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State To Seek Refund On Forgeries

Supplies For Greek Military Aid On Way

WASHINGTON —(P)— Dwight Griswold, chief of the American Aid Mission to Greece, said Friday military supplies valued at \$35,000,000 already are en route to equip the Greek army and navy on an "anti-bandit" basis.

Griswold told a news conference the equipment now moving to U. S. ports for shipment is largely from United States Army and Navy surplus. It includes light mountain pack artillery, mules, food for troops, ammunition, and some trucks and jeeps.

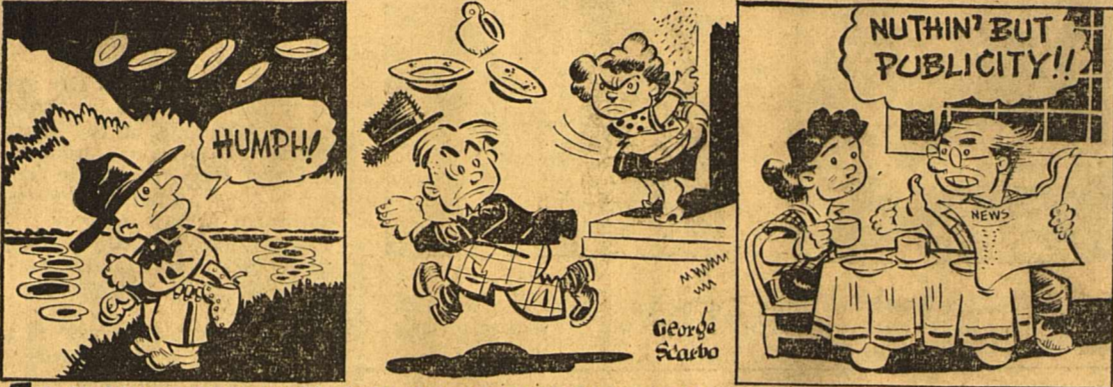
Shipments of military supplies, scheduled to comprise half the \$300,000,000 aid program, probably will continue into the fall, Griswold said.

Describing the efforts to maintain security as an essential part of economic recovery, Griswold said "it would be hard to build a bridge and have it blown up right away."

"We believe the reconstruction program will help break up the guerrilla bands," he added.

In the first break-down of aid plans, Griswold said it is proposed to spend about \$19,000,000 for agricultural rehabilitation, \$48,000,000 for rebuilding ports, highways and industry, \$75,000,000 for food, clothing and other civilian goods, \$3,000,000 to cope with malaria, tuberculosis and other health problems, and \$1,500,000 to train Greek nationals.

'Flying Disk' Jockeys Have Real Dope



FOREST RANGER SAYS THE SAUCERS ARE MERELY PICNIC PLATES CARELESSLY LEFT LYING AROUND BY SOME CAMPERS...

BUS DRIVER SAYS THEY ARE JUST HIGH MISSES WITH THE CROCKERY THROWN BY IRATE HOUSEWIFE AT HER HUSBAND.

COLUMNIST SAYS THEY ARE MERELY PUBLICITY STUNT FOR FORTHCOMING FILM, "DUEL IN THE TEACUP."

EVERYBODY, INCLUDING YOU, DEAR READER, HAS A PAT SOLUTION OF THE MYSTERY. SPACE ABOVE IS LEFT VACANT SO YOU CAN JOIN THE PARADE BY SKETCHING IN YOUR IDEA OF WHODUNIT, HOW AND WHY...

HISTORIAN DECIDES THEY WERE TOSSED BY PAUL BUNYAN 60-ODD YEARS AGO WHEN HE DIDN'T LIKE HIS COFFEE ONE MORNING AND THEY'RE JUST COMING BACK TO EARTH...

SPORTS WRITER CLAIMS THEY ARE DISCUS THROWER IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST...

The only thing more mysterious than the "flying saucers" that have the nation's eyes turned skyward, is the rash of "authoritative" explanations that immediately broke out. Some of them are illustrated above, but undoubtedly you have an even better idea to explain the discs.

Daniel Claims Banks Liable As Endorsers

AUSTIN —(P)— Attorney General Price Daniel said Friday his department is making demand on seven Texas banks for refunds of a total of \$62,470,62, paid out by the state "on 517 forged or otherwise improperly endorsed assignments on payroll warrants of the state Department of Agriculture."

"Virtually all of these warrants were handed by J. M. Del Curto, former head of the horticultural division of the state Department of Agriculture," Daniel said in a written statement.

Del Curto is now facing 15 indictments by a Travis County grand jury charging theft and forgery against the state. The 11 theft counts total \$1,550,10 and four counts of forgery total \$33,70. Del Curto is under \$7,500 bond pending disposition of the indictments.

Most of the warrants Daniel has moved to collect were originally turned over to M. C. Parris Company and passed through other banks, whose endorsements are carried on them. They were presented to the state treasurer for redemption by the banks on which demand is being made for repayment, Daniel said.

Principle Explained

"These demands are being made in accordance with the principle of law that the last endorser is liable to the state, but this does not prevent such endorser from recovering from banks which previously endorsed and passed the checks to them," Daniel explained.

Demands have been made by the attorney general on the following banks for repayment of warrants as follows:

Austin National Bank, 431 warrants, \$52,568.37; Winters State Bank, eight warrants, \$1,022.40; Waxahachie Bank and Trust Co., 45 warrants, \$3,111.95; Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Ballinger, 18 warrants, \$1,898.10; Temple National Bank, 11 warrants, \$1,279.10; Citizens National Bank of Brownwood, three warrants, \$450; and Ennis State Bank, one warrant, \$140.

"The banks will be given an opportunity to examine the alleged forgeries and improperly endorsed warrants before suit is instituted," Daniel said.

That's Not Popcorn---That's Wheat



The record wheat crop may be good news to many people, but it's just extra work to grain elevator operators. This scene in a Kansas City, Kan., elevator, shows a helper guiding a scoop toward the door of one of the 2000 boxcars that have arrived in that city alone. Flying wheat fills the air, swirling around like popcorn.

East-West Rift Widens In Europe On Eve Of Important Paris Economic Aid Conferences

Senators' Group Approves Credit Control Program

WASHINGTON —(P)— Legislation extending controls on consumer installment buying through December 31 but requiring more liberal credit terms Friday was approved 7 to 4 by the Senate Banking Committee.

The House Banking Committee has voted to eliminate such controls, currently in effect under a Presidential executive order.

The resolution approved by the Senate committee would prohibit the Federal Reserve Board from fixing less than a 24-month period for paying for consumer goods on credit.

All such goods now covered by the board's regulation "W" must be paid for in at least 15 months.

A committee official told newsmen under the proposed extension of controls it would be up to the board to decide whether 24 months or some longer period would be the maximum.

Russia Is Ready To Use All Power Against Aid Plan

WASHINGTON —(P)— Russia appears ready to throw into a bitter fight against the Marshall Plan for European recovery every weapon of political, economic and propaganda power at its disposal.

The division of Europe over the issue is virtually complete and a series of critical tests of relative Soviet and American strength are at hand.

Concern over the situation in Europe was focused here by Czechoslovakia's decision — under direct dictation from Moscow — not to attend the Marshall Plan Conference opening Saturday in Paris.

Some authorities here called this the "crudest demonstration yet" of ruthless Soviet domination of border governments. They said it showed also the extreme concern with which the Soviets view the Marshall Plan and the vigor with which they can be expected to oppose it at every point.

Lewis Maneuvers Around Labor's Newly Passed Act

WASHINGTON —(P)— John L. Lewis gleefully tucked another fat contract in his pocket Friday giving 75,000 hard coal miners the same \$1.20-a-day pay boost he had wangled for 400,000 soft coal diggers.

Disclosure of the agreement came with surprising suddenness Thursday night after only a few hours of negotiations between the United Mine Workers chief and representatives of the anthracite industry.

Lewis obtained a 44-cent hourly wage increase for soft coal miners and a 47-cent raise for anthracite miners.

Boost Welfare Fund

But Lewis succeeded also in boosting his union's health and welfare fund "take" in both bituminous and anthracite from a nickel a ton of coal produced to a dime a ton.

And as in negotiating his soft coal contract a few days earlier, he seemingly got around portions of the new Taft-Hartley labor law in the anthracite pact.

That new labor law provides for equal labor-management administration of union welfare funds except those set up in contracts already in effect when the law was enacted.

Lewis had the anthracite operators simply amend their contract written a year ago—leaving unchanged its provisions allowing him to name two out of three of the trustees of the anthracite welfare fund.

August 23 Set As Date For Election To Name Thomason's Successor

AUSTIN —(P)— Gov. Beauford H. Jester said Friday he will call a special election in the 16th Congressional District to fill the post to be vacated July 31 by Congressman R. Ewing Thomason of El Paso.

Thomason announced he will resign on that date to take his oath of Office August 1 as West Texas federal district judge.

Jester said the election will be called to coincide with the special election August 23 on the proposed constitutional amendment to provide building funds for the state's institutions of higher education.

British Ponder How To Celebrate Big Wedding

LONDON —(P)— Ill-fed, ill-housed—and ill-clothed Britons were invited Friday by the widely circulated Daily Express to vote on whether Princess Elizabeth's wedding should be shadowed by the rationed austerity under which the King's subjects live.

"Should there be flags and parties and bands and a vote from public funds to make Princess Elizabeth's wedding day our most colorful festive occasion since the coronation?" The Express asked. "Or should the austerity of life and the government dictate an occasion where Britain's traditional salute to happiness would seem out of place?"

The day is certain to be a public holiday, although the wedding date —expected to be some time in October—has not yet been announced.

Truman To Send Report Of Economic Group To Congress For Airing

WASHINGTON —(P)— President Truman Friday decided to send to Congress within the next 10 days a special mid-year report on the economic outlook, including the possible effect of John L. Lewis' new coal wage gains on living costs.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross said this was decided at a meeting of Truman with his Cabinet. He said the consensus of the meeting was there has been "a tendency to exaggerate the importance of the coal settlement on the overall wage picture."

"Of course, if prices should go up as a result, that would be a matter of concern," Ross added.

Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the President's council of economic advisers, read to the Cabinet a memorandum on the state of the nation's business, based on the council's continuing researches.

Ross said the Cabinet felt it would "be a very useful thing to put these findings out for the benefit of Congress and the country."

Used Radios, table models and consoles. Priced right, to sell at once. Wemple's, next to post office. (Adv.)

JayCeas Learn DDT Machine To Be Put In Use

Midland JayCeas were told at their luncheon meeting Friday noon in the Scharbauer Hotel of the arrival of a DDT spraying machine, which they were instrumental in getting for Midland.

The machine was to go in operation Friday. It was displayed in front of the City-County Auditorium Friday afternoon.

Vice President Frank Wood presided at the Friday luncheon. Alfred (Red) Petty was program chairman. Frank True reported on the DDT machine. He is chairman of the unit's health committee.

Ernest Nance and Riley Parr were recognized as new JayCee directors. Keith Stuart gave a treasurer's report.

No JayCee luncheon will be held next Friday giving way to a family night box supper picnic at Cloverdale Park. The picnic for JayCeas and families will start at 6:30 p. m.

France May Try To Reconcile U. S.-Russian UN Balkan Fuss

LAKE SUCCESS —(P)— There was a 50-50 chance Friday France would take the initiative in an attempt to reconcile the opposed American and Russian proposals for settlement of the Balkan disorders.

Authoritative sources said Alexandre Parodi, chief French delegate might submit formally a compromise proposal when the United Nations Security Council convened Friday.

Despite American coolness to Parodi's proposal, which was disclosed to the U. S. delegation in informal talks, these sources said the French delegate had not decided to shelve his compromise plan.

The French plan was understood to be designed to water down the U. S. resolution calling for a semi-permanent investigation commission to halt Greek border disturbances.

Details of the French proposal were lacking, but it was reported to call for a commission without power to act except with the express consent of Greece and Russia's three satellites—Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania.

Democratic Whip Says Senate To Uphold Tax Veto

WASHINGTON —(P)— Senator Lucas of Illinois, the Democratic whip, declared Friday the Senate "definitely can sustain" President Truman's promised second veto of the \$4,000,000,000 income tax reduction bill.

The party liner-upper told reporters, however, he is not at all sure the Senate will get a crack at overriding the Chief Executive.

"It (the veto) might be sustained in the House again," Lucas remarked.

The bill will come to a vote there first after its round-trip to the White House.

But Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the Republican whip, said he feels "absolutely certain" the House will vote to override.

The House, which passed the first tax cut bill 273 to 137 but then failed by two votes to get the required two-thirds margin to override, re-passed the measure by a tally of 302 to 112.

As for the Senate, Wherry said: "I think we have the votes."

Both Wherry and Lucas voiced hope the Senate would reach a roll-call Friday.

New pianos, immediate delivery on Gulbransen and Storey & Clark, terms. Wemple's, phone 1000. (Adv.)

WEATHER

Partly cloudy Friday night and Saturday with widely scattered thundershowers. Not much change in temperatures. Maximum temperature Thursday was 95 degrees, minimum 78 degrees. Minimum temperature Friday was 66 degrees in Midland.

LATE NEWS FLASHES

LAKE SUCCESS —(AP)— Egypt demanded formally Friday the United Nations Security Council order "immediate and total" withdrawal of all British troops from Egypt and the Sudan.

ATHENS —(AP)— The Greek general staff said in a Friday communique Greek troops, despite stiff resistance, were pushing westward 4,000 Communist guerrillas who were attempting to seize territory near Albania.

HONOLULU —(AP)— CIO workers struck the multi-million dollar pineapple industry Friday at the harvest peak, but negotiations on the deadlocked wage issue continued with 12,000 union members involved.

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— Mexico put into effect Friday sharp restrictions on the importation of luxuries and non-essentials in an effort to protect her diminishing dollar balance in the United States.

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A \$75,000,000 increase in 1948 operating funds for the Atomic Energy Commission was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee Friday after a heated argument.

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Hotpoint "Home Freeze," 8 cubic ft., 280 lbs. capacity, delivery now, terms. Wemple's, phone 1000. (Adv.)

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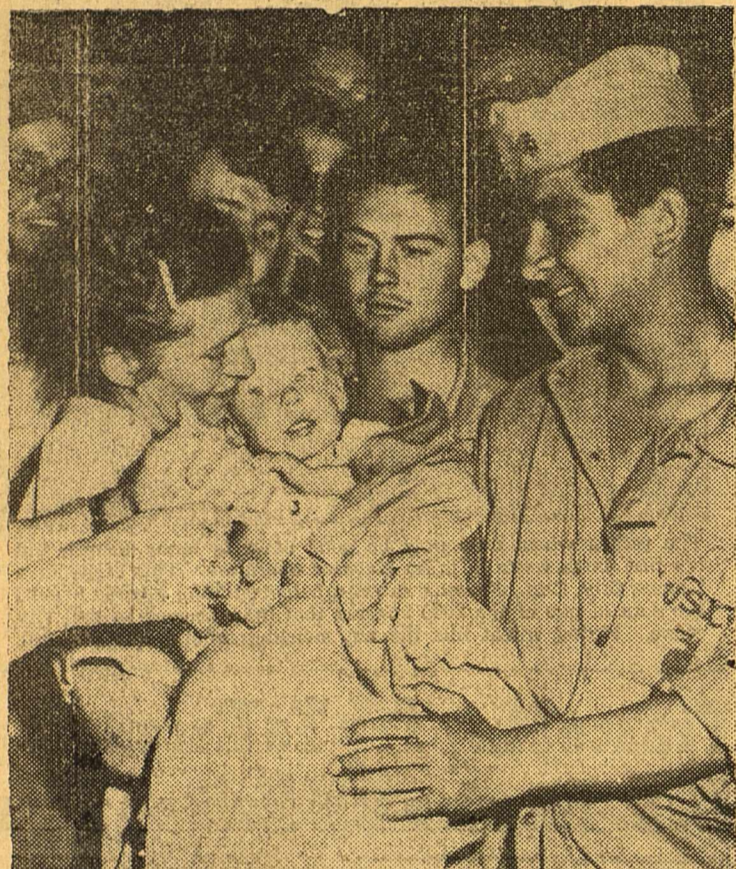
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Good Morning . . . Let's Eat . . . And Then Drink . . . Now Let's Fly



In four weeks, 6-year-old Judy Kanoor of Dayton, Ohio, taught a sparrow to eat baby food, fly home to a tissue-lined strawberry box, and drink water from a spoon. She found the sparrow a day after it broke out of its shell. "Look it home." The bird thrived, grew, learned to fly and return to its box when it wanted a sack of baby food. Judy and her pet, "Spottie," are shown going through part of their daily routine.

Safe And Sound



Wayne (Butchie) Bowers, three, was found asleep six miles away and 1,000 feet up the mountain side from the Marine recreation camp at Big Bear Lake, Calif. Butchie strayed from the camp while his mother was getting breakfast. A widespread search was instituted, and, at first fears were Butchie had been kidnaped although his Marine father could offer no explanation. Butchie is brought to his mother by some of the Marines who helped in the search.

O'Daniel Prefers Role Of Senator Who Walks Alone

By TEX EASLEY
WASHINGTON (AP)—W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas recently put in the Congressional Record an editorial about himself entitled, "The Senator Who Walks Alone."

Written by Robert W. Akers of the Beaumont Enterprise, it started off:

"The Texans in Washington stick together—congressmen, newspaper correspondents, government officials. Any gathering that calls for the presence of the Lone Star delegation finds them all there, all that is, except W. Lee O'Daniel."

"The capital Texas colony now takes this situation for granted. To a visitor who inquires, as I did last month, 'Where's Senator O'Daniel?' the reply is a shrug, a hastily-spoken, 'Oh, he never comes to these things, a change of subject.'"

Like This Long Time
It's been that way since shortly after the former Texas governor and flour salesman came to Washington in 1911 to succeed the late Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas.

Soon after he took oath as the state's junior senator, O'Daniel attended one of the regular Wednesday luncheons of the Texas congressional delegation. The luncheon was a cordial affair, but it immediately became apparent that the newcomer was not likely to become one of the regulars.

His differences with the others widened rapidly, and it is safe to say that in the six years he has been here O'Daniel has not been with the delegation a half-dozen times.

Senator and Mrs. O'Daniel show up at social functions attended by other Texas members of Congress and their wives only once in a great while—as at a recent banquet given by Texas Chamber of Commerce officials.

There is no apparent tie of close friendship between the O'Daniels and any other Texas legislator. This relationship, or lack of it, between the man who plays a "lone wolf" role in Washington and fellow Texans in Congress is unquestionably a mutually satisfactory arrangement.

The same atmosphere and attitude prevail to only a slightly lesser degree in their legislative relationships.

Occasionally a congressional office calls O'Daniel's staff to discuss affairs pertaining to a particular district, but far less frequently than to the office of senior Senator Tom Connally.

One explanation for this is that constituents here on business know that Connally, long an Administration supporter, has far more influence than O'Daniel. Thus, when Texas businessmen or others want a matter taken up with a government agency or red tape cut or something else, they frequently ask their congressmen to join with Connally in the effort.

Complaints To O'Daniel
But if they have complaints, they address O'Daniel because they know that he has been a consistent anti-Administration Democrat and therefore is the man to uncover any skulduggery.

Approp of all this, it should be pointed out that a fundamental reason for the power of the Texas congressional delegation, as well as the appointment of Texans to the President's cabinet and other high government positions, is the fact that they do their scrapping privately and maintain a solid front for the benefit of the state.

The O'Daniels make their Washington home in a four-story yellow brick, remodeled apartment building, behind the U. S. Supreme Court lawn and a block from the Senate Office Building. The senator finally acquired full possession of the former 14-family unit, 40-room structure, after successful prosecution of tenant eviction suits.

About two blocks from the Capitol, on Pennsylvania Avenue, the former bank building which the senator's family purchased as offices for the W. Lee O'Daniel News, now stands idle. The political weekly recently suspended publication.

AIR MOTOR FIRES
An air-conditioning motor caught fire at the J. H. Elder residence in Midland Thursday resulting in a fire alarm and some damage to the residence and motor.

The Thames River in England reached high levels not equaled since 1894 during the Spring floods of 1947.

Blazing His Way Through College



Students have been working their way through college for years with many odd jobs, but Maurice Navarre chose fire-eating as a way to pay his tuition. Here Navarre is shown going through the act he performs at carnivals near Los Angeles, where he is enrolled in the University of Southern California.

Thomason To Resign From House July 31

WASHINGTON—Rep. R. Ewing Thomason of El Paso will resign his House seat effective July 31, he announced Thursday.

Thomason, confirmed by the Senate to be federal judge of the Western District of Texas, said he will mail his resignation to Gov. Beauford H. Jester who will set an election date to name his successor. A copy will be sent to the House of Representatives.

He expects to arrive in El Paso August 1 to take the oath of office as judge.

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acres in Central Schleicher County, in the J. T. Jackson lands.

In the contract covering acquisition of the leases, Lowe assumed an obligation to start a wildcat to 7,000 feet, or the Ellenburger, at a shallower depth, within 90 days, after July 5.

Lowe has not staked a definite location for the prospector. The block he has leased is adjacent to a discovery drilled by H. B. Opp on the Jackson land, in September 1939, which pumped oil from the Cisco-Pennsylvanian at 4,049-81 feet, for about eight years. That well was completed for a 24-hour pumping potential of 105.53 barrels of 34 gravity oil. It was abandoned after producing small amounts of oil for several years. The location was 1,005 feet from north and 2,070 feet from east lines of section 41 block LL, TC survey.

GROEBL FLANKER TO PAGE FIELD CONTINUES TO TEST

At P. Groebel No. 1 Koy, seven-eighths of a mile northeast of closest oil producer in the Page field in Schleicher County, and at center of northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 34, block L, GH&SA survey, was to swab perforated section at 5,525-40 feet, which had been treated with 3,000 gallons of acid. On initial swabbing, after the acid injection, the zone showed only small amounts of oil. It is understood that operator plans to perforate and test at 5,475-95 feet, after determining the oil yielding ability of the section now being investigated.

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Jester Says He Has 'Urgings' And Hints He May Run For U. S. Senate

AUSTIN—(AP)—Gov. Beauford H. Jester has openly hinted for the first time he may be considering running for U. S. Senator next year. He told his press conference Thursday he is receiving "considerable" correspondence asking him to make the race.

Jester's name has long been considered in political conversations in the list of contenders for the post of junior Senator W. Lee O'Daniel whose term runs out in 1948. But until now the governor has been non-committal, always directing conversations toward present work rather than future hopes.

Jester volunteered the information "the governor is delighted with the confirmation of Joe B. Dooley by the Senate."

O'Daniel had asked the Senate reject Dooley's nomination for the federal judgeship of the Northern District of Texas on grounds the nominee was "personally obnoxious" to the Senator. The Senate confirmed Dooley anyway.

"Have you had any correspondence asking you to run for the U. S. Senate?" the governor was asked. "Well, I expect anybody in public office has urgings," Jester replied. "Yes, I've had a few. In fact, considerable."

The governor did not expand his statement.

Texans have been most generous in the past in extending second terms to most of their governors who asked it.

Whether to try for a traditionally easy return trip to the governor's chair or run a hazardous race in a crowded field for the Senatorship was the apparent choice Jester would have to make.

Possible Opponents

Possible Senate opponents include well-known political figures such as former Gov. Coke Stevenson, former Gov. James V. Allred, former Congressman Martin Dies, Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson, and O'Daniel. George E. B. Peddy of Houston, who used to make political races in the 1920's, has publicly announced his candidacy.

It has long been no secret Gov. Coke Stevenson has told friends he is seriously considering making the race.

O'Daniel has not flatly announced but has indicated in numerous ways that he will seek re-election.

Allred, Johnson and Dies are still less definitely committed but who have by no means been discounted.

A race between Stevenson and Jester would pit as opponents a pair who have previously conferred politically and still visit socially.

Those who know both well, however, have reported they sense a growing coolness between the pair, despite outward courteousness.

They think the Senate race might have something to do with it.

South Side Meeting Slated Friday Night

A meeting of persons interested in the promotion of civic improvements on the South Side will be held at 8:30 p. m. Friday in the district courtroom of the Midland County Courthouse. Col. J. B. Wright is in charge of meeting arrangements.

Sponsors urged a large attendance of interested citizens. City officials have been invited to attend.

HOLD YOUTH
Midland police Thursday picked up a 15-year-old Colorado City youth to hold for authorities of that city.

Youth Injured In Automobile Crash

Richard Vaughn, Midland youth, received injuries in an automobile collision Thursday.

Police reported cars driven by Jimmy Armstrong and Kenneth Leslie collided at the intersection of C and Illinois Streets.

Vaughn's injuries were not serious, officers said.

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Texas Attorney General Starts Investigation Of Price-Fixing In Violation Of Anti-Trust Laws

AUSTIN—(AP)—Half of Attorney General Price Daniel's staff of assistants fanned out over the state Friday in a broad investigation of reports of anti-trust law violations in price-fixing in gasoline, bread, milk and other commodities.

Daniel announced he had put 20 assistants on the job, and had called on all county and district attorneys to check their areas and report to him. Courts of inquiry may be called soon in several areas to develop evidence.

Uniform gasoline price increases totaling two and one-half cents a gallon since OPA controls were removed "appear to be more than coincidental," the attorney general commented.

"There is enough in it to warrant an investigation," Daniel said.

The Texas anti-trust law forbids a combination of capital or acts by two or more persons, firms, corporations or associations to "fix, maintain, or reduce the price of merchandise, produce or other commodities."

Daniel declared his department was not so much interested in price increases as such, but only in increases where they showed some signs of having been reached in violation of the law.

He noted that Conoco, Cities Service, Gulf, Sinclair, Magnolia and the Texas Company last week raised gasoline prices and that Humble followed.

"We are receiving complaints every day from Texas consumers against what is alleged to be deliberate, uniform price increases in gasoline, bread, milk and other commodities by those who control such businesses," Daniel said.

"Prices will never go down as long as those in control work together in maintaining present levels or increases in violation of the Texas laws against price-fixing. Competition must be restored if freedom of enterprise is to exist without government controls."

Assigned to direct the gasoline price investigation was assistant attorney general, Charles D. Mathews, who helped prosecute German war criminals. Directing the other sections of the inquiry are assistants, J. A. Amis, Jr., and Cy Mills.

The investigation of oil companies will include the petroleum wholesalers association, a new organization with headquarters in Fort Worth whose purpose has been reported as including the maintenance of increased commissions to bulk agents of the oil companies," Daniel said.

It also will include complaints "that certain major companies are requiring their filling stations to

Cole Will Speak Twice In Oklahoma

Taylor Cole of Midland, president of the International Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be keynote speaker at the installation of Oklahoma City JayCee officers Saturday evening in that city.

The Oklahoma City unit is one of the outstanding installations in the United States having won the Harold A. Marks Award for two years consecutively.

U. S. Rubber To Take Over Borger Plant

NEW YORK—(AP)—U. S. Rubber Co. announced Friday it will take over operation of the government's 45,000-ton synthetic rubber plant at Borger, Texas, and will relinquish operation of the synthetic rubber plant at Los Angeles.

It also announced operations will be gradually reduced at the synthetic rubber plant at Institute, W. Va., in line with the government's policy of curtailing synthetic production, as more natural rubber becomes available.

FUSE BOX IGNITES
A fire caused by an ignited fuse box did no damage at a structure at 104 South G. Street Friday, firemen reported.

In 1930 there were reported 50,000 cases of smallpox almost in the United States.

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Logic In Contradictions

The official Soviet estimate of the Paris conference and the Marshall plan, as published by the Tass news agency, is a good example of the surface contradictions in Russia's foreign policy and political philosophy.

Russia wanted no co-ordinated economic planning by European countries in connection with American aid. Russia argued against "interference." Each country, in the Soviet view, should total up its own needs and apply for American aid—a plea for a handout rather than a plan for recovery.

An over-all program would have upset various recovery plans already under way, according to Moscow. Just how the sick countries of Europe could recover in economic isolation Russia does not explain. But that is obviously what she wants.

Russia also wanted to divide recovery on a victor-and-vanquished basis. The principal wartime Allies should be taken care of first, then the lesser Allies, and finally, at some undetermined date, Germany. Europe's economic problems do not seem to be parceled off quite that neatly.

Likewise the Soviet government hints in its statement that American aid might mean American domination.

Thus Russia again presented herself to the world not only as ultra-suspicious, but ultra-nationalistic and isolationistic, the same attitude that has marked Russia's whole approach to the United Nations.

Yet the Russian government is the Russian Communist Party. The latter is the nucleus of the world Communist Party. It loudly proclaims itself the party of the world's workers. Its aim is global communism through world revolution. Nothing nationalistic or isolationistic about that.

The Russian government preaches a gospel of un-touchable sovereignty and non-interference by outsiders in a country's internal affairs. But while it is preaching, it indulges in the inconsistent practice of imposing a communistic form of government on its unwilling neighbors.

Yet all this may be added up to a logical total. The basic Soviet intention seems to be to build up Russia for the present. It has swallowed up enough of its neighbors for immediate nourishment. It has German slave labor and German skilled labor and German food. It has stripped German factories.

So Russia's immediate recovery needs may be taken care of.

If the European countries remain divided and grow weaker as Russia grows stronger, that will probably be all right with the Soviet government. They will be ready for one-by-one picking, as were Yugoslavia, then Poland, then Hungary, then Bulgaria.

But the Marshall plan threatened an interruption. It is not a plan to stop communism in a crisis, like the Truman Doctrine, but a plan to stop chaos arising from economic disruption. It is not a move against Russia.

Diplomatic Immunity

Say what you will, the United Nations is a powerful organization in at least one respect. Its delegates can throw a traffic summons in a policeman's face and get away with it. But while we regard this gesture of bravado with a touch of envy, we can't say that we entirely approve.

The latest exercise of diplomatic immunity was that of a UN representative from Argentina, Dr. Rudolfo Munoz. He was arrested for driving on the gravel shoulder of a New Jersey highway, against the law in that state. Like other UN representatives involved in speeding cases around Lake Success last Fall, Dr. Munoz claimed diplomatic immunity. His claim was sustained by authority higher than that of the arresting officer.

Dr. Munoz also claimed ignorance of the law which prohibits two wheels on the gravel. But that seems no reason for the pulling of diplomatic rank and the unpleasantness that followed.

The principle of diplomatic immunity can be understood. Especially in the UN's case, it is possible that important international business might be delayed by a key delegate's involvement in a minor local affair.

At the same time, traffic laws are enacted for reasons of safety. A person killed by an immune diplomat's vehicle is just as dead as if he were killed by an ordinary citizen subject to all the ordinary rules and regulations.

It would seem much simpler if the UN delegates, while they live here, would conduct themselves as polite guests. To do, when in Jersey, as the Jerseyites do should not put too great a strain on diplomatic pride, or interfere unduly with world deliberations.

Another Year For The USO

Most Americans, including perhaps several million veterans, may have pretty much forgotten the USO and its camp shows. But the wartime entertainers are still going strong, nearly two years since the war ended. And to the almost 20,000,000 who saw their performances last year their job probably seems as important as ever.

There are now 30 USO units overseas—28 in the Pacific areas and two in Alaska—to entertain men who are safe from bullets but not from boredom. There are 22 companies in this country performing at 192 veterans' hospitals.

The overseas circuit includes Japan, Korea, China, the Ryukyus, the Philippines, Guam, Tinian, Kwajalein, the Johnson Islands. Playing that circuit can't be the most comfortable or glamorous trouping in the world, so we think the USO boys and girls deserve a cheer.

Wrong Way To Teach An Old Dog New Tricks



Agencies Work Overtime On U. S. Divorce Problem

By CYNTHIA LOWRY
 AP Newsfeatures Writer
 NEW YORK—Saving marriages is today the number one concern of home town social agencies which a few years back were battling poverty as the major community problem.

It's not that there are no more poor, but it is that America's rapidly spiraling divorce rate has reached proportions of a public problem. The rate was one divorce for every three marriages in 1946 and this year it is expected to hit two for every five.

Frank J. Hertel, general director of the Family Service Association of America, spearheads 234 coast-to-coast member agencies which are trying to do something constructive about America's troubled family life mirrored in increased juvenile delinquency and in the day-to-day job efficiency of thousands of unhappy men and women.

"Preparation for a successful marriage starts with the mothers and fathers of every couple," Hertel said. "An agency really comes into the picture too late when it tries to do a repair job. Our aim of course is to patch up a marriage, but we also are trying to teach mothers and fathers to bring up their children so that ultimately they will have happy marriages."

Pre-marriage courses have been set up in many communities similar to one in progress for students at Pennsylvania State College. Miami, Fla., is a model where happy families work with social workers treating day-by-day problems of family living and child care. New Orleans and other cities are holding a series of courses—institutes—on all phases of married life and care of children.

And throughout the country marriage counselors are working with individuals and groups, ironing out minor problems or adjusting major ones which can threaten the lives of two people bound, it appears, for worse instead of better. Hertel estimated these cases today constitute about 80 per cent of a family agency's work.

In New York, the Community Service Society, one of the member agencies of the FSA is working

with individuals—men and women who either appeal voluntarily for help or are sent by a friend, a doctor, a lawyer or (this is increasing) an employer.

One key to happy marriage is the quality of understanding what the concerned individual wants from it. "And another, equally or more important," said a counselor, "is the realization that almost always both spouses are to blame for difficulties. Almost all the people who come to us try to blame all their trouble on their mate.

"It is true but it is true that marriage is an must be a two-person relationship and there is rarely incompatibility on the part of one. Usually it is two people who lack understanding and have failed to adjust to each other."

Generally speaking, half a marriage repair job has been accomplished when people appeal for help, the marriage counselor said, for the mere fact of the appeal indicates their eagerness to make a go of it.

The other important hurdles include the will to make necessary adjustments and adaptations. "And it is true that a happy marriage can be made of temperamental opposites," she added, "because one individual should supplement

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Enough Dollars Abroad To Tax Capacity Of U. S. To Export Goods

NEW YORK—(AP)—Enough dollars are now in the hands of foreign nations or will become available under existing programs to occupy the United States' export capacity for some time to come, the National City Bank of New York said in its monthly letter.

The bank estimated gold holdings outside the United States fund and the World Bank at \$15,000,000,000 at the end of May, with dollar holdings of foreigners at more than \$5,000,000,000 and annual new gold production outside Russia at close to \$700,000,000.

"While a not inconsiderable part of the gold and dollar resources are held in 'last ditch' monetary reserves, represent private holdings or are tied up or committed in other ways," the letter said, "and while their potential buying power has been reduced by the rise in American prices, the unprecedentedly high levels at which they have been running provides an answer to the more extreme statements about a world-wide 'dollar crisis.'"

Money so far unused under existing programs such as the monetary Fund, International Bank, Export-Import Bank and other U. S. Government lending, totals at least \$12,000,000,000, the bank said.

One variety of spider builder builds a silken diving bell under water, carrying down the air supply as bubbles. It lives under water, feeding on aquatic insects.

Insanity Treated By Electric Currents

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—(AP)—Electrically induced sleep, which keeps a patient unconscious for seven to 15 minutes, offers a hopeful means of treating one form of insanity, say two University of California medical researchers.

This treatment, called electroanesthesia, is not new but has not yet been used sufficiently for doctors to know exactly what can be expected of it. It is a modification of an older form of treatment, electroshock, in which a heavier charge of current, applied for a fraction of a second, knocks the patient unconscious and throws him into convulsions.

The researchers, Dr. Karl M. Bowman, head of the university's psychiatric clinic, and Dr. Alexander Simon, an associate, reported the recovery of five out of thirty-one persons who took the treatments.

Bowman and Simon said that while they did not find electroanesthesia superior to electroshock, the results warranted further study and that in individual cases it might become the better method.

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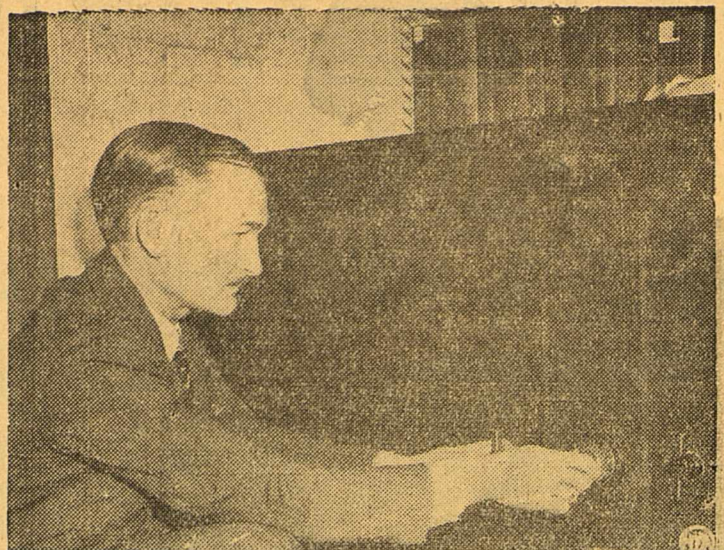
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SOVIET GETTING PREFAB HOUSES FROM GERMANY

BERLIN—(AP)—Among reparations going to Russia from the Soviet occupation zone of Germany are thousands of prefabricated houses, according to the American military government's official German newspaper, the Neue Zeitung.

Library Of Congress Will Open Famed Lincoln Collection Soon



Dr. C. Percy Powell, Library of Congress official, one of the few living men who has laid eyes on the Abraham Lincoln papers in the famed Robert Todd Lincoln Collection, checks the lock on the inner vault where the papers are stored in secrecy.

BRITISH ARE NEGOTIATING PURCHASE OF MEXICAN BEEF

LONDON—(AP)—Spokesman for the Food Office and the Mexican Embassy say that negotiations are proceeding for the British purchase of indefinite amounts of Mexican beef in the future.

SOME BABES SMOKE

SALT LAKE CITY—(AP)—Gifts flowed into the Ralph Tannenbaum home after the arrival of a baby daughter. One present puzzled the new mother—a glass cigarette tray.

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—After July 26 we will probably know a lot more about Abraham Lincoln than we do today.

On that date the Library of Congress will reveal the contents of the famous Robert Todd Lincoln Collection of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln.

The Library of Congress has observed this mandate of secrecy with as much zeal as the guarding of the atomic bomb. Before he gave the library permission to index the collection before it was to be officially revealed.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority

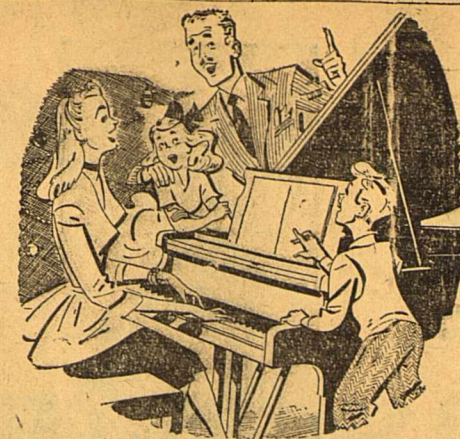
Do you review the bidding in your own mind several times during the play of a hand? Many mistakes can be avoided by going over the bidding, and lack of bidding as well.

The opening lead was won in dummy with the queen of clubs and a small diamond was led. South played low and West won with the queen. A small heart was won in dummy with the jack and another diamond played. South won this with the ace and North showed out.

A bridge hand diagram showing a deal with cards and a table of scores. The deal includes cards like A872, 875, 6, K8542, etc. The table shows scores for South, West, North, and East.

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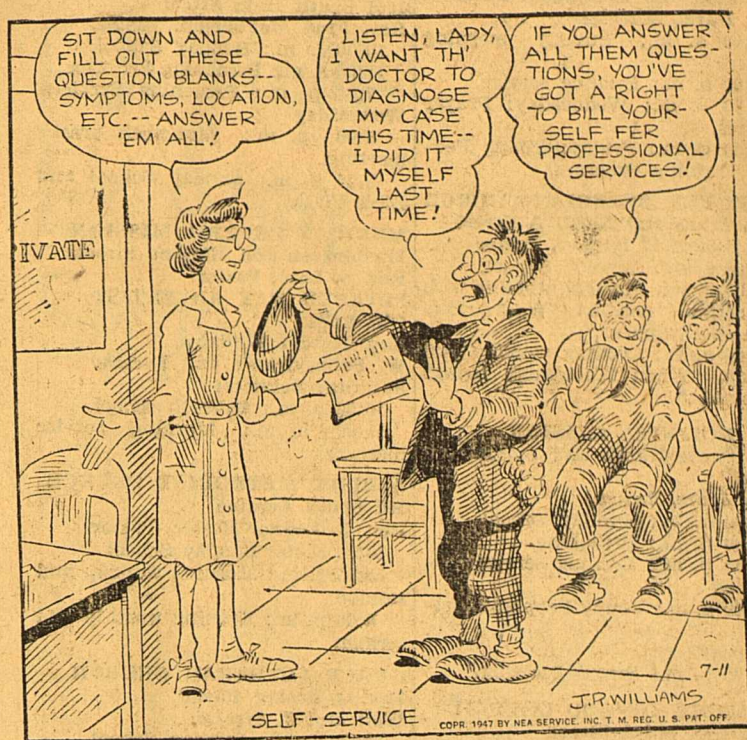
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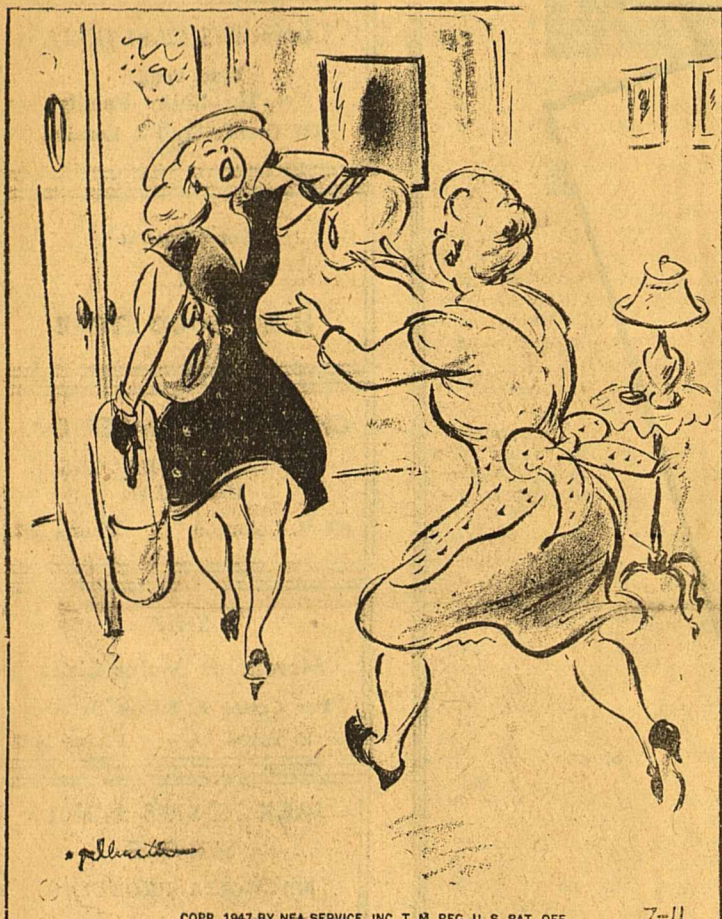
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SIDE GLANCES



"This wasn't just an ordinary quarrel, mother—he wants to buy a lot for our dream home right next to a golf course!"

The men doing the indexing job took oaths of secrecy and "are forbidden to make any use of their knowledge, even to the extent of taking private notes from memory for future use in scholarly work."

Even David O. Mearns, the Library's Director of Reference and one of the nation's outstanding Lincoln authorities, has prohibited himself from seeing the collection. He has to answer daily questions on Lincoln and felt if he saw the collection beforehand, his answers would be colored by what it contained.

Scholarly Dr. C. Percy Powell, of the Library's Division of Manuscripts, another authority on Lincoln, has been completing the indexing job, started by the late Dr. John O. Fitzpatrick.

In spite of the library's assurances that the collection only "may be presumed to clarify certain obscure, but probably minute, details in the life of this uniquely American genius," Lincoln experts from all over the nation are planning to be on hand when the collection is opened.

all four hands, it is not difficult to see that declarer should go up with dummy's king of spades. But without knowing the location of the cards, could you figure out the right play?

When I saw the hand played, declarer went into a huddle and finally played a small spade from dummy. South won with the queen, and this was the play that defeated the hand.

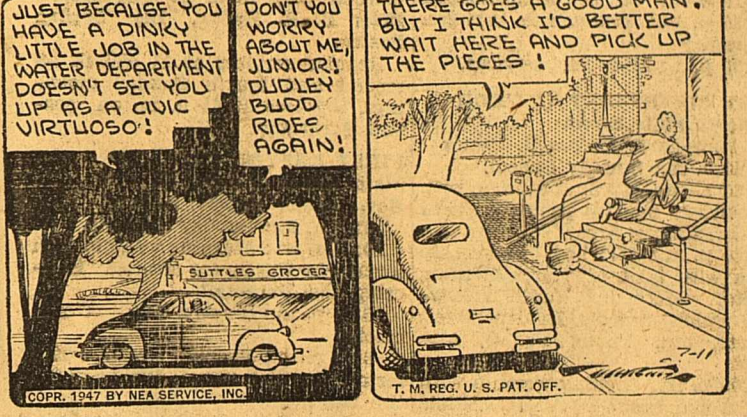
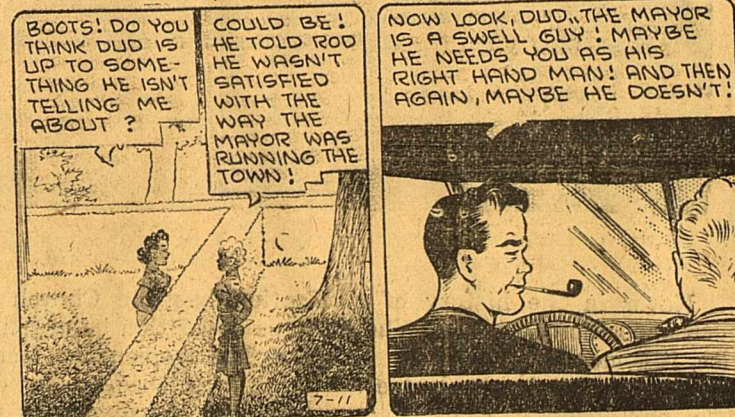
West should have played the king from dummy without a moment's hesitation. North had shown out of diamonds on the second round, so declarer knew that South had five diamonds to the ace-king-ten. If South also held the ace of spades, would he not have opened the bidding? Had declarer reviewed the bidding in his own mind, he would have known that it was impossible for South to have the ace of spades.

The most nutritious parts of animal carcasses most frequently are used for fertilizer or feed, rather than consumed by humans: blood, lungs, stomach, liver, pancreas, kidney, brain and heart.

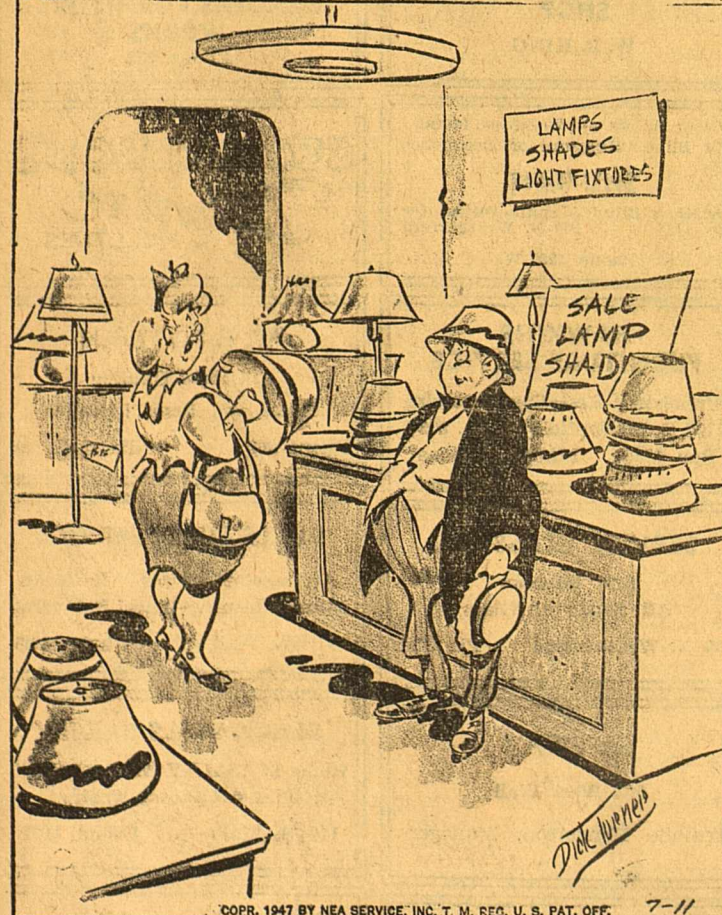
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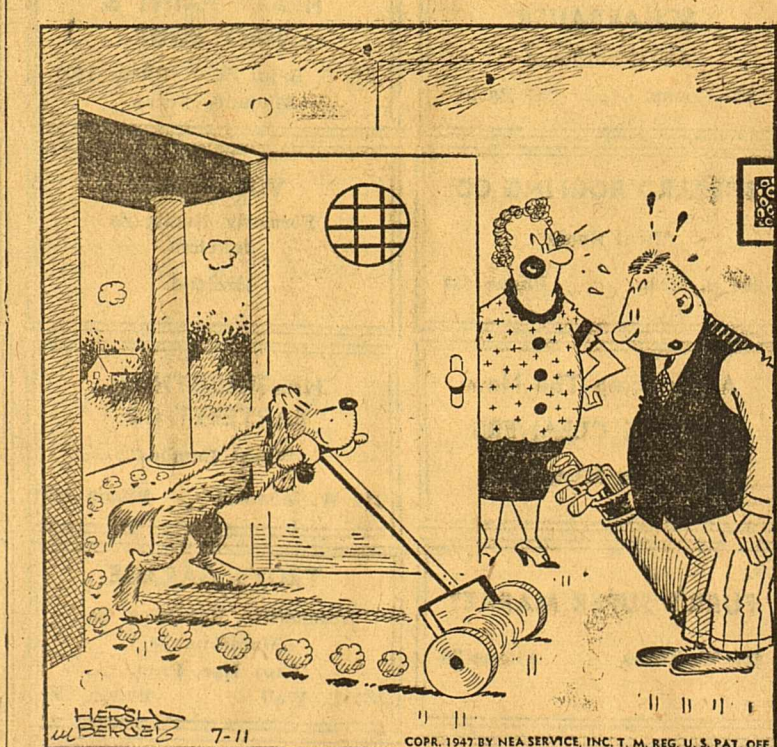


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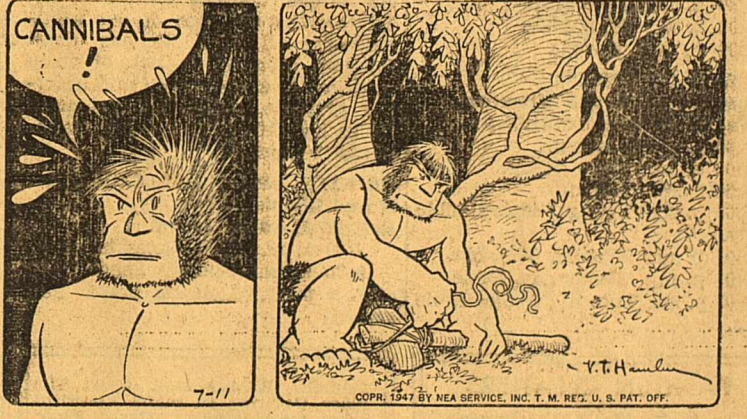
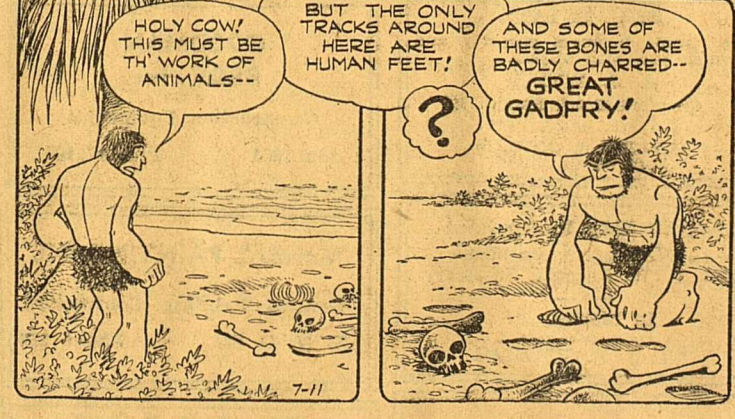
"Why shouldn't I see how the shades look on you? That's where they always wind up at parties!"

FUNNY BUSINESS

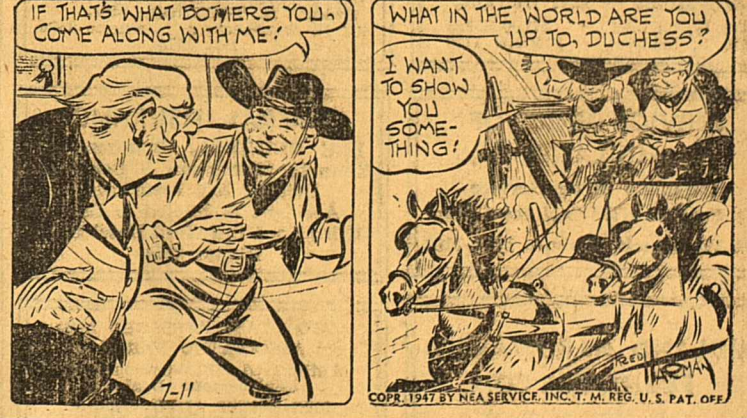


"Quite a retriever, isn't he? That's the lawnmower you tried to ditch so you could play golf!"

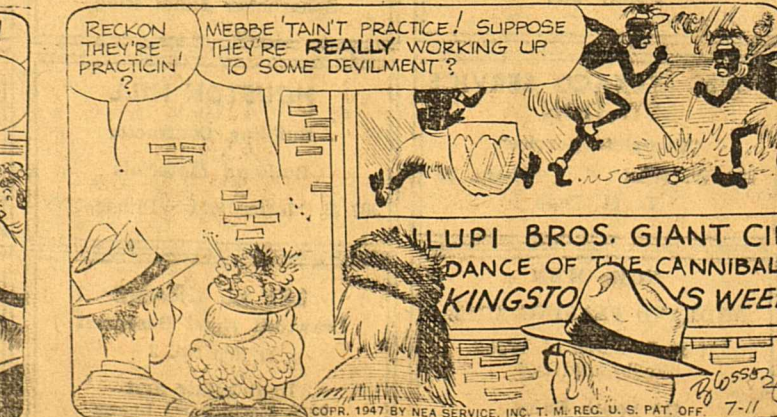
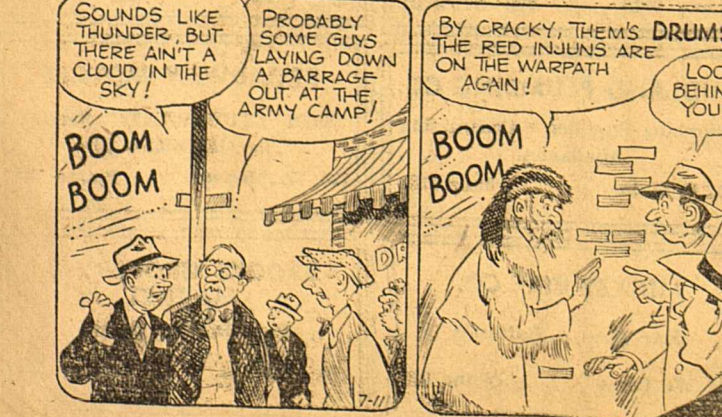
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