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**Labor Day Rodeo**  
**Ranger, Sept. 4 - 5**

# Ranger Times

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**Ranger Rodeo**  
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## BIG CROWD THROGS RANGER STREETS FOR LABOR DAY PROGRAM

A huge crowd thronged the streets of Ranger all day Monday, to witness the biggest Labor Day celebration ever attempted in this part of the country, and to go to the rodeo performances which climaxed the full day of activities. The street dance Monday night, which ended the festivities, also drew large crowds.

The rodeo, which was one of the main attractions, drew such a large number of spectators that additional seats were being added this morning to take care of the crowd expected tonight, as every seat was taken early Monday night and many stood up throughout the performance.

An added attraction is promised tonight when Frank Marion of Ranger, who won the world's championship in steer riding at Madison Square Garden, New York last spring, promised to ride, or try to ride "Buffalo Bill," the huge Bushma steer that no one could handle Monday night.

"Buffalo Bill" refused to be ridden, and was so mean all the showhands in the arena could do nothing with him, nad after half

## RODEO HELD AT RANGER IS GIVEN PRAISE

Eastland citizens who Monday attended the Ranger Labor Day and Rodeo Celebration Tuesday were high in praise of the show.

Members of the Eastland High School band and police car, in which H. J. Tanner, secretary, manager of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, and Chief W. J. Peters were among Eastland representatives taking part in a parade at the event Monday.

Several from Eastland accompanied the band to Ranger while others went during various parts of the day.

Another rodeo performance will be given tonight.

## 3,000 High School Grid Hopefuls Are Now Practicing

AUSTIN, Tex.—More than 12,000 high school football hopefuls in 639 teams entered in the Texas interscholastic League race got away Sept. 1 on a short practice program in preparation for opening of the league season.

R. J. Kidd, league athletic director, said that eighteen new schools had entered organized conferences of "A," "B" and "C" standing in addition to a record total of 21 that took part a year ago.

Corpus Christi won the state class A championship last year.

Entries can be submitted until September 16 this year. The heavy duty necessitated formation of a new class B district in North Texas, composed of Granfills Gap, Blossmore, Fredall, Koppert, Meridian, Morgan and Walnut Springs.

A new regulation adopted at the last league meeting prohibited issuance of athletic equipment before September 1. This, Kidd said, gave all schools an even opportunity for practice. The schools also agreed to limit spring training, effective in 1940, to one month each year.

## Rising Planes Are Now Reported Safe

CRISTOBAL, Canal one, Sept. 5.—Army authorities announced today that three army planes reported missing on a flight from Managua, Nicaragua, to the Canal zone were safe. The planes had been reported down off the coast of Nicaragua.

The planes were among 33 Curtiss fighters ordered to the Canal zone to augment defenses.

## Japan Decides To Maintain Neutrality

TOKYO, Sept. 5.—The Japanese foreign office notified the American, British, French, Polish, German and Italian envoys that Japan will remain neutral in the present war.

## Deals German Planes Misery



This is a Polish anti-aircraft gun and crew on the alert near Warsaw for German planes which wrecked havoc there. Reports are that these guns are very efficient for Poland. The picture passed by censors was radioed from London to New York then telephoned to Dallas, Texas.—(Acme Radio-Photo).

## Nazi Destroy Polish Village



This is the first picture of destruction wrought by Nazi invasion. The photo flown to Berlin and radioed to New York shows a Polish village going up in smoke and flames under Nazi shelling and air bombing. The picture was passed by censors.—(Acme Radio-Photo).

## U. S. SERVES NOTICE SHE IS TO BE NEUTRAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—The United States served formal notice on the world today that it is determined to maintain a strict neutrality in the European conflict.

President Roosevelt signed the proclamation shortly after 1 p. m. It became effective a few moments later when it was countersigned by Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

This proclamation of neutrality by Roosevelt was issued under terms of international law.

It was not required by this nation's neutrality legislation. Later in the day the state department is expected to issue a presidential proclamation invoking an embargo on arms, munitions and implements of war to warring nations.

That step is mandatory under the neutrality statutes which Mr. Roosevelt desires congress to revise.

The arms embargo proclamation, officials said, will be completed at a conference between Hull, state department aides and Mr. Roosevelt, beginning later this afternoon.

President Roosevelt acted with unprecedented speed in declaring American neutrality. He acted approximately three and a half months quicker than did President Wilson during the first World War.

## Browder Tells Dies Investigators About Republican Offer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Earl Browder, general secretary of the U. S. Communist party, testified before the Dies committee today that a man allegedly representing some republicans offered the party \$250,000 in 1936 if it would nominate President Roosevelt as its candidate.

Browder said that the man identified himself only as "Davidson," and did not name the men whom he said would furnish the money.

"The theory was that if you did it would hurt the president!" Dies asked.

"That's right," said Browder.

## Man Charged With Conversion Brought Back To Eastland

Sheriff Loss Woods returned Saturday from Grand Rapids, Mich., accompanied by Carroll J. Hayes, charged by indictment with conversion.

Hayes is alleged to have appropriated for his own use an automobile owned by Victor Cornelius of Eastland. Formerly, said officials, the automobile was used by Hayes while working as a salesman of theatrical advertising for Cornelius.

## TROOPS MANEUVER ON WESTERN FRONT; BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORIES

PARIS, Sept. 5.—(By way of Trans-Atlantic telephone to New York)—An official communique today said that an engagement, understood to be preliminary maneuvering of advance German and French troops had begun on the western front.

The operations were in a zone six miles wide on each side of the frontier, where troops moved into trenches between the main French and German fortified lines.

So far as official announcements were concerned, and so far as official sources had been advised in Paris, there had been no real fighting on the Western front.

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—More than half of the fleet of British planes which yesterday bombed German naval bases at Wilhelmshaven and Cuxhaven were shot down, the German army declared today.

A communique said also that German troops had annihilated the seventh division of the Polish army in fighting south of Czestochowa, Poland's national shrine to the Virgin Mary.

The communique also said Adolf Hitler was on Polish soil with his troops.

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—German airplanes in combat between Warsaw and Lodz this morning shot down 11 Polish planes, it was announced officially.

German losses were not stated. It was announced that a third Polish submarine had been sunk in Danzig today.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Reports were received here today that in addition to the German steamer Olanda, sunk off Brazil by the British cruiser Ajax, the German steamer Carl Fritzen has been sunk.

The manner of the sinking or locality was not given, but the crew of the Carl Fritzen was reported safe.

The ministry of information announced tonight a report that the British steamship Bosnia had been sunk and that all hands were rescued by a Norwegian tanker, except a fireman named Woods, who was reported dead.

## Good Texas Granite Found In Abundance

AUSTIN, Tex.—University of Texas research experts have submitted reports defending the state's great granite deposits from charges that the stone is "too destructible" for use in monuments.

Ninety per cent of the granite used in Texas is imported. Dr. V. E. Barnes, G. A. Parkinson and R. F. Duvson of the university's bureau of economic geology countered charges of some monument salesmen that the Texas granite was inferior with a report that "several Texas deposits containing enormous amounts of stone are as good, and in some cases, exceeding that found in the rest of the world."

The research experts said that "misrepresentation" had discouraged development of a Texas industry. Good granite is found in more than 250 Texas localities, the report said, including pink granite, marble, sandstone and limestone.

The state capital was built more than half a century ago from Central Texas stone, and all monuments erected during the 1936 Centennial year by the state were from native quarries.

## Spanish - American Veterans Endorse Neutrality Moves

The Spanish-American War Veterans, in meeting in Cisco, Monday drafted and sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt:

"Spanish-American war veterans of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the 17th congressional district of Texas, in joint convention assembled at Cisco, Texas, Sept. 4, by unanimous vote endorsed your stand on neutrality in the present European crisis."

The telegram was signed by R. H. Hansford, Ranger; Chris Watson, Abilene; L. E. Vaughn, Cisco; Karl K. White, Eastland; J. W. Booth, Moran and Luther Clark, Abilene.

## THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer in Panhandle tonight.

## GHOST CITY REUNION HELD AT THURBER

THURBER, Erath Co., Texas, Sept. 5.—This ghost city took a one-day holiday Monday to again become the bustling, alive mining center of its heyday. It was estimated half the city's former population of more than 7,500 gathered in the picnic grove, one of them driving from California to attend the reunion.

Because the Texas and Pacific Coal Company's mines had recruited workers from the far corners of the world, Monday's reunion saw a cross section of all Europe fraternizing here as happy Americans while their homeland nationals were embarking on a devastating war. Men and women and children talked early of old times.

There was no talk of the fighting. Billy Boyd, reunion association president, and the only businessman remaining in Thurber, said:

"These people are all Americans. They came here from everywhere, but they do not live in the past. Italian, German, Poles, Englishmen, Czechs and Slovaks, Hungarians, Frenchmen, Spaniards, Greeks, Mexicans and Swedes all worked in the mines or at the brickyards or in the company's mercantile establishments.

Racial prejudice ends.

"In the old days it was hard for these people to mix without discussion. Each group of nationals kept pretty much to itself for all social activities. But as children grew up and married—not always to one of the same blood—the racial prejudice broke down.

"It is fifty years since most of the original workers came to Thurber and the Americanization is so complete that any man among them, as well as any of the children, would be resentful if called anything but American. The melting pot we had here in 1880 and 1890 has completed its job."

One of the enthusiastic picnicers, John Garbuio, Burlingame, Calif., drove to Thurber with his two daughters for the reunion. The girls were born in Thurber and were babies when he left the city fourteen years ago. They are the guests of old friends, the families of Mrs. Leo Benevisti, Minegro, and her daughter, Mrs. G. R. Danner.

Bates Cox, general agent for the Texas & Pacific Company in charge of the Thurber properties, caused all the doors to the old buildings to be unlocked Monday morning and throughout the day the former employees of the company flocked to their old posts with their wives and families to boast of their progress.

Present for the celebration was Mrs. A. J. Coulton, 71, of Granbury, whose father, Tom Parker, and uncle, Bill Carlyle, sank the first shaft of the Thurber coal field. All the land in that section was owned by William W. and H. E. Johnson and discovery of coal built Thurber and caused the establishment of the Texas and Pacific Company, which acquired the Johnson property and adjacent tracts until it formed a domain of 70,000 acres.

Thurber, never a city in the true sense of the word, at one time boasted a population of between 7,500 and 10,000. It never was incorporated. Never did it achieve greater status than that of a mining camp. Every structure was owned by the company and every house was rented to its occupants by the company. Texas and Pacific owned an operated all the mercantile establishments and issued company money for use in trading.

Despite the fact that Thurber has no entity other than that of a decaying mining camp, its former citizens are loyal to its memories—so loyal that nearly 3,000 of them returned Monday to pay it homage.

## Grains, Cotton And Stocks Go Higher

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—All wheat futures in North American markets soared the five-cent limit at the opening today.

All grains shot up the limit at Chicago on frantic war demands. Corn was up four cents, oats up three cents, rye up five cents, and soy beans four cents higher.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Reflecting a sensational advance in Liverpool, cotton futures jumped \$2 to \$3 early today and held most of the gains through the forenoon trading.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—War stocks soared five to 17 points today in the most active trading since Oct. 19, 1937.

First hour sales amounted to 1,640,000 shares.

## Aubrey Jameson Undergoes Surgery

Word was received in Ranger this morning that Aubrey Jameson, who underwent major operation in Breckenridge Sunday morning is responding well to the treatment and it is hoped by his many friends that he will soon be up and about as usual.

Jameson has been teaching in the Breckenridge school system for the past three years. Prior to that he was a teacher in the Eastland school system.

## Organtron Will Be Given To College

PORTALES, N. M.—Installation of an Organtron in the proposed new auditorium at Eastern New Mexico College has been made possible by a \$5,000 gift for the purpose, but few people know who is the donor.

President D. W. McKay said that the gift had been made by a resident of California who is interested in music and who requested that his identity be kept secret.

## Licenses To Wed. Showing Increase

Marriage license issuance this year continues to show an increase over 1938, according to records of County Clerk R. V. Galloway.

Last month 36 licenses were issued as compared to 26 for August 1938. For the first eight months of this year a total of 257 licenses were issued as compared to 222 for the same period the preceding period.

## Patient Is Taken To Austin Hospital

Sheriff Loss Woods on Monday went to Austin to convey a mental patient for hospitalization.

## POLAND PLANS TO EVACUATE CAPITOL SOON

By JOE ALEX MORRIS  
United Press Foreign News Editor

Indications that the Polish government is planning to evacuate Warsaw and make its headquarters in some other city reached the United Press today in heavily-censored dispatches from the Polish capital.

The German armies reported they had smashed their way into the Silesian industrial district, capturing the city of Katowice, and had thrust downward from East Prussia on a front less than 50 miles north of Warsaw.

Nazi planes continued regular bombardment of the Polish capital where many fires were started by bombs.

These sledge hammer blows against the Polish defenses were followed by dispatches reporting the departing of U. S. Ambassador Anthony Drexel Biddle and his family from Warsaw.

Then came a message from Warsaw saying that, while there was no panic, many persons were loading their belongings into any transport available including old-fashioned droszkas and that trains were crowded by families carrying their belongings.

A still later message mentioned the possibility of immediate departure of the government.

These messages came at the same time the Germans announced they had captured Katowice in the south, nad were pushing within less than 50 miles of Warsaw.

Artillery and machine gun fire was heard in Warsaw later in the day.

## Labor Day Death Toll Much Lower

The country's week-end observance of Labor Day, overshadowed by events abroad, caused fewer deaths than it did during the holiday last year, a United Press survey showed.

Complete reports by states listed at least 338 violent deaths as compared with almost 500 fatalities during the three-day Labor Day celebration last year.

Traffic accidents led all other causes with 214 deaths. Drownings added 43 persons and 81 others died in miscellaneous accidents, including shootings, suicides and plane crashes.

The death toll was highest in Illinois, where 20 were killed on the highways and 14 died from miscellaneous causes.

## New City Hall May Result after Touch-up Job Gets Underway

EL PASO, Tex.—If the work keeps up, El Paso is going to have a mighty pretty city hall. The city officials decided to do a little beautifying job by merely painting the outside of the building. Then they noticed that the clerk's office needed a little touching up. That was done, and it was discovered that the second floor was somewhat dingy, so more paint was used.

"I don't know where we can stop," Mayor J. E. Anderson moaned. "Every time we have a room painted, it shows had badly another one needs it."

## Estate Of Cisco Man Is Appraised

Estate of A. M. Gilbert, who died June 4, 1939, at Cisco, has been appraised at \$1,653.39, according to records in the office of R. V. Galloway, county clerk. The appraisal was approved by County Judge W. S. Adamson, Paul Poe, and J. T. Elliott were appraisers.

## Postal Receipts For State Are Lower

AUSTIN, Tex.—Postal receipts during July in 40 Texas cities, reported to The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research, by their chambers of commerce, fell 7.2 per cent below June, bureau officials said today.

Receipts stood only 1.3 per cent below July last year, the reports showed.

## MELON PATCH STRIPPED— TULOCK, Cal.—For days, John Espinola had been watching his 10-acre patch of choice melons ripen and get ready for market. One day he decided they were ready to pick. But thieves had booster him by a few hours. Not a single melon was left.



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## Let Housing Adjust Itself to the Pocketbook

For 10 years the development of housing in this country has been aground on this rock: it has not been possible to build houses cheap enough for the ordinary man to be able to afford them. This mass market of houses for the average workingman with an income of, say, \$1000-\$1500 a year, simply has not been touched. Such building as has been achieved in the home field has been generally in the \$5000-and-up class. And that market is strictly limited.

Now since it has proved impossible, due to a variety of conditions, to bring the cost of a house down to the range of the \$1300-a-year workman, why not build as much house as is within his range, and let him finish it himself, or finish it over a period of years as he is able? The usual estimate is that a man's house should cost him not above two years' salary.

Very well. Why not build for that \$13000-a-year man as much house as can be bought for \$2600 and let him buy it at that figure? He has a debt on which he can see some reasonable hope of paying but. He has enough house to keep out of the rain. And he can always improve, finish, add to the house as opportunity offers.

That is a very practical approach to the housing problem. Many a city worker would be glad to move into a very rudimentary house in the country where his children could be outside and where he could raise some fruits, vegetables, and poultry for himself or for pocket-money.

He doesn't demand tiled baths, controlled air-conditioning, built-in laundry tubs and double windows. For the sake of getting his own home, he is willing to "rough it" for a while, gradually finishing, enlarging, and improving his place.

Nearly 50 houses have been built on a plan like this near Hammond, Ind. Neat and attractive on the outside, built with all-union labor as far as they go, these houses have provided a long-sought opportunity for many plain people to whom the vision of a \$500 house was a mere mirage. Each house was for sale at any stage of its construction at which the buyer felt he could finish it himself, the cost proportionate. Union building trade workers, though such houses did not provide them with as much work as complete houses, realized that it was work that they would otherwise not get at all.

The practical side of this plan is shown by one man who after a year decided to trade his house in on a larger one. He got \$300 more for the house than he had paid, the difference representing improvements he had made himself.

This plan deserves study in every community. If the worker's pocketbook does not match the cost of housing, the cost of housing must match the worker's pocketbook.

Farmers in Bali had no trouble training their grub-grabbing ducks to march in formation to the rice fields. The fowls came naturally by the goose-step.

## Mental Hygiene To Be Given A Boost By Essay Contest

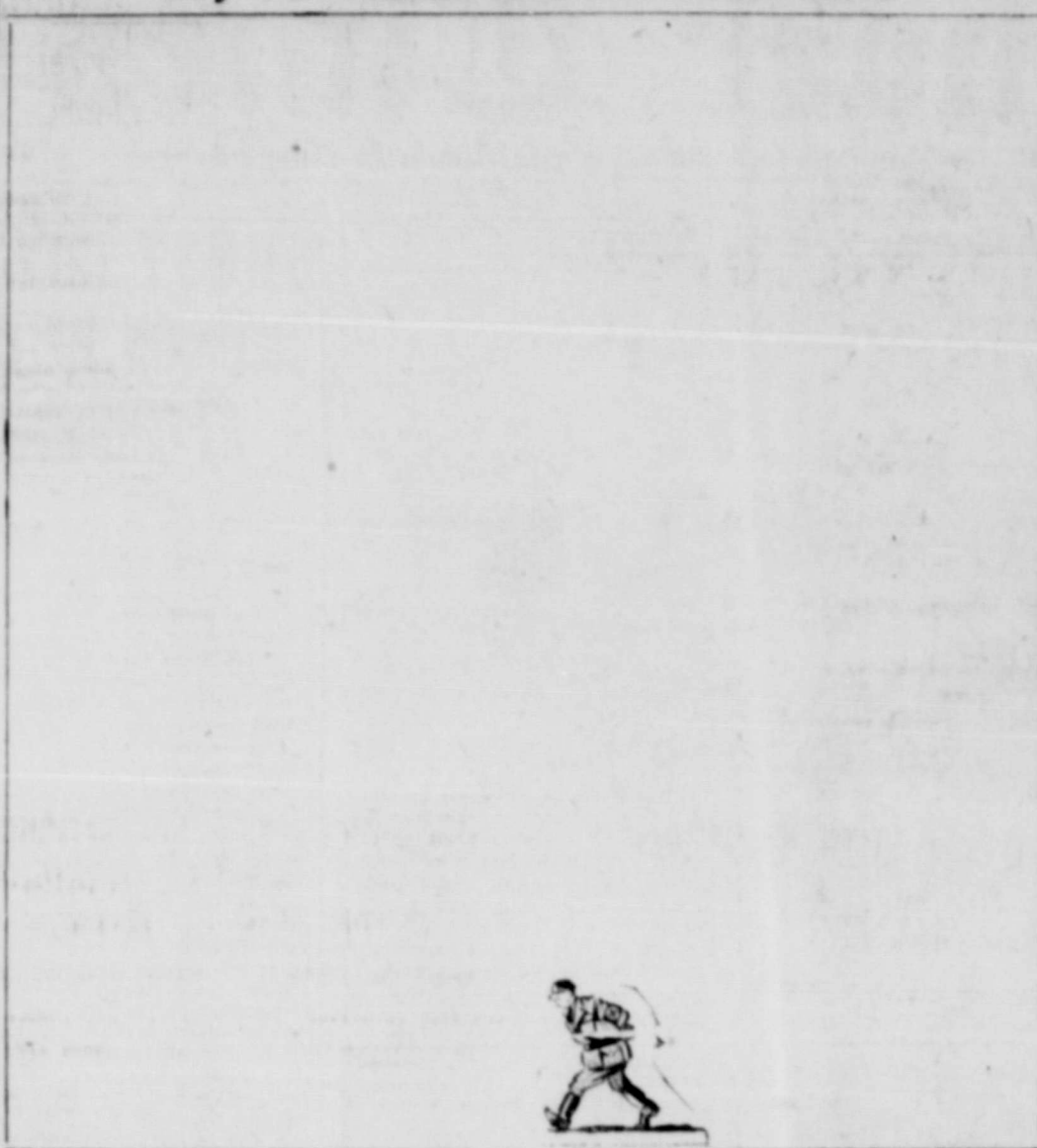
AUSTIN, Texas.—Mental hygiene, the growing "infant" of the medical profession, received another body-building injection this week as the Texas Society for Mental Hygiene prepared to hold a \$50 prize essay competition on some phase of work in that field, open to all Texas college students, Dr. Paul L. White, University of Texas health service physician, said today.

The first place winner will be invited to read his paper before the society at its February meeting. The paper itself will be printed in the society's proceedings. While the University of Texas prepares to launch its statewide mental hygiene program under a \$2,500,000 bequest from the estate of the late Will C. Hogg of Houston—a subsidy indicative of the importance of this relatively new field of medicine—the society is rolling up its sleeves to carry out a broadened educational program of its own, Dr. White said.

Objectives for 1939-40 are: First, to promote public understanding of what mental hygiene means, through Parent-Teacher Associations, through newspapers, radio and other media; second, to educate the public to possible preventive measures; and, third, to attempt to interest college students and prospective teachers in the work.

If China and Japan will only follow the Nazi-Soviet example, we might get our Chinese laundrymen to start washing our silk shirts again.

## Why Ten Million Men Are Under Arms



## "OUT OUR WAY"

BY WILLIAMS



## Dog Plays Good Samaritan To Cat

MINERAL WELLS, Tex.—Joe is a young pointer dog that belongs to Bob Miller here—and Joe follows Bob to work every day. The dog has lots of friends around the city that he makes regular calls on.

One especially that he never fails each morning—the Palace Drug Store, where he gets a nice choice saucer of dog food every time he comes down. Fat Joe pulled a fast one on Glen Johnson, owner of the store this week. He came down, but wasn't especially hungry, and would not eat all of the dog food offered him and left—only to reappear about ten minutes later, across the street nudging at a little, hungry cat with his nose. Joe nudged the cat across the street, into the store and right to the saucer of dog food that had left a few minutes before. The kitten devoured it in the order.

## More Information Is Sought From Package Library

AUSTIN, Texas.—Lazy summer days of July turned the attention of the Texas "information-seeker" from turbulent world politics and economics to the quieter waters of literature and fine arts, according to circulation figures of The University of Texas package loan library, released here today.

Stating that general information on literature and fine arts proved the most popular package topic during July, Miss LeNoir Dimmitt, library director, said circulation reached 752 package libraries during July, up 118 from the preceding month and 17 above July of last year.

## Letter of '44 Tells of Politics Worry

FAIRPORT, N. Y.—Rick in 1844 people really worried about depression and politics, according to a 95-year-old letter discovered recently. Dr. Edward Whitcomb told his father, Dr. Samuel Whitcomb, of Ontario, in the letter that his "Uncle John" is "continually in trouble concerning debts, how to dispose of the store to the best advantage, or the result of the election."

## Flint Knife Brings Up Question Of Antiquity Of Man

VICTORIA, Tex.—Discovery of a flint knife blade among fossil remains here left University of Texas archeologists in a quandary whether or not man inhabited the state 25,000 to 50,000 years ago. The man-made blade was discovered near the fossil bones of a prehistoric camel, of a species that roamed Texas coastal regions during the Pliocene age many thousands of years ago. The blade was "quite old," according to archeologist A. T. Jackson, but

## Wash tub Bass Vial Proving Popular

EL PASO, Tex.—Homer Wilson, better known as "Smokey," couldn't buy a bass vial for his three-man hillbilly band, so he made one out of a washtub, and popularity has been his reward. Now he and his "Pecos Cowboys" have no trouble finding engagements. The home-made "bass vial" contraption is made from a square washtub, a broom handle, two bolts, a hinge, a hook, and a standard bass vial string. It is called a "tub-zula." Smokey made his first one in Phoenix, Ariz., two years ago, and since then has worn out three washtubs. It costs \$1.75 to buy another, and it has to be square—"has a better tone than a round one," Smokey explains.

## Union Label Fish Caught By Angler

WILDWOOD, N. J.—And now the fish are going for unions! Harry Lloyd of Philadelphia reported catching an International Tobacco Workers Union (A.F.L.) label. The label was imbedded in a flat area near the fish's head.

## Ex-Slave Tells of Days In the Army

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—A 96-year-old Alabama ex-slave who served in both the Confederate and Union armies during the Civil War has returned to Montgomery for the first time since 1865. Baz Jackson, Wilcox county, who once was sold on the auction block for \$1,000, said a desire to "see Montgomery once more" prompted his visit. The former slave said he found "the former Confederate capital much changed" from the days of '65. Jackson was with the Confederate forces as a body-servant during the early days of the war, he said. The Negro helped to throw up breastworks at Mobile. He said he ran away while working on the fortifications, but was captured and imprisoned at Mobile. Someone bailed him out for \$100, Jackson relates. So he joined the "Yankee army" at Decatur, Ala., and marched with it to Montgomery. Jackson was mustered out at close of the war and went back to his native Wilcox county to settle down—and remained there until his recent visit to Montgomery.

whether it was contemporary with the animal bones he could not say. The blade was found 7 1/2 inches below the surface, and 31 inches below the fossil camel, at Morhous Mound, four miles south of here. Nine scientists in the party agreed that the discovery of the knife blade indicated the presence of man in Texas long before any existing data show.

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SERIAL STORY

WORKING WIVES

BY LOUISE HOLMES  
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CHAPTER I

"YOUR toast is getting cold, Marian." "I'll be a few more minutes." "Okay, I'll eat it and make more for you." It was the feeble voice of her husband, sitting into the bedroom on the faint odor of freshly made toast.



"The rent is due today, Dan," Marian said. "Here is my share." Dan glared at her as he took the money. He said nothing.

Dan Harkness was always feeble. Sometimes Marian was gravely by his exceeding good nature. Sometimes she longed to ease her vast load of uneasiness and discontent through the channels of a lusty quarrel. She stood before the mirror, carefully pulling a black felt hat over the deep waves of her hair. She had come from Manning's lunch room, it was the last word in exclusive smartness. She folded a crisp veil back over the closing brim. Slowly she turned, her eyes on her wide-shouldered, slim-hipped reflection. Her black dress, deceptively simple, a creation of imported material and clever designing, seemed to have never molded to her slender figure. Turning, a perpendicular line etched itself between her silken eyebrows. She definitely did not look 32, but still—

Thirty-two. She hated it, aged away from it, had acquired the perpendicular line in a vain effort to avoid it. But 32 was agreed; authorities on feminine attractiveness years were her 30s, possibly in the social world, but in a business office. In a business office a woman of 32 was beginning to be outdated. It was more difficult to hold her place of food than it had been to obtain it. The little line bit deeper into her forehead and she rubbed it with a tapering forefinger. Dan

didn't know that she was only worried about her job. Dan had, for 10 years, been a little over her success, not exactly owing it up to Dan, just being a superior. She gathered up her gloves and keys, stopping once more to reassurance from the mirror. She wore in Chicago that day and more perfectly gowned than she was flimsily smooth, her youthfully supple. What was wrong then? There was a discouraging lack about her presence. The fire was gone, the safety of purpose and deadly efficiency in the business world had been denied all of the rich's riches. LANCING around the cluttered bedroom, she frowned. Miserable cubbyhole of a room. For she had considered moving to a larger apartment. But moving was expensive, larger apartments were expensive, everything wanted was expensive. It wasn't fair, just because she had married an unsuccessful man, that she should be denied all of the rich's riches. Going to the painted table at the end of the tiny kitchen, she found Dan, coatless, big and easy, filled her cup with coffee. He said, "It's Oct. 1, Dan. The rent is due today. Here is my money. He said nothing. That was the way it had been. Marian's part of the rent, part of the very bill, part of everything. Dan sat down, buried his face in a morning paper. I bought sheets and towels this month. Your share is \$9.00." This was something in the manner of a wage, a way of getting a few dollars for the ever-increasing Manning bill. Odd, with her dependent salary, that she should have enough. Of course, a private secretary to Grant Blows, Investment Broker and

RESENTFULLY, Marian finished her breakfast. In a way it was just as well that Carma had not married Pete. She was a buyer for Manning's and made twice Pete's salary, she was accustomed to niceties which he would never be able to provide and he

had stubbornly refused to marry her until she gave up her position. Pete would never make good, a failure always remained a failure, as Marian well knew. She reviewed her own unavailing reactions to lack of progress in Dan, ardent belief, gallant encouragement, loyal defense, then suggestions, criticism, nagging and tears, finally a simpering indifference. A man had it in him or he did not, a wife could do nothing about it. Carma was fortunate to be independent. Married life, she thought, was like a stock broker's chart, the curving line rocketing upward during the first few months, then starting a gradual decline with high spots here and there, the low spots getting lower and more frequent, at last flattening to an emotional depression. Hatred of her niche in life swept over Marian. Revolt against the tiresome routine, terror that the security of her background might be disrupted, sickened her. A tiny, nagging fear which had lain in the back of her mind for weeks, a fear which had nothing to do with her job, presented itself with the force of a blow. To dismiss the fear, she burst out irritably, "What's it all about, Dan? Where are we going from here? I'm sick of our life." He got up and stood beside her chair, looking down at her quizzically. "It's not much of a life, is it, Marian?" "If you only made a little more—if I could only stay at home like other wives—it had been a long time since she had blamed him. Perhaps it was the nagging fear, the need to lean and have confidence in leaning. He asked kindly, "Would you like that, Marian?" She thought of her place in the business world, the place for which she had fought and struggled. Thinking of it, she failed to get the usual lift. Her life was suddenly flat and meaningless. But it was the life she had made for herself and absolutely necessary to her. "No," she said wearily. "It's too late now."

Consultant, had a certain position to maintain. Marian tried not to think that a woman of 32 was obliged to wage a never-ending battle against the fresh young girls who filled the offices. Dan laid \$6 beside her plate. Dan was generous. Why could he not earn more money with which to be generous? Again Marian wondered what freak of fate had kept Dan a salesman, with a drawing account of \$35 a week, after 12 years of endeavor. For Dan did try, she knew it. That is, once he had been ambitious. He seldom mentioned his work now. He pushed the paper aside, saying, "I saw Pete Thorpe yesterday. He's just back from his honeymoon." Marian looked up, surprised. "I didn't know that he and Carma were married." "He didn't marry Carma." "What? But they've been engaged for 10 years. This was to have been her last buying trip." "Every trip for the last five years was to have been her last. I take it that Pete got tired of waiting." "But he wasn't making enough to support them—" "Perhaps not in the way Carma wanted to be supported. His wife, she's a cute little trick named Julie, seems perfectly satisfied." Cute little trick—Marian repeated the description. The world was full of cute little tricks and each one was a menace. "Pete and Carma were terribly in love," she murmured. "I can't understand—" "Love is very apt to die unless it has a little encouragement," Dan said. Because of something in his tone, Marian snapped, "It certainly dies without a little financial encouragement. You men seem to forget that." He returned lightly, "Let it die. Who cares?" RESENTFULLY, Marian finished her breakfast. In a way it was just as well that Carma had not married Pete. She was a buyer for Manning's and made twice Pete's salary, she was accustomed to niceties which he would never be able to provide and he

MEANWHILE: IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY LABORATORY OF DR. WONMUG, INVENTOR OF THE TIME-MACHINE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR FRIENDS' FANTASTIC PREDICAMENT... ALL RIGHT, DEE, I'LL GO OVER IT AGAIN, BUT I'M CONVINCED IT'S ONLY A WASTE OF TIME!

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RED RYDER By Fred Harman



Customs Alert For Opium Rush PHILADELPHIA—David MacFarlane, local bureau manager of the U. S. Customs Service, disclosed that large amounts of opium are expected to be sent to this country as a result of the Japanese invasion of China. MacFarlane said that huge stores of the "dreamy" tobacco were threatened by Japanese invaders and dealers shipped huge quantities abroad in an effort to escape confiscation by the Japanese. "Chinese opium dealers know that a good price can be obtained for the drug in this country," MacFarlane said, "and they are willing to take the risk of smuggling it into the United States rather than let it fall into the hands of the Japanese." MacFarlane said that close watch of prices of the drug in New York, which is considered the center of opium business because of its large shipping trade, enables customs officials to detect whether they missed a shipment elsewhere along the coast. "When the price of opium suddenly drops \$40 or \$50 it indicates the smugglers have been successful somewhere along the coast," he said. "The enforcement of laws holding shipping companies responsible for any smuggled opium

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ANSWER: Kentucky and West Virginia have absolute jurisdiction over the entire Ohio River along their boundaries as far as the low water mark on the Ohio, Indiana and Illinois banks.

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ANSWER: Lake Erie. A recent item in This Curious World was challenged when it stated that Erie was the only one of the Great Lakes that does not lie below sea level. The explanation is that the beds of the other four lakes extend below the level of the sea. That of Erie does not.

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON NEA Service Staff Correspondent BOSTON—Once upon a time Boston harbor got all messed up with fresh tea because the Massachusetts taxpayer figured he was being imposed on. That happened a long time ago, but the Massachusetts taxpayer has never quite forgotten it. And today he is on the warpath once more—disgusted this time, not as an Indian, but as an ultra-modern pressure group. All of which is by way of saying that the taxpayers here have found a way to make an effective protest against the rising tax burden. They are doing it through the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers Associations, Inc., which is a pretty cumbersome title but which stands for a smooth, efficient organization that has half the politicians in the state scared to death. As its name implies, the Federation is a co-ordinating and activating body for a flock of local associations—about 200 of them, right now, with the number steadily rising. Each local association is a voluntary organization of taxpayers who have combined their forces to do two things—investigate their local town or city government and see where it can save money, and see to it that the local representative in the state legislature remains properly aware of the great virtue of economy. In the smaller places, all of the work of such associations is purely voluntary. Some 40 of the larger ones maintain paid secretaries. And the Federation itself—supported by the subscriptions and dues of the 200-odd locals—keeps a paid staff of 21 people on duty in Boston constantly. These workers concern themselves, first of all, with scrutinizing all pending legislative bills. Each one of the 3000 bills filed in this session of the legislature was studied carefully to see if it contained anything that would boost taxes and, if so, if it was something the state could do without. "After study comes lobbying. And here the Federation really shines. It has an efficient staff of legislative agents, for one thing. More important, it has a sure-fire method of stirring up trouble for a legislator back home. It keeps a most exhaustive get of records of its votes. Every so often, it will send to each of its member associations a table, showing how the representatives from each district voted on each money-spending bill, and showing also whether the Federation itself was for or against that bill. The local paper usually prints this table. In any case, the members of the association get it, and are urged to telephone, call on, or write to each legislator who voted for anything the Federation disapproved of. As a means of putting on the pressure, this adds up to as neat a political device as has come on the scene in a long time. It does two things; it makes the taxpayer tax-conscious, and it makes the legislator taxpayer-conscious. One of the Federation's pet projects is to have enacted a 5 per cent sales tax for the financing of relief costs. The money thus raised would be distributed to the cities and towns on a basis of need, with the proviso that any city which increased its local budget over the average for the last five years would suffer a proportionate cut in its share of the sales tax money. This bill has been twice defeated by the legislature, but the Federation is still hoping.

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### Gleaners Club Has Breakfast

The Gleaners club of the First Baptist church met Friday morning at Senic Point at 5:45 for a sunrise breakfast. Mrs. G. W. Warden, C. O. Ringold and Odie Hise were hostesses.

After breakfast the following officers were elected for the following term:

Mrs. Nat Deaton, president; first vice president, Mrs. Chas. Bell; second vice president, Mrs. O. E. Hise; third vice president, Miss Ann McEver; fourth vice president, Mrs. E. N. Wafford; ministerial chairman, Mrs. John Thibault; secretary, Mrs. C. O. Ringold; assistant secretary, Mrs. B. E. Lemma; birthday chairman,

### City Commission To Meet On Wednesday

E. T. Eubanks, city secretary, announced today that the regular weekly meeting of the city commission, scheduled tonight, would be postponed until Wednesday night.

Mrs. Baker, pianist, Mrs. Hicklin, reporter, Mrs. Jean Jenkins, others present were Misses A. L. Stiles, T. B. Thompson, Ruth Musick, Roy Baskin and A. E. Handall.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Claude Compton who has been a patient at the City-County hospital was removed to his home Monday.

Mrs. T. L. Dupree has been removed to her home from the City-County hospital.

Marshall Roy White, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. White has been dismissed from City-County hospital.

Mrs. May Ivey was admitted to the City-County hospital this morning for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ivey of Fabens are visiting relatives in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Cherry of Evansville, visited relatives in Ranger during the week-end.

Frank Champion has returned to Houston after a visit with his family here.

Mrs. Arthur Murrell and daughter, Muri Dean and their guest, Doris Flo Doss of Colorado City will leave Wednesday for Colorado City for a visit. Mrs. Murrell and Muri Dean will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Logsdon.

Mrs. John Hamilton has returned to her home in Midland after a visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Killingsworth have returned home after attending the Gift Show in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport have returned to their home in Longview after a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davenport.

Miss Mary Margaret Nichols of Ardmore was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown for the week-end.

Miss Norma Jean Suplever of Odien, has entered Draughn's business college of Abilene, a course in secretarial training.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McMillan of Breckenridge were in Ranger Monday evening to attend the rodeo.

W. A. Canatax left this morning for Chicago where he will attend the convention of the chairmen of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers of the United States and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Deffenbach have returned from a trip to the east which included visits in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, New York City, Niagara Falls and points in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pulley had as their guests for the week-end, Miss Juanita Johnson and her brother, J. L. Johnson and Miss Gerald Dean Pulley, all of Dallas.

Melvin Holt and Charles Hunter were among the sixteen highest ranking students whose name appeared on the honor roll of

Draughn's College of Abilene for the past term.

### Clara June Kimble

Will be at the home of Mrs. A. L. Murrell 205 Homer, Monday Sept. 11 from 4 to 6 to enroll Piano and Violin students — Phone 410W.

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### HEN LAYS QUEER EGG

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## Society Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Clay of Abilene are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCloskey.

Mrs. Mary Bradford and her daughter, Mrs. Theta Underhill left Monday for Fort Worth where they will make their home.

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