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Eastland Man Chosen Chief of Pythians

Reed of Eastland was president of the Round Regional Pythian organization at the monthly meeting held in Gorman. He succeeds Hancock, former Breckenridge, who has moved to Eastland.

Present At Men's Banquet

Congressman Clyde L. Garrett presided at the invocation at the banquet of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association Monday night in Wells. C. W. Hoffmann of Eastland presided at a discussion of taxation at the meeting.

Company Succumbs

Services were advised today of the death of Douglas Fairbanks, 55, greatest of all the silent screen heroes, died early today of a heart attack at his home here.

Filed On Table Company

Dec. 12.—Suits were filed today in the district court here today by General Gerald Mann of Mineral Wells, claiming to be the owner of the chair used on the 280 filling station.

Christmas Carols Through the Ages

Head Carol
Bar's head in hand
led with buy and rose
"I say you, my masters,
err,
tis in convivio . . ."
The carol is sung annually at Queen's College, Oxford, and is served with dinner. The story behind it is that a student was in the country nearby, his Aristotle, and was by a wild boar. He took the boar down the road to save himself. The first printed in 1521.

Shopping Days Till Christmas

Russian Bear Eyes Another Bite



Threat to Romania in the Communist Party's official Moscow paper indicated the Russian bear was ready to bite off another chunk. Conquest of Bessarabia, once held by Russia, and domination of Balkan states would extend the thrusting Soviet "Line of Empire" to the open sea in the south. At the same time pressure on Turkey was renewed.

Douglas Fairbanks Dies Suddenly Of A Heart Attack

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Dec. 12.—Douglas Fairbanks, 55, greatest of all the silent screen heroes, died early today of a heart attack at his home here. His wife, the former Lady Sylvia Ashley, was prostrated. Mary Pickford, his former wife, wept when notified at Chicago. His son, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., rushed home, as did Fairbanks' brother, Robert.

"Hobby Hall" Is To Spur Art Talent

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Shortridge high school of Indianapolis is trying a new experiment in progressive education, with a "hobby hall" set up to enable students and teachers to discover any possible art talent in a dozen different fields. Students are given an opportunity for supervised work every afternoon and evening, at drawing, painting, woodwork, metal and leather handicraft, and many other projects. Faculty members have reported that enough students have taken an interest in the work to keep the hall busy during all its open hours.

Russians May Bomb Helsinki Once More

HELSINKI, Dec. 12.—Warnings were received in foreign quarters Helsinki might be subjected to new airplane bombardments on the first day of good weather. The warnings came from non-Finnish sources and it was assumed they were given so that non-citizens might leave the city. A special envoy has been sent to the U. S. on financial matters.

Staggered System Urged For Method of Graduating Students

EVANSTON, Ill.—Expulsion of students from high schools and colleges in small groups instead of armies is suggested by Dr. Shirley A. Hamrin, Northwestern University professor of education. "It's a mistake to graduate whole classes at the same time," he said. "By leaving school in smaller groups students could be absorbed in industry and the professions without waiting months or years for a job."

500 DUE AT ANNUAL 4-H MEET SATURDAY

Five hundred children are expected to attend the county 4-H achievement day program Saturday at the Eastland High school auditorium. The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock at the Eastland High School auditorium. Lunch and games will be held at the school gymnasium. Congressman Clyde L. Garrett is scheduled to present 4-H pins to 100 club boys and girls who have completed their demonstrations this year. Omaha Jacks and L. L. Johnson, state extension service club agents, both of College Station, are to be present or have their representatives present. W. S. Adamson, county judge, also is to be present.

TEXANS RAP ARIZONA FOR HANKS STAND

Texas officials criticized Gov. Robert Jones of Arizona today for his desire to leave an insane fugitive from Arizona's state asylum in Texas' custody. Brino Lan Hanks, termed a dangerous maniac, escaped from the Arizona institution and was captured in El Paso. Jones said Texas could keep Hanks, "he's just a \$365 yearly expense for Arizona. We don't want him back." El Paso County Judge Joseph McGill termed "uncivilized," the Arizona governor's action in refusing to send for Hanks. Although Hanks' status in Texas was not decided, state safety department chairman W. H. Richardson, Jr., said that state police "will run Hanks out of the state."

Cars Are Named For Football Players

AUSTIN, Tex.—Stanford Payne of the oil and gas division of the State Railroad Commission refers to his automobile as "Jack Crain." He named it for the University of Texas football back because it gets off so fast. Another commission employee began calling his car by the name of another University of Texas football player who lost considerable ground on attempted plays. The car is old. This employee, pressed for a reason for the name, explained that he never could tell whether the car was going forward, backward or going to stand still.

Doctor Confers On Kidnaping Charge

BEAUMONT, Dec. 12.—Dr. William Welch, 52, Port Arthur chiropractor, conferred today for the first time with his attorney as the grand jury opened investigation of kidnaping charges against him. Dr. Welch was in a jovial mood and insisted he was framed on a charge of kidnaping Irwin Mingle, 12, for \$15,000 ransom.

Pacifying Program Urged By Oil Men

MINERAL WELLS, Dec. 12.—A "pacifying" program of state regulation was advocated by independent oil men today as the best possible answer to the threat of federal control of the industry. New officers elected yesterday to the West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association are Joe Clarke, Albany, president and W. J. Rhodes of Breckenridge, first vice president.

Miss Cotton Gets Medal



Lone woman holder of the degree of Bachelor of Textile Engineering, Miss Opal Hill, 24, of Post, Tex., is pictured after being awarded the medal for student achievement by the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.

40 MILES OF PIPELINE ARE TORN IN BLAST

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 12.—A violent explosion ripped 40 miles of pipeline from the ground in North Texas and Southern Oklahoma today injuring at least one man. Two hours after the blast W. H. Shelley, pipeline superintendent, said all line workers were reported safe. Three pipeline walkers narrowly escaped death when their automobile was hurled in the air and fell on its side in Clay County. Executives of other pipe line companies, who arrived at the scene before Shell officials got there, estimated the damage at at least \$350,000. Paved on the highway between Fort Worth and Wichita Falls was ripped up where the line crossed the road. The highway between Henrietta and Petrolia also was damaged. From a Shell Oil Company pump station in Archer County, south of here to Ryan, Okla., to the northeast, a simultaneous blast jerked huge sections of the pipe from the earth and caused nearby residents to believe there had been an earth quake. At Jolly, Roy Brickley suffered cuts and bruises when his car was tossed into a ditch. The explosion, the cause of which was not determined, sent pieces of pipe from the ground along the 40-mile stretch. The explosion occurred while an oxygen test was being run preparatory to sending crude oil through it. Windows were rattled in Wichita Falls. The pipeline is part of one from McCombs, Texas, to Chicago.

Portraits On Money Betray Its Makers

TOLEDO, O.—Look to the eyes of the portrait on a bill if you would detect counterfeit money, urges Ira I. Brought, a Secret Service agent of the Federal government. "The eyes should have a lifelike effect," Brought said in a speech before the American Institute of Banking. "Counterfeiters usually cannot obtain this effect." Brought said that there are only about 35 good portrait engravers in the United States and that it takes about three months to engrave a good portrait. "Other things to notice when detecting counterfeit money," he said, "are the sharp details such as each hair, threads in the coat, and fine screening about the head. These never are well done in counterfeiters."

Canadians Stop Desertion Deaths

OTTAWA, Ont.—The death penalty for desertion, cowardice and sleeping on sentry duty has been abolished by the Canadian army, following a similar move by the parent British army forces. The death penalty, however, remains as maximum punishment for murder, mutiny and treachery.

COMMITTEES NAMED TO SOLICIT MONEY ON CHRISTMAS CHEER

The annual Christmas Basket Fund drive will begin Thursday morning, with Lee Dockery as general chairman and a number of committees working on a quick campaign to secure money with which to supply needy families with big Christmas dinners again this year. Plans for the campaign were mapped out at a meeting at the office of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night, with the time for the start of the drive scheduled for Thursday of this week. Committees named by Dockery this morning included: Lone Star—John Kindie and J. C. Carothers. T. P. Coal and Oil—Frank Kribbs and Coke Martin. Illinois Pipe Line—Ben Rigby and Arthur Allison. Gulf Pipe Line—T. J. Powell. Sinclair-Frazier—Jack Mooney. Main Street, N. Rusk to N. Austin—Mrs. Saunders Gregg and S. P. Boon. Main Street, S. Rusk to S. Austin—M. M. Dutton and Mrs. Arthur L. Murrell. Main Street, N. Austin to N. Marston—A. N. Larson and Mrs. P. M. Kuykendall. Main Street, S. Austin to S. Marston—J. J. Kelly and Mrs. O. G. Lanier. Main Street, N. Commerce to N. Rusk—L. W. Meador and Mrs. H. T. Schooley. Main Street, S. Commerce to S. Rusk—Hall Walker and Amos Rice. From Marston Street west—C. B. Pruet and G. L. Drake. Post Office—A. E. Crawley. From Fine Street south—G. A. Murphy and Joe Dennis. Across T. & P. Railway tracks, east—W. F. Creager and Calvin Brown. From Walnut Street, north—R. S. Balch and C. B. Osteen. City of Ranger—Hall Walker. Schools—W. T. Walton. Columbia Study Club—Mrs. P. M. Kuykendall. 1929 Club—Mrs. O. L. Phillips. New Era Club—Mrs. Vernon Deffenbach. Junior New Era Club—Miss Gladys Maddox. Rotary Club—C. B. Pruet. Lions Club—L. L. Bruce. Elks Club—Herman Kelly. Child Welfare Club—Mrs. J. H. Holt. Child Study Club No. 2—Mrs. Roy McCleskey. American Legion—M. M. Dutton. American Legion Auxiliary—Mrs. H. T. Schooley. Red Cross—W. W. Layton. Chamber of Commerce—A. N. Larson. Hodges Oak Park P. T. A.—Mrs. H. Bearden. Young P. T. A. Mrs. O. A. Hinman. Cooper P. T. A.—Mrs. O. G. Lanier. City Council P. T. A.—Mrs. E. R. Green. Country Club—Jack Mooney. Country Club Auxiliary—Mrs. J. R. McLaughlin. Odd Fellows—Mr. Bell. First Baptist Church—Rev. Charles T. Tally, Jr. First Methodist Church—Dr. G. Alfred Brown. Church of Christ—W. W. Layton. St. Rita's Catholic Church—Fa-

Italy Seeks Free Mediterranean Sea Route For Trade

ROME, Dec. 12.—Italy must have free passage in the Mediterranean to insure its independence and colonies in which its increasing population may live, Virginie Gayda, authoritative fascist editor said today. It was not known whether the speech opened a new campaign for fulfillment largely at France's expense of Italy's "aspirations."

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SOVIET READY TO QUIT THE LEAGUE SOON

Soviet Russia appeared ready today to walk out of the League of Nations and to increase the offensive of Red armed forces against Finland. Dispatches from both Geneva and Moscow indicated the probable result of a League decision giving the Soviet until this afternoon to withdraw the Red army from Finnish soil. Although the Russians made no comment it was believed the Soviet Union would abandon the league. At the same time the Russian offensive appeared more threatening on the Central Finnish front where the Red army is attempting to cut across to the Swedish frontier. The Russians have made slow progress in Southeast Finland and in the far north, but at a midway point on the Eastern Frontier Russians have thrust 50 or 60 miles at the deepest point. If they succeed in slicing through Finland the northern and southern Finnish armies will be isolated. The British reported five more merchant ships missing and believed sunk by the German battleship Admiral Scheer. The British claimed the Allied blockade of German ports was highly effective and German foreign trade was non-existent.

Honor Roll For Cooper School For Six Weeks

The following is the honor roll of the Cooper Ward School for the second six weeks:

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Hand-Made Suits Are A Man's Hobby

MINERAL WELLS, Texas—G. A. Holland, former mayor of Weatherford, Texas, says they "scratch like heck" but he's mighty proud of his collection of home woven suits. At a hobby show here recently Holland exhibited two hand woven suits which he fashioned himself on an antiquated hand loom. He also showed a dozen hand woven towels. But weaving wasn't Holland's only hobby. He exhibited a necklace made of 150 rattlesnake fangs, as well as a number of rattlesnake heads at the same show.

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Justice Is Pitted Against Power

Democratic nations that have survived the onslaught of the international power trust are standing on the sidelines these days, applauding the effective defense of little Finland against invasion of the Big Bad Bear. The world was a little surprised that Finland didn't fall the way Poland did in the wake of superior force.

Exponents of the justice-will-prevail philosophy are becoming more confident that, in the end, the spunky Finns will beat off their bullying neighbors. That is, of course, what everyone in the United States would like to see happen. The early days of the undeclared war have been heartening for democracy's friends.

But in a war, it's the might-makes-right factor that determines the result. The struggle becomes a matter of cold military calculation. If an invader has sufficient power to overcome the natural barriers, it will win. So it was with Italy against Ethiopia and Albania and with Germany against Czechoslovakia, Austria, Poland. In the cases of Albania, Czechoslovakia, and Austria, the superior might of the assailants was so obvious that the conquered peoples didn't even bother seriously to take up arms.

One of the biggest question marks in military circles today is Russia's power. The Soviet military is an untested force, the details of which have been shrouded in more than usual diplomatic secrecy. No one is certain how strong Russia is. The Finnish battlefields may become testing grounds.

Nature is definitely on the side of Finland in the present encounters. Finnish troops are used to snow and ice. They're trained to defend their own arctic land, and troops move about with familiarity and confidence over snow-swept plains and icy barriers.

So far the Russians have found it rough going. Under normal conditions, opposing forces must be between two and three times as strong as the defending batteries to break through defensive lines. It may be that Russia will need even greater strength to break down the resistance of the Finns because of the slippery terrain.

Whatever happens to Finland eventually, it need not be assumed that Finnish independence is extinct. It is pretty difficult for a people who have once tasted real freedom to submit again to any other form of government. "You can get it out of the body, but you can't get it out of the mind."

If Finland drives back the invaders, the democratic countries will be happy; if not, there will come another day. The Finns will not be able to accept for long Soviet totalitarianism.

A woman was sentenced to thirty days in Cedar City, Ia., before the new women's jail quarters were completed. She said she would consent to wait for a reservation.

The man who put the Duke and Duchess of Windsor on a diet of spinach and garlic juice is said to be engaged to Greta Garbo. It's all right if Garbo wants to look forward to that kind of life.

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Every senator spends a good part of his time trying to figure out what the folks back home want. Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas has hit upon a direct, fool-proof way to find out: he simply hires a hall and invites 'em to tell him.

On Dec. 20 he is going to hold the second of his informal farm conferences in Topeka. He got the idea last year; invited any and all Kansas farmers who had anything on their minds to come to a public meeting and talk things over. More than 1000 of them responded. The senator listened to a solid day of five-minute speeches and felt that he learned a lot.

Now he's going to make this an annual affair. He has invited the governor of Kansas and the whole Kansas congressional delegation to attend the Dec. 20 conference, together with the heads of various farm organizations, and hopes that at least as many farmers will show up as came last year. There is no particular political aspect to it, and no set program is planned.

"I'll tell them what's been going on during this last session of Congress and what seems to be planned for the coming session," says Senator Capper. "Then I'll ask them to tell me what they want and how they've been getting along. The idea is to let the farmer have a chance to express himself and make known what he thinks ought to be done."

"The conference won't make any formal recommendations—unless someone gets up and moves something—but out of it will come some ideas, certainly. It's an example of democracy functioning in a direct way."

The territory of Puerto Rico may spend up to half a million

dollars of territorial funds advertising its run next year, if plans now being talked up by some of the island's business men go through. Puerto Rico has a rather thriving distilling industry, on which the insular government collects something like \$2,000,000 annually in taxes. Business has increased of late, and the total tax "take" is due to go up; so the distillers are urging that part of the coming year's increase in tax collections from their industry be earmarked for a rum-advertising campaign on the mainland. The scheme is expected to be advanced formally when the territorial legislature meets this winter.

A BIG step in the right direction—in the view of the government experts who want to see the United States' trade with South America built up—was taken the other day when Brazil announced that it would set up a central bank.

These experts have felt all along that no substantial, permanent increase in trade to the Latin American nations could be expected until central banking institutions were established in the different countries. The Brazilian finance minister, Arthur de Souza Costa, discussed a plan for establishing such a bank in Brazil with Secretary Morgenthau a couple of years ago. Last year President Roosevelt suggested that this country extend a \$50,000,000 credit to Brazil to make it possible, but Congress was cold to the idea.

Now Brazil's financial position is better. Her gold reserve stands at better than \$2,000,000 and she has recently been buying a good deal of gold in this country—using, incidentally, a million pounds, which had been sent to England for the purpose of buying warships.

Postscript to the News From Abroad



Hold Doctor in Four-Year-Old Death



Four years after his young actress-wife, Doris Schwuchow, left, was found dead of carbon monoxide in their garage, Dr. George K. Dazey, society physician, right, is held on suspicion in what police say may have been an "almost perfect" murder. Partridge of her baby was brought up as a possible motive in testimony of new witnesses. The pair lived at Santa Monica, Calif.

GIANT ELK BAGGED

YAKIMA, Wash.—Ralph Boys of LaCenter, Wash., killed one of the largest elks ever seen in this district last season. Boys said the animal, which had seven point antlers, weighed 665 pounds dressed and that it must have weighed 1,000 pounds live weight. Three horses were required to pack the animal four miles to camp.

AUTO REPAYS HORSE

YAKIMA, Wash.—Horses have been used many times to pull motor vehicles out of predicaments, but here's a case when the reverse occurred. A mare owned by Rock Sartella fell into a concrete-lined ditch and couldn't get out. Kenneth Arrowsmith finally had to use his boom truck to rescue the animal.

Federated Rule Of World Urged

By United Press
SWARTHMORE, Pa.—The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom has a plan which it believes will provide "a permanent solution" to the problem of war.

The league's proposal embodies a conference of neutral nations, a call for an immediate truce in present conflicts and the eventual establishment of a Federated World Government.

Neutral nations would participate in a continuous conference and would offer their "good offices" for mediation of warring powers, according to the plan.

William I. Hull of Swarthmore College, noted pacifist and peace worker, whose death Nov. 14 ended a career of life-long devotion to the cause of peace, constructed the peace proposal.

"The future welfare of the world demands a peace that has not been won by victory in arms but a peace that is filled with the seeds of a permanent peace and not with the seeds of perennial war," the league said.

It also called for a peace that is not dictated by victors, nor solemnly submitted to by the vanquished; a peace of negotiations on the basis, not of national interests, but of world needs.

The proposal pointed out that "such a peace can be made only by world participation," and recommends that "in the negotiation of it, preparations should start now, and should be continuously pursued."

Theodore Roosevelt's intervention between Russia and Japan in 1905, which resulted in the treaty of Portsmouth, and the settlement in 1938 of the boundary dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay "by the help of a conference of six republics offering continuous mediation," were cited as instances of successful mediation.

"The nucleus of a conference of neutrals now exists" in the Pan-American meeting of 21 American republics and the Oslo group of Northern European states.

"A federation of the world should be one chief result of the negotiations initiated by the conference of neutrals," the league proposal said. It did not stipulate what form the world government should take.

The successful experiment of the American Union (United States) was given as an example and encouragement to the nations to attempt a similar experiment for the whole world.

The WIL, which is one of the largest peace organizations in the country, attempted a like proposal to halt the World War.

TRY Our Want-Ads! TRY A WANT AD-

Say It With Lights Outdoors



The magic of a few colored Christmas-tree electric bulbs strung outdoors can transform almost any home, no matter how humble, into a lovely glowing greeting card.

By Jean Prentice

HOMES, in this good land of America, are putting on their radiant holiday dress . . . to say "Merry Christmas!"

By December 25 there will be holly wreaths or branches of pine on many a door and lights twinkling in the shrubbery . . . to express good will to men in a world that sorely needs it.

Lighting engineers have received a greatly increased number of requests this year for information on how to light homes, churches and stores for Christmas.

Year after year the custom of lighting from a cluster of homes which people go out of the way to pass because they are decorated with light. The glowing silhouette of a home against the black of a winter sky is something to warm the cockles of the heart of any wayfarer!

A house can be decorated quite simply and yet beautifully. There need be only evergreen twined around the frame of the door, with outdoor Christmas tree bulbs strung

through, to make a home a picture of holiday joy. Add a branch of pine on the door, and two "projector" floodlight bulbs in front of the house, as in the accompanying photograph, and the place takes on an ethereal quality.

In fact, with a single string of outdoor Christmas tree bulbs, a householder can bring a festive note to his home. With more than one string, the decorative possibilities increase. The lights may be used to outline a gable or a fence. They may be attached to a wooden star frame and hung on the house. They may shine behind the words "Merry Christmas!" which have been cut from beaverboard and placed above the doorway.

One way to make outdoor decorating easy is by using the new "projector" floodlight bulb. This combines a reflector, lens and light all in one sealed unit.

Decorate an outdoor fir tree with silver icicles, for example, and locate two of these reflector bulbs in brackets on the ground. The result is breathtaking. A colored lens can be used over each bulb to add jewel-tones to the scene.

These are just a few of the many ways a home can express good will at Christmas. Perhaps you will have original ideas of your own on how to brighten your home . . . and, incidentally, human hearts.



FOR HIM . . .

A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN A MAN'S STORE



GIVE HIM A ROBE

Of Pure Silk (Silk Lined) and all Wool. \$5.95 and up.

SHIRTS

Arrow and Ritz \$1.65 and up.

SOX

Silk and Wools! Phoenix 35c to \$1

Neckwear

By Cheney and Botany \$1 to \$2

GLOVES

America's Finest Dress Gloves by Hansen! \$1.50 to \$3.50

PAJAMAS

By Euro and Glover! Broadcloth, Pure Silk and Outing. \$2 to \$10

SCARFS

By Botany \$1.00 and up.

HDKS.

Imported Pure Linen and Fancy Woven Cotton. 35c to \$1

GLOBE

CORRECT DRESS FOR MEN
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RANGER, TEXAS

Glowing Tree at Window Spreads Joy Inside and Out



By Jean Prentice

WHY NOT let some of that pent-up "peace on earth" shine through your front window this yuletide season? Here's how: Place your Christmas tree so that passers-by, as well as your own family, can enjoy the treat. Only a few extra strings of Christmas tree bulbs are needed to adorn the "back" part of the tree at the window.

And here's a valuable tip taken from my own experience. Shy away from "bargain" Christmas bulbs,

particularly those of foreign origin. Owing to their inferior quality they go out all too quickly and are a source of annoyance. The best Christmas lights offered by American manufacturers are dependable upon and are of the long run. To further increase the joy of your Christmas window, place weather-proof Christmas tree bulbs outside of the window, with accompanying photographs. Your holiday tree that is a lovely picture . . . Jewels of incandescent

TRY A WANT-AD—IT ALWAYS PAYS

SERIAL STORY

5 WOULD KILL

BY TOM HORNER

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Yesterday Mrs. Benthorpe admits ownership of the cat, explains her actions and the portion of Benthorpe's note mentioning the cat. After she admits quarreling violently with her husband, Dawson accuses her of plotting to kill Benthorpe, to make it look like suicide. While he traces her possible actions a shot shatters the stillness of the room.

CHAPTER XXIV

"In here! In here!" Flynn yelled as he leaped toward Alston's door. Dawson pushed past Helen Benthorpe and followed.

There was a thin, blue wisp of smoke over the bed as they crashed through the locked door. Alston lay there, face down, as if asleep, just as Dawson had seen him before. His right arm hung down to the floor, and his fingers rested on a small blue-black revolver. A vivid stain spread over the white pillow as blood flowed from a wound in his temple.

Dawson bent over Alston, pressed his ear close to the old man's back, but it was a futile gesture. As he straightened up, he noticed a paper, tightly folded in Alston's left hand.

"There's nothing we can do, now, Flynn," Dawson said in a low tone. "Call the coroner."

It was not necessary. He was standing directly behind Helen Benthorpe, in the doorway. As Dawson turned away from the body, Alston's daughter rushed toward the bed, but Dawson caught her in his arms and led her gently to a chair.

"Dad!!" she screamed, again and again, then wept, hysterically. The coroner entered on Dawson's unspoken order, made a brief examination of the body. He removed the paper from Alston's hand, read the address and handed it to Dawson. "It's for you, Captain."

Flynn, the coroner's deputy, filed into the room and Ara and John, still handcuffed, followed. All were watching Dawson as he read Alston's message. Mrs. Benthorpe's sobbing was the only sound in the room.

Dawson bent, whispered to Mrs. Benthorpe. Her sobbing subsided a little. He cleared his throat.

"You all are interested in this letter Mr. Alston has left for me. It concerns all of you."

"Dear Captain Dawson," he read. "I trust my decision to solve your case for you will not

upset too many of your excellent theories. It was inevitable that you should ultimately reach this final conclusion, and I have taken it upon myself to anticipate you.

"I killed Arnold Benthorpe.

"Any man who strikes my daughter forfeits his right to live. Helen's happiness has been my sole aim in life, since her mother died, and if killing Benthorpe will remove a cause of unhappiness I am glad I was able to do it.

"It was not difficult. I came in the rear entry, went directly to Benthorpe's study, killed him and then ran to the rear stairs. I was in the upper hall as Helen went down the front steps.

"Much of the time I was supposed to be asleep, I spent in Arnold's room, directly over the study. Your voice and those of the others were easily heard—Arnold had special openings just for that purpose—so I knew far more about the progress of your investigation than you guessed. What you did not know, or possibly overlooked, is that there is a communicating bath between Arnold's room and my own. That simplified matters considerably. It would have been even easier if I could have entered Helen's room by the same route, but her door was always kept locked.

"I chose di Torino as my most likely suspect and tried to fasten suspicion on him by finding one of his cigarettes in the passageway. But he had obliged me by carelessly dropping one there himself.

"I was listening, upstairs, when he started to tell you that he had seen me, so I had to kill him too. I probably would have done the same for the girl—Ara—if she had not suggested a better way by telling you to look for the gun under Mrs. Benthorpe's mattress. You shouldn't have let her scream that so loudly. But you arrived just in time to prevent my putting it there.

"You've been searching all over for the gun that killed Benthorpe and di Torino. It will be found in my hand with three of its five shells fired.

"I had hidden it in a most convenient location immediately after I killed Benthorpe. The laundry chute. Your man didn't find it when he searched through the clothes because I hung it within easy reach inside the chute. Even if he had looked up, from the bottom of the chute, he could not have discovered it, unless the door on the second floor were open—and I paid particular attention that it remained closed. He might have seen it had he flashed his light up, but I doubt it. Anyway, that was one of the chances I had to take. You would have found no

fingerprints on it, at any rate.

"How did I hang it there? I thought you might guess when you saw me with the wire clothes hanger in my hand. Simply insert the hanger upside down diagonally in the laundry chute, push it downward, well out of sight. The spring of the wire keeps it from slipping down. Then hang the gun by the trigger guard on the hook of the hanger.

"It was simple to get the gun out, shoot di Torino and return it after you had gone downstairs. If I had been caught, I would have said I was merely disposing of a used towel.

"But I've been afraid, through some trick of circumstantial evidence, that you might try to blame Helen for killing Arnold. That is why I chose this way out.

"Full control of Alston Motors will revert to Helen. Perhaps she will forgive me, as she has always insisted she already had, for suggesting her marriage to Benthorpe. I urge her to make some restitution to the girl and boy for the damage Arnold has done them.

"And by the way, Captain, if this case has given you any headaches, please try those sleeping pills I gave you. You'll find they are just ordinary aspirin. I will have a long, and peaceful sleep now.

"My bank will attest my signature. I am sound in mind, and know what I am writing.

"WILLIAM ALSTON."

DAWSON was back at the desk in the study when Ara and John entered.

"How about taking off those bracelets?" Douglas asked, laughing.

Dawson smiled at their happiness.

"I'll give you the key, Ara, at the City Hall, when you're Mrs. Douglas. Then, if you're afraid you'll lose him, you can throw away the key." And as they turned to go, he called after them: "You'll find Nick Smith and his cab out front. Make him take you downtown." He stepped to the window to watch them go out the front gate, out into the sunshine. He smiled again as he saw Douglas kiss his bride as the taxi sped away.

"WELL, Captain, that winds up another one," Flynn said as the front door closed behind them.

"Yeah," Dawson agreed. "Now maybe I'll get that vacation. But you know, Flynn, this one had me puzzled. With this suicide and written confession, we'd never stand a chance in court, but, personally, I'm not convinced that Alston killed Arnold Benthorpe." (THE END.)

"OUT OUR WAY"

By Williams



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

RED RYDER

By Fred Harman



ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



Isolation Season For Diseases Is Now Approaching

Isolation placards for the various communicable diseases will be tacked upon hundreds of Texas homes during the coming winter months but even then there will not be enough of these signs in use, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, declares.

The physician reports existence of communicable disease when he sees a case, but reporting is the parents' responsibility when no physician is called. If parents neglect this duty, their home will not be placarded, and visitors, particularly children, will not be properly warned there is communicable disease within. By entering the house, they risk the danger of exposure and possible illness as a result.

Whole-hearted cooperation in the observance of isolation is both desirable and necessary for the control and prevention of communicable disease. The law provides penalty for persons who fail to observe health regulations.

Advertisement for Vicks VapoRub, stating it relieves distress quickly by rubbing on the chest and throat.

Lupe Designs Silk Frock



Designed and worn by Lupe Vulex is a frock and hood of smooth silk, patterned in petunia shades of purple, cerise and lavender on white. The Mexican actress fastens a cluster of iridescent bubbles in her hair, matching the necklace above the deep-V draped neckline.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



Cartoon titled 'Kwik-Korner' about a bear. The bear says, 'I LOOK LIKE A BEAR, AM RELATED TO THE RACCOONS; I FIRST CAME TO AMERICA IN 1937, ... AND SCIENTISTS CALL ME ALLUROPODA MELANOLEUCA!' The text asks for the common name of the bear.

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Cartoon titled 'Kwik-Korner' about a man looking at a star. The text asks, 'THERE IS ENOUGH ATOMIC ENERGY IN EIGHT POUNDS OF URANIUM, IF RELEASED BY NEUTRON BOMBARDMENT, TO DRIVE THE QUEEN MARY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.' The text asks, 'WHAT IS A PARSEC?' and provides the answer: 'ANSWER: A unit of length used in expressing the distances of stars.'

Large advertisement for Winter Proof service for cars. It features a man in a military-style cap and uniform. Text includes: 'WINTER PROOF Gives Your Car QUICK STARTS EASY SHIFTS MILEAGE ECONOMY'. It lists services like 'CRANKCASE', 'BATTERY', 'WHEEL BEARINGS', and 'DIFFERENTIAL'. It ends with 'Stop at the sign of the Flying Red Horse and ask us why your car needs WINTER PROOF SERVICE NOW! Your Friendly MAGNOLIA DEALER'.

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