's CORN BEEF HASH,		15c
SUGAR, 25 lb pure cane in cloth bags		\$1.39

Shortening
 Swift, Vegetole or K B
 4 lb carton 55c 8 lb carton 1.09

American SARDINES,	3 for	11c
PICKLES, full qt.		15c
Peanut Butter Armour's qt.		29c
Heinz KETCHUP, regular 14 oz bottle		19c
Gallon Peaches,		39c
Matches, 6 box carton		15c
SYRUP, Louisiana Cane	5 lb	29c
	10 lb	55c
VIENNA SAUSAGE, can		5c
POTTED MEAT, 2 cans		5c

MARKET SPECIALS

SLICED BACON,	lb	30c
GROUND MEAT,	lb	12c
Round STEAK,	lb	21c
CHUCK ROAST,	lb	15c

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