

By L. L. STEVENSON

If Mahlon B. Smith follows his announced intention to quit commuting between Hackensack, N. J., and New York he will have set a mark which will give commuters in general something at which to shoot. For the last 66 years, Mr. Smith, who recently celebrated the eighty-ninth anniversary of his birth, has been riding to and from business each day with the exception of Sundays and holidays. Between New York and Hackensack there are 23 miles of water and land, and thus he has traveled 56 miles a day. That means that in those three score and six years, he has ridden on railroads a total distance of about 1,108,800 miles. That's a mess of miles. As a matter of fact, it is more than 44 times around the world at the equator. In the old days, it used to take him an hour and 15 minutes to get from his house to his office. Now, because service has been speeded up, he does it in 55 minutes. Roughly, that means 39,600 hours traveling or 1,650 days of 24 hours or more than four and a half years.

Mr. Smith's mind, memory and sight are still excellent and according to the announcement, if he could drive from his home to the door of the Seamen's Saving bank, where he has been employed for 69 years, he wouldn't think of retiring. In making that declaration, Mr. Smith hastened to add that he was casting no reflections on the Erie railroad on which he has ridden all those years. He has no complaint as to the service and he should be in a position to judge since his memory goes back to days when railroad cars were heated with coal stoves. But there are occasions when even the oldest commuter has to sprint to catch his train and Mr. Smith's legs aren't what they used to be. That's his main reason for retiring—he doesn't like to miss trains. As a matter of fact, he has missed few. One missed train stands out in his memory. It was during the great blizzard of 1888. His train pulled out just as he reached the platform and he couldn't get to the bank for three days.

A lot of New York husbands do not agree with the ruling of the magistrate who held that it was no crime for women to play poker. It was complaints of husbands of poker playing wives that caused the police to take cognizance of the games that flourish in various apartments. Not only were meals late but household allowances vanished. So, some husbands, having reached the breaking point, poured their woes into sympathetic ears and raids followed. But the cops didn't get enough evidence and so the judge let the women offenders go. Incidentally, the judge who made the ruling is a woman.

Bridge widowers—and there are many of those in the great city—are more patient than poker widowers. That may be due to the fact that the games in the many clubs are not for stakes but involve only "card fees" of from 50 to 75 cents. Thus, losses are minimized since the wife may spend a whole afternoon at her favorite diversion at low cost. Then too, if she wins, she brings home \$5 or so and that pays for a week more of playing. The most kicking is done by husbands who are dragged to evening games by contract playing wives.

Posters of bills met with loss when a big wind blew down the high board fence surrounding an excavation at Forty-second street and Eighth avenue. The fence was painted a neat red and there was a sign forbidding bill posting. But one night, an enterprising brush wielder put up some political posters. With that beginning, in a few days the Eighth avenue side of the fence was covered. A new fence has been put up. It bears no restrictions as to bill posting but there are none on it. It is the woven wire kind.

Brought together by one of those Fifth avenue traffic swirls during the height of the shopping hour, two white-mustached, aristocratic, gold-caned gentlemen, bowed stiffly, shook hands equally stiffly, kissed one another on the cheek and went on their way. And ever since then, the old brain has been churning in an effort to find an answer.

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College Men Shine as Railroad Crew

Mt. Washington, N. H. — The only all-collegiate train crew in the country recently participated in breaking all records for carrying passengers to the summit of New England's highest mountain when the Mt. Washington Cog railway carried 659 passengers and ran nineteen trains up and down the mountain in a single day.

Southern Methodists Make Sure of Coach



MATTY BELL

Not intending to be "caught napping," officials of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, announced this week that Matty Bell, head football coach, had been signed for a 5-year period beyond his present contract.

An unusual feature of the contract, said to have been

agreed upon, was that if his contract was not renewed as coach at the end of the 5-year term he would automatically become a professor in the physical education department.

Bell is to get \$5000 yearly on the new contract and is not to consider offers from other schools.

Former Wage Urged For State Teachers

Present High Standing in Danger, Board of Regents Says

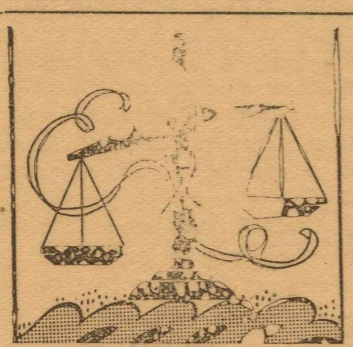
Austin, Feb. 3.—Full restoration of faculty salaries, which were reduced drastically during the depression years, and abandonment of individual itemization of the appropriation bill are the two requests emphasized by the Board of Regents of the University of Texas in a statement just made to Governor James V. Alford and to members of the legislature.

Attention is called to the fact that the university has a cost per student in the lowest group of state universities and a cost per student not far from the average cost of the Texas state-supported institutions of higher education.

Commenting upon the present high standing of the university, notwithstanding its extremely low cost, regents expressed the opinion that the university cannot maintain its ranking on the small and decreasing cost per student which results from a relatively low salary scale, a prohibition of promotions and an increasing student body.

Reiterating their endorsement of President H. Y. Benedict's insistence upon "pitiless publicity" in the operation of the university and "believing the university not perfect but worthy of praise after investigation," the Board of Regents called attention to printed reports and accounts giving in detail facts and figures about the institution. The board joined other educational bodies of the state in earnestly requesting the legislature to make appropriations for the university under a few general heads, abandoning individual itemization—"a method of appropriating which is practiced now only in Texas and one or two other states."

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G. P. Hill the well known ranchman was in town Wednesday.

Bob Dawson keeps a full line of hand-made spurs and bridle bits.

Berry Baker was from the ranch this week on important business.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bond were in from the ranch several days this week.

Joe Ross the stockman was in from the ranch Monday for supplies.

R. F. Halbert turned over some cows for himself and Basil Halbert Tuesday.

Ed Martin the prosperous young cattleman from Breeze Bluff in the eastern part of the county was here Monday.

Mod Cowser one of the prominent ranchmen of Juno was in Sonora Monday.

George Allison and Coleman Whitfield returned from the San Antonio fair Sunday and report having had a good time.

Bob Martin was in from the ranch Sunday and says the water was within three feet of the school house near his place. Bob is pretty busy putting up fence.

Members of the Texas legislature are indignant because the State University has signed a football coach for \$15,000 a year, twice the president's salary. Must be a mighty competent president to get that much.—J. W. Raper in the Cleveland Press.

The alphabetical agencies may have cost the country a lot of money, but not as much as WAR.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

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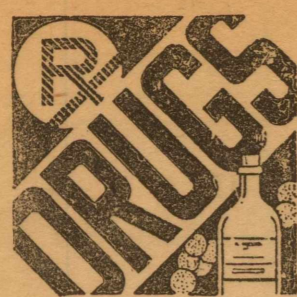
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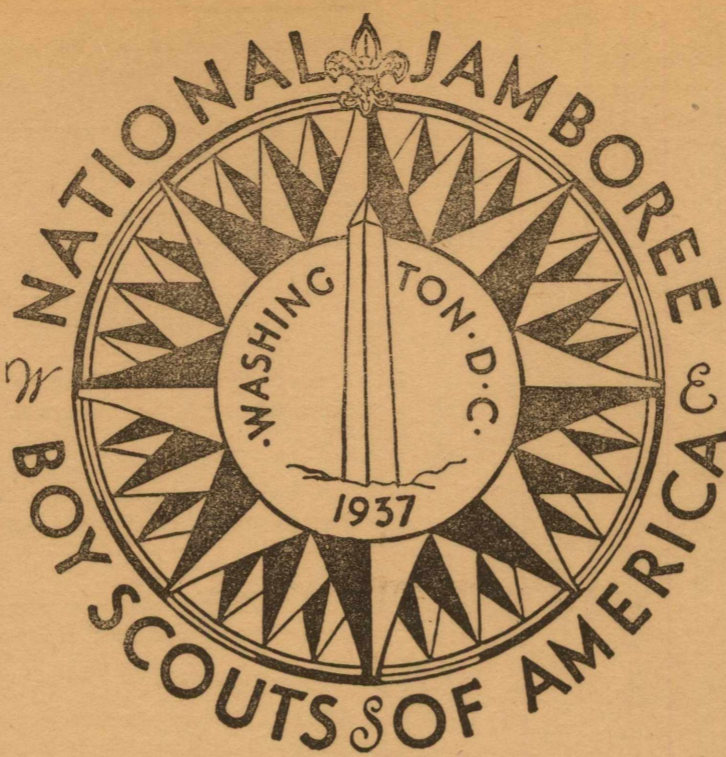
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Boy Scouts Adopt Jamboree Insignia



In connection with the 27th annual Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13, the Boy Scouts of America has released the design of the official insignia more than 25,000 boys will wear at the National Scout Jamboree at Washington, D. C., where they will camp together from June 30 to July 9.

**Coordinated Work
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**Brazos System of Flood Control
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Denton, Feb. 3.—"Flood Waters Continue to Rise," "Millions in Property Loss," "Death Toll Mounts"—these have been among the headlines recently, bringing the nation face to face with the serious problem of flood control. To no small degree is the future economic and civic program of Texas and the nation dependent upon a solution of this problem.

The chief difficulty in the past has been lack of a coordinated program. However, in recent years rapid progress has been made toward a coordinated water conservation plan which would consider each river basin as a single problem, and endeavor to achieve the ends of flood control, irrigation, municipal supply and power in a single program.

The Brazos River Conservation and Reclamation District, which plans to control the waters of the basin through 13 or 14 dams along the middle course of the river and its tributaries, is the outstanding example of cooperative effort in the conservation program of the state. The Brazos, throughout its history, has presented a greater flood control problem than any other river in Texas. This is due both to the density of population in its bottoms and to the physical character of the drainage basin.

The rainfall in the Brazos basin, while averaging only about 25 inches a year, is frequently heavy, rapidly swelling the flow of water in the streams. Rising at over 4,000 feet, the descent of the Brazos channel is relatively rapid until it breaks into the plain of the Grand Prairie and blackland belt about the lower limit of Somervell county. The rapid descent of flood water from the upper reaches into the slow-moving stream of the coastal belt has created disastrous floods.

At present the largest proposed project in Texas is in the Red River basin at Denison dam. The project is a part of the Mississippi River development and flood control program, and will also be used for power, navigation and municipal supply.

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**Sonora Boy Scouts—
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message from the White House to Boy Scouts throughout the nation Monday, February 8th. Participating in the broadcast will be Walter W. Head of St. Louis, president of the Boy Scouts of America, and Dr. James E. West, the Chief Executive. Eight Eagle Scouts from Washington and nearby Scout councils will be present.

B. S. A. Twenty-seven Monday
Monday is the twenty-seventh anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. Boy Scout Week will be observed in Scout councils throughout the country.

It is expected that President Roosevelt will feature the Scout Jamboree in his address. This event is to take place June 30th to July 9th in Washington, D. C., in response to an invitation extended by the President. It is expected that 25,000 Scouts and leaders representing every city, town and village will take part in this event. They will camp together for ten days along the Potomac River on 350 acres of federally-owned land loaned by congress for the occasion.

Dr. West has announced that the Boy Scouts have completed the most successful year in their history. Over 1,300,000 persons have been connected with the movement, he stated, and more than seven million have been members since the organization was first incorporated in 1910. It is expected that millions of the present and former members and their families and friends will listen to the broadcast on February 8. On that date also as provided in the National By-Laws of the Boy Scouts of America, members of the movement recommit themselves in formal ceremony to the Scout Oath and Law, the guiding principles of the movement.

**Lions To Sponsor—
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of the troop of boys which is sponsored by the club, was given the thanks of the organization for his years of work with the boys' group. Mr. Eaton said that he would not be doing any active work with the boys for a year. He is a member of the troop committee directing their work.

Web Elliott and Emmalou Logan, high school students who led their fellow students in scholastic work the last six weeks of the first term were introduced as "Lion" and "Lioness" for the next six weeks.

Six rather than eight school children are now being given hot luncheons at the school cafeteria according to Preston C. Lightfoot of the club's committee composed of himself, W. E. Caldwell and Boyd Caffey. The committee found recently that two of the children could be provided for in a different manner.

Mrs. C. M. Epps and son, Bennie Rex, left today for their home in Midland after a visit with Mrs. Epps' mother, Mrs. A. E. Cusenbary, and other relatives here.

See "Betty's Last Bet" Feb. 8—a 3-act comedy by the Junior Class. Eleven characters!—adv.

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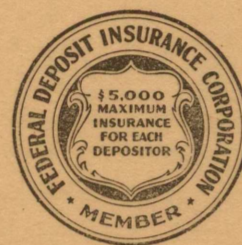
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