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## Portugal Asks ERP Aid For Spain

Well... I Dunno, But...

If you haven't already, drive by and see the improvements that have been made on the Community Clubhouse grounds. It's beginning to look like a different place. Through the efforts of Mrs. H. C. Henderson, chairman of the Ranger Civic League's garden section, Mrs. J. J. Kelly, vice-president of the League and president-elect, and Mrs. C. A. Strong, a member of the garden section, and assistance from the city, the work has been done.

The grounds have been raked and leveled and some shrubs and flowers planted. The women are getting the place all dressed up for the flower arrangements school Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Monday afternoon some of the boys from Hodges Oak Park school lent a hand in the raking and cleaning.

And Mrs. McLaughlin, chairman of the library board, tells us that there are over 250 books for children, now in the library. And furthermore the children are making use of them.

If you hear a funny sound one of these nights, don't be alarmed. It'll really be harmless. For you see, the Junior College court Monday morning sentenced Dr. G. C. Rowell to "go chase rabbits and howl at the moon."

Some day the college students had Monday, their ranch day. And they tapped it off with a big "western" dance at the country club Monday night.

Add Community Clubhouse grounds. The women working on beautification of the grounds have worked out a landscaping plan with idea of having some kind of blooming shrub in bloom the year around.

So they are asking for donations of weeping willow trees, crepe myrtle, wiegela, forsythia, redbud, waxed leaf ligustrum, japonica, yellow jasmine, bridal wreath and abelia.

Now, they say, is the time to plant these shrubs and trees and they'd sure appreciate any contributions.

And like we've said before, if you'll just go by and see what a fine center we have in that clubhouse, you'll want to have a part in beautifying the grounds. Yes sir, we've got something to be proud of there.

Two little negro boys window shopping downtown Monday, were admiring some shoes in a window when one of 'em said, "Yes, but look the stitching shows in those."

### Football Film Be Shown Tonight Following Game

It was announced today that immediately after the basketball game between the high school senior boys and the male members of the faculty tonight at 7:45 o'clock at the Recreation building, members of the Quarterback Club will show a professional football game in the high school auditorium.

The film will be a game between the Washington Redskins and the New York Giants. It is expected that the showing of the film will start about 8:30 o'clock and the public, as well as the members of the Quarterback Club, are invited to attend.

**Band Boosters To Meet**  
Members of the Band Boosters Club will meet at the band hall tonight at 7:30 o'clock and all members are urged to attend.

A masque is a form of dramatic entertainment.

### Benes Attends Masaryk Funeral



President Edouard Benes, left, makes his first public appearance since the Communist coup, leaving the National Museum in Prague, Czechoslovakia, after funeral services for Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk. (NEA Radio-Telephoto).

### STRIKE CUTS PRODUCTION OF MEAT IN HALF

CHICAGO, Mar. 16, (UP)—More than 100,000 CIO packing plant workers walked out today in a nationwide strike which cut meat production in half.

Leaders of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers called the big strike at midnight despite an 11th hour appeal by President Truman. The President had asked that the strike be postponed while a fact-finding board investigates the issues.

Picket lines were set up this morning at packing plants and slaughter houses across the nation as one of the first big industry-wide strikes of 1948 got underway. The union seeks a third-round wage increase of 29 cents an hour.

Most of the picketing was peaceful. At Cambridge, Mass., a striker and a policeman were injured when 150 pickets tried to stop a loaded truck from leaving the John B. Squire packing plant under police escort.

The strike disrupted the operations of about 130 meat plants, including 73 big plants and 60 smaller ones. It cut down the production of the big four packers—Swift, Armour, Cudahy and Wilson. It affected about 40 independent firms.

Industry spokesmen said that within a week or two at the most the pinch of a meat shortage would be felt by consumers.

### Prisoner Loses Officer Then Vanishes Fast

VIENNA, Ga., (UP)—Police-man Herbert Allen wasn't exactly sure, when he got back here, the best way to explain how his prisoner "lost" the officer, then "lost" himself.

Allen arrested a man identified as B. C. Stevens on a charge of passing bad checks. Since it was a "friendly" arrest, Allen agreed to drive Stevens out into the country so the prisoner could break a date with his girl before going to jail.

One thing led to another after that, including visits to a few of Stevens' relatives. Then, following the prisoner's directions, Allen drove all over that part of the country until he got thoroughly lost.

When the officer parked his car and got out to ask directions, he said that his prisoner "just walked off into the woods."

State highway patrolmen finally located Allen at Pelham, Ga., some 80 miles from Vienna.

Epicure comes from a school of philosophy founded by Epicurus in the 4th century, B. C.

### Baha'i To Observe Their New Year On March 20, First Day Of Spring

By Leo Turner  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
NEW YORK (UP)—There are 5,000 people in the United States who believe that Christ returned to earth 131 years ago in the body of a Persian teacher called Baha'U'Llah, "prophet of the new era."

They will observe New Year's on the first day of spring, March 20, 1948, will mark the beginning of the year 104 of the "new era," dated from the founding of the cult. They began fasting on March 1 in preparation.

These people are the Baha'i. They are members of a religion scattered through 68 countries. There is the gleaming temple with a lace-like dome at Wilmette, on the shores of Lake Michigan, a few miles north of Chicago. It's a temple that was built from the top down. The dome stood like the cap on a steel skeleton for years on the Illinois prairie before the main structure was built under it.

The New York headquarters of the Baha'i is at 119 West 57th Street. It is an office building occupied by publishers, literary agents, theatrical and concert booking agents, dance studios, a ballet organization and the New York state department of labor.

It occupies half of the sixth floor. There the nine-member local spiritual assembly holds public discussion meetings on Sunday afternoon. There the members meet once every 19 days for feasts and to discuss their spiritual problems.

You ask the leaders why New Year's is observed on the first day of spring. They explain that the Baha'i year is divided in 19 months of 19 days each with four "intercalary" days in an ordinary year and five in leap year between the 18th and 19th month.

### Decries Futile Worry About Heart Disease

CHICAGO (UP)—A prominent physician finds that there is "no more tragic figure" than the person who believes he has heart disease when he hasn't.

Dr. Arlie R. Barnes, chairman of the board of directors of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and president of the American Heart Association, said in a talk here that physicians "look forward to the privilege of restoring confidence to this large number of anxious individuals."

Barnes said diseases of the heart and blood vessels account for one in three deaths and for one-half of the deaths after 45 and that rheumatic fever is the leading cause of death between five and 19. However, he said, an examination by a physician can eliminate any "needless" worry.

Centipedes get their name from two Latin words meaning hundred footed.

### Strike May Mean Shutdown Of Soft Coal Industry

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 16, (UP)—A complete shutdown of the nation's soft coal industry appeared imminent today as thousands more United Mine Workers joined in pension strikes.

Reports from the fields indicated that at least 220,000 of the UMW's 460,000 members already were idle. And both operators and UMW officials predicted a total work stoppage.

The Western Pennsylvania Coal Operators Association estimated 44,000 of the Pittsburgh districts 56,000 miners were out of the pits, an increase of 11,000 since the pension strikes started yesterday.

Association Secretary Harry Sutter reported "very few" mines in the district operating. Production in Alabama was a choked off when all of the states' 20,000 miners quit. Complete ties were expected in Ohio and Illinois today.

### Fire Chiefs To Be Guests At Strawn Banquet

Charlie Isbell, Ranger Fire chief, along with other fire chiefs from surrounding towns, will be in Strawn tonight to attend a fireman's banquet.

The Strawn fire fighters are a volunteer crew and more recruits will be initiated at the banquet tonight. It was also stated that discussion of the purchase of more fire equipment for Strawn will be discussed at the meeting.

The Ranger fire department recently assisted the Strawn volunteers in fighting the destructive Strawn Merchandise fire.

### Braniff Prepares For Leap Year

DALLAS, Tex. (UP)—With a leap year spring just around the corner, Braniff International Airways apparently is expecting a rush of business.

The company has hired a pinch-hitter for Cupid. Leonard Watts, dubbed "Honymoon" by his co-workers, was hired to relieve employees over the airline's system who are matrimony bound. Flying from city to city, he arrives just as the parson ties the knot and leaves when the couple return from their honeymoon.

His first journey was from Braniff headquarters in Dallas to relieve a transportation agent of the airline in Wichita, Kan., who was getting married.

### First "Real Bath"



Richard Cox, Jr., 2, and Jimmy Cox, 1, get their first "real bath" in a year from their dad, ex-GI Richard Earl Cox, in a \$12.50-a-day suite at the swank Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City. Cox, whose family has been living a \$16-a-month bathless-flat, informed the hotel he would pay them only \$40 per month for the suite and that they could send the balance of the bill to the mayor, whom he charged with negligence for not getting his family into a veterans housing project. (NEA Telephoto).

### JESTER FOR DRAFTING OF EISENHOWER

AUSTIN, Mar. 16, (UP)—Gov. Beauford H. Jester today endorsed the drafting of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the Democratic nomination in opposition to President Truman.

The Governor's endorsement was entirely by inference. However, it was unmistakable. "Eisenhower on any ticket," Jester said, "would be hard to lick."

His nomination on the Democratic ticket "would immeasurably improve the Democratic party chances," the Governor added. He said he had no reason for optimism that this would come about.

"You might," he said, "call it wishful thinking." The possibility of Eisenhower's draft was mentioned in connection with General MacArthur's bid for the Republican nomination.

"Eisenhower, please," Jester said, "I'm with the G's on that." He was asked if he would support a movement for a state delegation pledged to Eisenhower.

"That's too far ahead," he answered. But in the next breath Jester volunteered he knew of no man "with such potentialities as Eisenhower."

He was asked if he would object to a delegation instructed for Eisenhower.

Again he answered, "That's too far ahead."

### Committee Votes To Shelve Bill On Oleo Tax

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16, (UP)—The House agriculture committee voted 16 to 10 today to shelve legislation to repeal or reduce federal taxes on oleomargarine.

The motion to table the proposed bill was offered by Rep. August H. Andresen, R., Minn. The committee action was taken at an executive session. Some members expressed the hope that the committee's attitude would prevail and that no effort would be made to bring up the controversial legislation for the rest of this session.

One Democrat joined 15 Republicans to support Andresen's motion. Nine Democrats and one Republican opposed it. Earlier, Chairman Clifford R. Hope predicted that his agriculture committee would sidetrack the legislation.

### Pretty Ankles Better Than Legs, Paris Long Skirt Advocate Says

By Sally Swing  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
PARIS (UP)—"Women are tired of old knock-knees."

That was Elsa Schiaparelli's comment on attempts of some Paris designers to chop a few inches on skirt lengths. "Women the world over are sick to death of short skirts," she said tartly. "Any change now is silly."

Her new collection shows skirts for day time wear dropped as low as ankle-length.

Several times a week, men call up "Scap," as her friends call her, and plead that she make skirts shorter.

"They (the legs) are so much nicer when we can see them," is the talking point.

Favors Pretty Ankles  
To that she argues that if legs are pretty, then the ankles are pretty and you can get just as much of a kick out of seeing pretty ankles as calves—even more.

"Long skirts are more feminine. We needed the change," she said.

Mme. Schiaparelli wore a brown velvet hat, with green feathers and a black day suit. Her lipstick was bright cerise and her eyes were heavily shadowed with blue. Her collection also is crowded

### Registration Of Cars and Trucks Running Behind

Registration of Eastland county passenger cars and trucks is progressing at a very slow pace according to information given today at the office of County Assessor-Collector Neil Day. With only 15 more days to go only 1200 passenger cars and not more than 150 trucks had been registered at the Eastland office. Normally the number of passenger car registrations in the county in a year run around 6,500 while that of trucks around 250.

There are four sub-stations, one each at Claco, Rising Star, Gorman and Ranger, where registrations are being taken, but the figures given above do not include registrations from these as they have made no reports at the present.

March 31 is the latest time for registration for either passenger cars or truck without penalty. After that time there will be a twenty percent penalty collected which goes to the State.

### Joe Rayfield Dies In Dallas Hospital Today

Word was received this morning of the death of Joe Rayfield of Ranger in the Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Death occurred at 4:50 this morning.

Mr. Rayfield had been in poor health for sometime and for several weeks had been a patient in the Dallas Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the First Methodist church in Athens. The body will then be taken overland to Gateville where graveside services will be held at 5 P. M. and interment will be in the Gateville cemetery.

The deceased had been a resident of Ranger for about 14 years and was an employe of the Lone Star Producing Company.

### Week-end Youth Revival Held At Morton Valley

A week-end Youth Revival, held at Harmony Baptist church at Morton Valley, Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday, by Grady Allison, Harry Grants and Joe Haynes, ministerial students from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene is reported as having been very successful.

Maurice B. James is pastor of the Morton Valley church.

### THREE WESTERN GERMAN ZONES APPROVED FOR PARTICIPATION

PARIS, Mar. 16, (UP)—Portugal nominated Spain today for admission into the ranks of the 16 nations banded together to receive American aid under the Marshall plan.

The Portuguese delegate asked the European recovery program delegates in conference here to study "at an opportune time" the admission of Spain to the plans for the reconstruction of Europe.

The conference agreed unanimously to the participation of the three western occupation zones of Germany in the future setup for European recovery.

The delegate, foreign minister Jose Caetano Da Mata, voiced hope that Spain one day would be associated in the "specific task of European economic reconstruction."

Reports that Portugal would propose the admittance of Spain into the ERP or Marshall plan setup came last week from Madrid.

Da Mata put forth his proposal shortly after the opening of the second session of the conference with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain presiding.

"I hope some day that Spain may join this group in the specific task of European economic reconstruction," he said. "I add that the conference ought to be open to all countries. I invite the conference to study at an opportune moment the admission of Spain to this conference."

Da Mata said that Spain, a country with 28,000,000 inhabitants and considerable resources, could not be kept "indefinitely outside the common work of European economic reconstruction."

His government, he said, warmly associated itself with the Anglo-French proposal for participation in the conference work by the commanders in chief of the three western German zones.

Foreign Minister Sean MacBride of Eire raised a proposal for the economic unity of Ireland.

### Buffalo Bank Robber Arrested

TEXARKANA, Mar. 16 (UP)—FBI agents and sheriff's deputies today arrested a 32 year old ex-convict who purportedly admitted robbing the Buffalo, Tex., Citizens State Bank last month.

The man was identified as Bernice Lee Franklin, of Texas City. He was picked up at 1 A. M. in a Texarkana night club.

Franklin, the FBI said, had been under investigation "for some time" in connection with the bank robbery. The agents said he made a confession shortly after his arrest.

Formal charges were filed against him in U. S. Commissioner's Court at Waco, Texas.

The FBI said Franklin had been convicted at least three times on state charges, including once at Breckenridge for automobile theft and forgery.

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### THE WEATHER

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Temperature at 1:30 p. m. today.

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## Faded Ink On Old Letters Reveals Madison Affair With Teen-Ager

NEW YORK (UP)—Despite the use of secret ciphers and a determined effort to overline them later, the story of how 31-year-old James Madison, future president of the United States, fell in love with a 15-year-old girl, then lost her, is told in a new biography.

Madison, short, shy and sensitive, is reported by Irving Brant in James Madison: The Nationalist (Doubleday) to have disclosed the affair to his fellow Vir-

ginian, Thomas Jefferson, in personal letters.

After Jefferson's death, when Madison was nearly 80 years old, the letters were returned to Madison, who by that time had long been married to Dolley Payne—her self 20 years younger than he. The aging statesman vigorously crossed out the number code he and Jefferson had used in the exchange of information. He even wrote "Undecipherable" alongside the main passage.

Time browned the ink, however,

and Brant claims to have decoded most of the matter.

The young lady in question was named Catherine Floyd. Madison saw her briefly, then wrote to Jefferson (as translated by Brant):

"I did not fail to present as you desired your particular compliments to Miss K. Your inference on the subject was most groundless. Before you left us I had sufficiently ascertained her sentiments. Since your departure the affair has been pursued. Most preliminary arrangements, although definitive, will be postponed until the end of the year in Congress. At some period in the interval I shall probably make a visit to Virginia. The interest which your friendship takes on

this occasion in my happiness is a pleasing proof that the disposition which I feel are reciprocated."

Jefferson answered, also in cipher: "I rejoice at the information that Miss K. and yourself concur in sentiment. I rejoice as it will render you happier and give me a neighbor on whom I shall set high value."

Miss Floyd, however, shortly changed her mind. She chose to marry William Clark, a 19-year-old medical student. He died early, leaving her a widow just four years after Madison's election as president.

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## A. C. Siler, Jr. Gets Promotion With T&P.R.R.

Dallas, Tex., March 15—An executive department promotion will advance A. C. Siler, Jr., to the post of Executive General Agent April 1. In announcing Siler's increased responsibilities, L. C. Porter, assistant to the president, said they would call for reassignment of Siler's headquarters in Dallas.

Siler has been working as the railroad's executive representative in Texas since shortly after returning from military service in December, 1945. And in this new promotion, he succeeds S. L. Wright, who is taking over as T&P Assistant to the President with headquarters in New Orleans.

When Siler first started to work for the T&P, he was 15 years old, and his job was messenger in the auditor's office, Dallas. In 1928 and 1929, he was a signal helper and timekeeper in the T&P engineering department. In 1930 he went to work in the freight accounting department, later serving as rate clerk. Then in 1939 Siler shifted to the traffic department, with the majority of his experience in that division gained in T&P operations at Tex-

arkana. From 1940 to 1942, he was commercial agent for Seatrains Lines, Inc., returning to the T&P after army duty.

He is a 32-Degree Mason and a Shriner. Siler, his wife and two children, live at 2845 Fondren Drive, Dallas. His father A. C., Sr., still is an active T&P employee in Dallas.

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## Mexican Canal Suggested To Supplement Panama Route

MEXICO CITY (UP)—A gray-haired man stood beside a 60-foot-long scale model of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. He talked of the day when drydocks-on-wheels will whiz 25,000-ton vessels across southern Mexico from ocean to ocean in twelve hours.

That day is not far off, according to Modesto Rolland, the civil engineer commissioned by President Miguel Aleman to survey the possibilities of the \$240,000,000 scheme. Rolland, who is due to submit the results of his year-long study to the president shortly, revealed some of the details in an exclusive interview with the United Press.

Rolland is no amateur at converting large-scale projects into realities. He is the man who introduced reinforced-concrete construction to Mexico. He also is responsible for some of this country's best buildings, ranging from luxury hotels for tourists, one of the continent's most lavish gambling casinos (now out of existence), the Jalapa Stadium, port installations and Mexico City's recently completed "Sports City."

But he readily admits the Tehuantepec project dwarfs anything he has dreamed up in a lifetime of massive engineering. Roughly, the idea runs like this:

Ocean-going ships would pull into one of two ports to be constructed on the Gulf of Mexico at the mouth of the Coatzacoalcos River and at the edge of Laguna Superior on the Pacific. They then would be floated in Diesel-motored super-trains which would speed them over 156 miles of 20-railed track to the other side of the continent.

On the subject of the advantages of the Tehuantepec railroad over such competition as the Panama Canal, Rolland grows loquacious. "As a matter of fact," he proclaimed, waving a hand to emphasize the point, "the Panama Canal is already inadequate. It would be difficult to defend in the event of a new war. And you must remember that a railroad can be much more rapidly repaired after a bombing attack than a canal."

"Tehuantepec is much closer to United States production centers and markets than Panama. Its climate is more favorable. Ships could be moved over a railroad such as I have in mind five times as fast as in the Panama Canal."

"Safety is another important factor. In one part of the Panama Canal, ships frequently smash into the cliffs. There has been an average of 50 accidents a year since the canal has been in use—something which has not always been reported in the newspapers." Rolland similarly dismisses the

proposed Nicaraguan Canal under consideration by Congress as "difficult and expensive and build" and "slow to navigate."

But the biggest advantage of the Tehuantepec railroad, as he sees it, is its "low cost." While the Nicaraguan cut would require an investment of at least \$3,600,000,000 he calculates his project could be completed for \$240,000,000.

Under the plan to be presented by Rolland to Mexico's president, the United States would be granted no "zone" in Mexico as in Panama. Instead, Mexico would retain full sovereignty over both the railroad and the surrounding territory, with its use open to all friendly nations. Mexico would finance the cost of construction by offering 49 per cent of the stock on the open market, retaining 51 per cent.

## School Books Almost Cause Pupil's Death

CHICAGO (UP)—History and algebra nearly killed George Franz, a high school junior.

George was carrying his textbooks for the subjects home from class. He slipped on the ice and fell.

The books pierced his body, seriously injuring a kidney. He lost eight pints of blood. A quick operation removed the kidney and blood transfusions set him on the road to recovery.

The National Safety Council told him that such accidents happen only once in 5,000 falls.

### Old Enough To Know

BOSTON (UP)—Mrs. Mary Ida Stephenson Norton Young Denault, 78, was denied an annulment of her marriage to Charles Denault, 82. The probate judge ruled that she was a "woman of worldly experience" and couldn't have been duped into the ceremony.

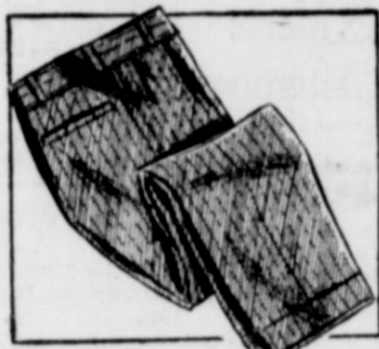
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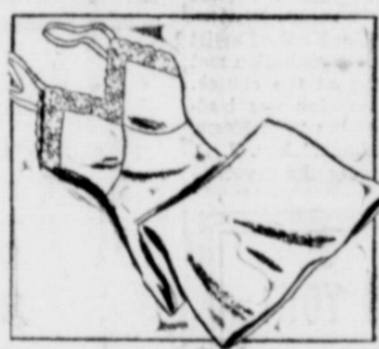
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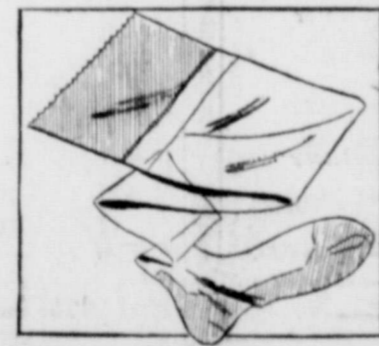
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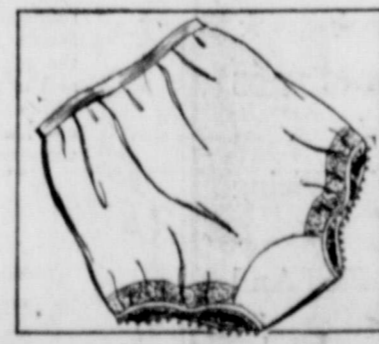
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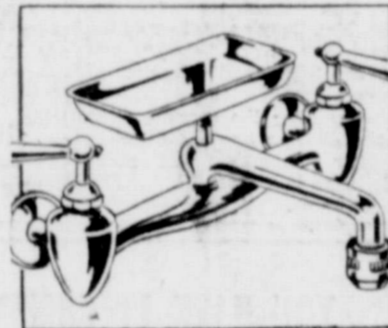
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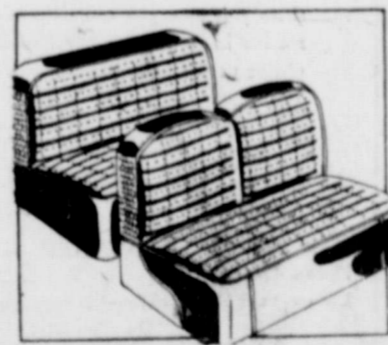
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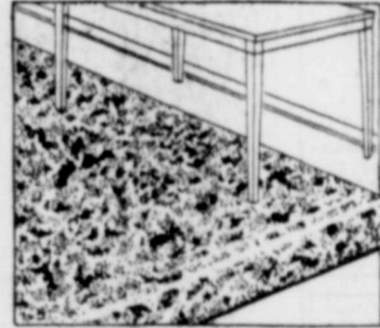
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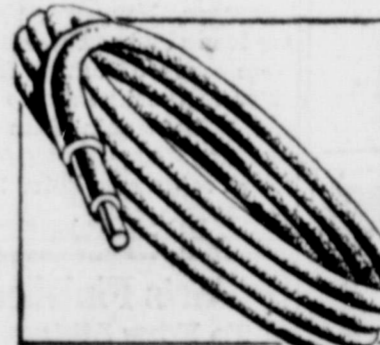
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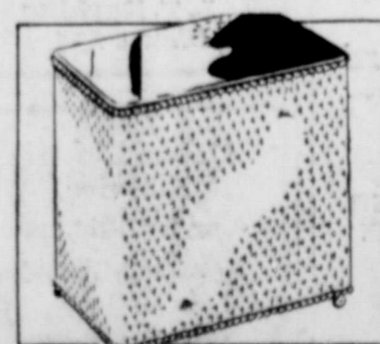
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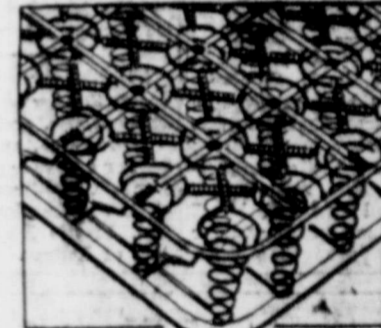
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### "Heartsease"

By Elsie Glenn

**PEAFOWL**  
You'd better be awfully glad I'm not sitting in your living room tonight, as you read this column. Believe me, I'm disgusted. I just might surprise you . . . I might pick up the nearest vase and sling it straight across the room.

And that would be shocking, wouldn't it?

But all day, off and on, I've been listening to someone laugh. Don't misunderstand me, please. I like to hear people laugh, when it is intelligent laughter . . . when someone has a reason for laughing. But have you ever listened to idle, meaningless, vacant, high pitched laughter . . . until you wanted to scream?

God knows, we need to laugh. But not that kind of laughter. If the world depended on that idiotic scream of merriment for the lifting of its burdens . . . we would all go insane.

Idle brains.  
Addled minds.  
For rent and dirt cheap: an empty head.

Listen, my children, and you shall hear of the midnight ride of one Elsie Glenn, who, after hearing a human peafowl laugh all day . . . picked up her friend and rode in silence over the highways . . . just to get away from the sound of laughter.

And the night was quiet . . . and the road was a ribbon of moonlight . . . and a blue bird of happiness flew just in front of my car lights . . . because, you see, neither my friend nor I laughed.

### Escaped Prisoner Rubbing It In

MILWAUKEE (UP) — The commandant of the U. S. disciplinary barracks here received a card from an escaped prisoner who fled last October.

A message on the card, post-marked Miami, Fla., read: "Sorry I had to leave, but I just couldn't stand another winter up there."

### NEWS FROM EASTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Rhoads of Hebronville visited Mr. and Mrs. Turner Collier over the past week-end. Mrs. Rhoads is a sister of Mrs. Collier.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Collier of Austin and Mrs. Frank Morrow of Gorman visited the Tom Hales and the Turner Colliers, Sunday.

Mrs. M. C. Kuykendall is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Claud Proctor in Waco.

Mrs. S. E. Price is visiting her daughter and family, J. W. Sorenson, of Bryan. From there she will go to Houston to visit a cousin, Mrs. Mattie Sanders.

Mrs. J. E. Hickman left Monday afternoon for her home in Austin after being a guest in the homes of Judge and Mrs. Cyrus R. Frost and Mrs. W. P. Leslie.

Mrs. W. P. Leslie leaves Friday to visit her daughter, Miss Rosalie Leslie, who is assistant dean of Women at the University of Maryland, which is just out of Washington, D. C.

Miss Mary Carter, who was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vaught over the past week-end returned to her home in Childress Monday where she is teaching school.

Mrs. Dixie Williamson has returned home from Temple where she has been for some time, and had as a guest her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Morton of Temple, who came to attend the Drago funeral service Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Rosa Bishop had as guests Sunday her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Palfrey of Cisco, and Monday evening her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Strong and their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Berry and baby Jo Ann of Ranger.

# Society-Clubs

## Miss Williamson, Cpl. Emfinger Marry Thursday

Miss Darrell Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Williamson of Merton Valley, became the bride of Cpl. Bobby L. Emfinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Emfinger of Ranger, Thursday evening, March 11, at 7:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles T. Tally.

Mrs. J. T. Gregory of Eastland was matron-of-honor, and Mr. J. T. Gregory served his nephew as best man.

The bride wore a 3-piece aqua wool suit with black accessories. Her shoulder corsage was gardenias.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of Merton Valley High School. Mrs. Emfinger is now associated with Young's Beauty Shop. Cpl. Emfinger is stationed at Fort Mason in San Francisco, California, where he will report back after a 20-day leave.

Immediately following the ceremony, the couple left on a short wedding trip.

## Honored On 6th Birthday Recently

Norma Gayle Emfinger celebrated her sixth birthday Wednesday, March 10, when her mother, Mrs. Wright Emfinger, complimented her with a party from 3:30 to 5:00 p. m. at their home.

After a series of games Mrs. Emfinger was assisted by Mrs. China Blast Victim



A tiny victim of a blast in Tsingtao, China, is carried from the blasted building by an unidentified US Navy corpsman. Navy fire fighting teams and rescue squads were rushed ashore from ships in the harbour to assist Chinese authorities in handling the emergency, which reportedly killed 150. (NEA Telephoto).

R. J. Raines in serving refreshments to Glenda Lee Raines, Kathy Rogers, Sarah Johnson, Arlinda Carver, Ronnie Fleckenstein, Betty Jane Wade, Barbara Bray, Brenda Brooks, Tommy Gene Warford, Marinele Shockey, Jean Bankston, Fola Simons, Betty Gail Gardenhire, Dorothy Harrison, John D. Harrison, Jimmy Harrison, and the honoree.

## Celebrates 81st Birthday Sunday

Friends and relatives of Mrs. L. A. Eudy helped her celebrate her 81st birthday, Sunday, March 14, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Poekrus.

A birthday dinner was served at noon to Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Eudy and Marlene, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Riley Eudy, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McCollum and Mary, Frankel; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Poekrus, Wanda Jean, and Billy Jack; Mrs. Trumen Dempsey; Mrs. Cordia Lambert; Miss Ruby Lee Barsley; the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Poekrus, and the honoree.

Others who called during the day were Rev. Charles T. Tally, Messers. and Mmes. M. Graham, Harold Graham, Frank Barsley, D. B. Roney, A. N. Bradford, Mmes. R. E. Miller, Vallie Jones, Rosa Taylor, Rosie Boone, A. E. Howton, G. V. McGowan, and Howard Bradford; and J. B. Jones, Mary Katherine McCollum, Janice Bradford, James and Ann Roney.

On Saturday evening Messers. and Mmes. T. J. Anderson, Joe Dennis and Lloyd Bruce of Ranger called and presented Mrs. Eudy with a beautiful flower. She received a number of gifts.

## Announcement Is Made Of Offield, Squires Wedding

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Juanette Offield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Offield, to Mr. Winston Squires, son of Mrs. Eulalia Squires. The ceremony was performed in the home of the bride's parents recently by Rev. David C. Ham, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The bride wore a pale blue suit with black accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations. Those attending the wedding were Mrs. Offield, mother of the bride, Mrs. Squires, mother of the groom, Mrs. C. F. Warren, and Mrs. Jo Offield and daughter of Breckenridge.

Shortly after the ceremony the couple left on a trip to California. On their return they will make their home in Ranger.

## Worst Snow In Kansas History



Two cars pass through a snow-walled lane made by snowplow on a highway near Hays, Kansas. Scene is common over western part of Kansas following a blizzard which isolated the area. Snow drifts were 15 ft. deep in some sections. The sub-zero temperatures and blizzard were the worst in Kansas History for this time of the year. (NEA Telephoto).

## W. S. C. S. Meets Monday Afternoon

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church met at the church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the vice-president, Mrs. W. F. Creager, in the chair. Mrs. Creager opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mrs. G. C. Boswell, spiritual life secretary, led the last of the Bible study course on Great Prayers of the Bible. Prayers of the Early Church were discussed by Mrs. A. J. Ratliff and the prayers of Paul were explained by Mrs. Boswell.

Following the program questions growing out of the study were asked and answers discussed with the following results, a better appreciation of prayer and its power; enrichment of lives and the courage to meet the problems of the day.

## W. M. U. Circle Directs Program

The Mary Demerest Circle was in charge of the Royal Service program of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church when the organization met Monday afternoon at the church.

Mrs. J. B. Houghton was leader of the program on "The Home, Our Immediate Task" Mrs. J. B. Houghton, Jr., gave the devotion-

## Convicts Allowed To Donate Eyes

CHICAGO (UP) — Attorney General George F. Barrett of Illinois in a legal opinion opened the way for Illinois penitentiary inmates to will their eyes to society.

His opinion said that 1,500 of the Stateville penitentiary's 4,200 prisoners who volunteered to

leave their eyes to an "eye bank" could do so legally. Under a plan worked out by the John Howard Association, a welfare organization for prison inmates and ex-convicts, the convicts who wish have willed their eyeballs to the "eye bank" maintained here by the Illinois Society for Prevention of Blindness.

Now that the attorney general has said the plan is legal, an eye surgeon will remove the eyeballs of volunteers who die in prison. The Will County chapter of the American Red Cross then will speed them to Chicago in specially built refrigerated containers. They will be used to restore the vision of sightless persons.

Statesville prisoners also have participated in donating blood to the Red Cross for plasma: acting as guinea pigs for malaria experiments, and experimental opera-

Aszette Joseph is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Ray Ameen, and family while visiting here before returning to Syria where he has been for the past several months.

Mrs. Maude Newnham and son, Hollis Newnham, of Midland are visiting her brother and mother, M. Graham and Mrs. M. E. Graham, of Route 3.

Rev. David C. Ham is in Dallas today attending the regular meeting of the executive committee of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, of which he is a member.

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