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## The High Tariff Evil

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warning of rough economic  
other still ahead for the United  
States is to be found in the figures  
American foreign trade during  
1938. The official figures for the  
month of December are certain to  
show a marked decline in the  
value of both exports and imports  
comparison with the corre-  
sponding month in 1937. It will be  
eighth month in succession to  
show such a decline in exports,  
the thirteenth month showing  
a decline in the value of imports.  
The decline in exports began last  
September, when the value of American  
goods shipped abroad was \$32,-  
000 less than during the pre-  
vious May. In June the figure was  
19,000 less than that of the  
previous June, July was \$40,870,  
less than the previous July,  
just was 46,406,000 less than  
the previous August, September  
\$30,218,000 less than the pre-  
vious September, October was \$54,-  
000 less than the previous  
October, and November was \$62,-  
000 less than the previous Nov-  
ember. The total decline during  
seven months, compared with  
the corresponding period of the  
previous year, was \$319,877,000.  
We say, it is certain that the  
figures will show a de-  
cline also, so that it may be sur-  
estimated that our exports dur-  
ing the eight months ending with  
December 31st were valued at  
1,000,000 less than those of the  
corresponding eight months in 19-  
37. Our total exports for the year  
will be estimated at about 3,100,-  
000 (billions), as compared  
with \$3,349,000,000 (billions) in  
1937. Total imports of the year  
will be shown to be more than  
4,000,000 (billions) less than  
those of 1937, and less than those  
of any year since 1934. For the  
seven months ending November  
30, the total of imports was \$1,-  
122,000 (billions), as compared  
with \$2,874,835,000 (billions) for  
the corresponding eleven months  
of 1937, a decline of more than a  
billion dollars. During that eleven-  
month period the net imports of  
gold and silver were greater in  
value than all the commodity im-  
ports put together. It appears  
probable that the final figures will  
show that we set a new record  
in 1938 on the amount of gold  
exported, passing the previous re-  
cord of 1935. It was in that year  
for the first time in history  
bought more gold and silver  
in the world than we bought  
everything else put together.  
We have done this again in 1938.  
Net imports of gold during the  
seven months ending November  
30 amounted to \$1,733,042,000  
(billions), and those of silver  
amounted to \$203,260,000. We say  
that these foreign trade figures  
constitute a warning of rough  
economic weather still ahead for  
the United States because it is  
plain that we cannot have any-  
thing like genuine recovery in this  
country without a restoration of  
the export trade. We are entering  
the tenth year of reduced export  
trade, something that has never  
opened to us before in all our  
history. Not much attention to  
this circumstance has been paid by  
nominals or Government offi-  
cials. And yet, we are convinced,  
that this circumstance that pro-  
vides the key to the prolonged  
economic disturbance which has  
continued in the United States  
since 1929. We have continued to  
pursue policies which make it  
impossible for practically every  
country in the world to buy from  
the United States that  
could be obtained elsewhere.  
The reciprocal trade policy in  
operation has turned out to be little  
more than gesture in the direction  
of doing something about this situa-  
tion. As a matter of practical fact,  
commercial policies have been  
drafted very little by the recipro-  
city agreements. The recently  
ratified British agreement may  
prove this situation, but this  
situation is to be seen. Meantime,  
the situation has been growing stead-  
ily worse during the past year.  
After nine years the value of  
American exports lags far behind  
the annual average for the five  
years ending with 1929. In 1937,  
the highest year since 1930, the  
total was equivalent to slightly  
more than 67 per cent of the an-  
nual average during that five-year  
period. The 1938 total will not be  
more than 62 per cent of that ave-

## Humble Oil Leases Block Of Land

### AGGIE BRIEFS

By H. L. Williams

Contour and terrace line run-  
ning by the vocational teachers of  
the county and county agent have  
about solved the crooked line  
problem for at least a few days,  
or in other words, the immediate  
epidemic has about run its course.  
It is true that the county agent  
has a large number of farmers on  
his waiting list for lines to be run,  
so if Old Man Weather will be  
gracious enough to have the sand  
stop blowing, this line running  
will be taken care of soon.

### EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR BRISCOE COUNTY

#### Farm and Range Program To Be Discussed

The following is an itinerary for  
a series of educational meetings to  
be held throughout the county for  
the purpose of discussing the 1939  
farm and range program. Every  
farmer and rancher is urged to  
attend one of these meetings so  
that he might better familiarize  
himself with the program. If it is  
impossible for you to attend the  
meeting in your immediate local-  
ity, the following itinerary is given  
so that you may attend one of the  
other meetings.

Night meetings, which are to be  
held at 7:30 o'clock p. m. are as  
follows:

Francis	Feb. 13th
Gasoline	Feb. 14th
Antelope	Feb. 15th
San Jacinto	Feb. 16th
Quitaque	Feb. 21st

The meeting in Silverton will  
be at 2:30 in the afternoon, the  
21st of February, in the District  
Court Room.

### GAYNELLE DOUGLAS ELECTED PERSONALITY QUEEN AT W. T. COLLEGE

A red-headed junior from Sil-  
verton is the personality queen of  
West Texas State College.

With a smile that is seldom mis-  
sing and an energy which carries  
her through a maze of student  
activities, Miss Gaynelle Douglas  
was a popular choice for the honor.  
Miss Douglas is president of the  
YWCA, a player of leading roles  
in dramatic productions, and a  
member of Gamma Phi, social club  
for girls. She was a member of  
the committee which drafted the  
recently adopted student consti-  
tution. Her major subject in  
speech.

### HARMONY CLUB MEETS

The Harmony Club met at the  
home of Mrs. Bland Burson with  
Miss Fern Murphy as hostess, on  
Wednesday afternoon.

The program was on Folk Music.  
Roll call was answered by giving  
the name of an English or Scotch  
folk song.

Mrs. T. T. Crass was leader, the  
following program was given:

Paper: "English Folk Songs", Mrs.  
T. T. Crass.  
Piano Solo: "Country Dance", Mrs.  
Bland Burson.

Vocal Duets: "Heave Ho My Lad-  
die", "Drink To Me Only  
With Thine Eyes", Mes-  
dames John Arnold and  
Roy Hahn.

Paper: "Scotch Folk Songs", Miss  
Fern Murphy.

Choral Practice: Director, Mrs.  
Roy Hahn.

The March meeting of the  
Harmony Club will be with Mrs.  
R. D. Wheelock.

### BIRTHDAY DINNER

The friends and neighbors of  
Mrs. S. B. Watters gathered in her  
home Sunday to help her cele-  
brate her 81st birthday.

A delicious dinner was served to  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCain and  
family, Mr. and Mrs. Mart Gregg  
and family, Mrs. J. C. Turner, Mrs.  
Mabel Tiner and son Claude Ray,  
Mrs. Jessie Seay and Levine, A. J.  
Watters, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Kolb,  
and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Watters.

"Turkey's Doing All Right"

### No Explanation Offered As Scouts Take Lease On Fourteen Sections

Considerable interest was a-  
roused here the past week in oil  
development, when representa-  
tives from the Humble Oil Com-  
pany, leased a block of land south-  
east of Silverton.

No explanation was offered. The  
scouts dropped in, leased fourteen  
sections, paid off in advance, and  
were gone. The land was leased for  
a ten year lease, for 50c per  
acre, per year. The acreage selected  
was from the southeast corner of  
the town section, east four miles,  
then south—an "L"-shaped tract  
taking in 14 sections.

From the way the land was  
picked, it is thought that the leas-  
ing company has a fairly good idea  
of where they wanted, and with  
good reason for wanting there.

Since the leasing was closed the  
latter part of the week, scouts  
from at least two other major oil  
companies have been in Silverton  
"on business", and it is thought  
perhaps that offers will be made  
for the leasing of nearby land. A  
few years ago a test hole was sunk  
across the Tule Canyon, another  
was made at Turkey, and still an-  
other in Floyd County. The tract  
leased here this week is almost a  
central point from the other loca-  
tions.

It is hoped that the Humble Oil  
Company will see fit to start drill-  
ing operations here, and from their  
altitude they will probably do just  
that—within ten years!

### A BAD START

Faber, the great Doctor of Souls,  
once said that when people do not  
get through to any sense of reality  
in Religion, when they fail to find  
it the greatest thing in the world,  
and a source of power and peace,  
it is not because of their own in-  
difference, or the hardness of their  
hearts, not because they're selfish  
and pleasure loving, not because  
of various intellectual difficulties  
which are alleged to stand in the  
way of soul and Christ; but just  
because their beginning is wrong.  
They make their own beginning  
rather than letting Christ begin  
with them. After a little effort,  
they throw it up in a mood of de-  
pression, as one who says: "Well,  
I have tried it, but it doesn't work  
for me; I did not find anything  
real and vital in it. I feel that the  
power of Christ in this modern age  
must be greatly exaggerated and  
overdone, because, frankly, I have  
not found anything in it myself."  
Behind that difficulty there is the  
misconception which regards reli-  
gion as an instinct. Religion is  
not an instinct. We will follow this  
thought next Sunday morning in  
the Presbyterian church. Join with  
us in these interesting discussions.

The thing that finally exhausted  
the patience of a long-suffering  
Massachusetts husband was his  
wife's odd habit of wearing over-  
shoes in bed.

A deaf and dumb couple in Mis-  
souri were divorced on the hus-  
band's plea that the wife nagged  
him in the sign language.

Having already presented her  
husband with eight children of  
their own, a faithful wife in Pleas-  
antville, N. Y. ceased to be plea-  
sant and filed suit on the grounds

## Dust Storm Raging

The worst dust storm in over three  
years, to the certain knowledge of this  
writer, struck here in full force at about  
six o'clock tonight (Thursday). Traffic  
is halted, and all cars are warned to  
stop driving! Car lights are unable to  
penetrate this masterpiece of a dust-  
storm, more than five or ten feet.

Today (Thursday) has been dusty  
all day, but no warning came of the dirt-  
storm in its full blast.

It is thought that perhaps Silverton  
is being hit worse because of fields west  
of the city. From the general force of  
the storm, however, the storm must be  
general!

The Briscoe County News has half  
its papers off the press. Too much dust  
on belts stopped the press . . . a tube of  
belt dressing is gone . . . the paper must  
go . . . dust or no dust.—R. H.

### FUN WITH DIVORCE

(From the Claude News)

Kind reader, here's your chance  
to get a divorce. These long suf-  
fering inmates of matrimony were  
rendered divorced for practically  
nothing. Look them over and take  
your choice of facts.

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that he insisted on adopting  
twenty-four more.

In Chicago, a wife got her free-  
dom on the grounds that he hus-  
band insisted on keeping a pet  
bear in their bedroom—then she  
married the owner of a flea circus.

Described as a somewhat impet-  
uous man, an Atlantic City hus-  
band was accused of demonstrating  
his boredom with marriage by  
burning the marriage certificate  
and then tradings his wife's wed-  
ding ring for three pints of liquor.

Harrassed beyond endurance, one  
very unhappy wife got her divorce  
because her husband put itching  
powders inside her girdle.

In Michigan, a wife got her de-  
cree when she told the judge her  
(Continued on back page)

## J. B. Porter, Old Timer, Succumbs

### NEWS BITS

From Neighboring Papers

#### Auto Filling Stations

Three filling stations at Turkey  
were burglarized last week and no  
trace has been found of the  
thieves. Lubricating oil, tires,  
tubes, candy, and a cash register  
were among the loot. The cash  
register was found two blocks a-  
way, but nothing else recovered,  
according to the Turkey Enter-  
prise.

#### City Park

A thirty acre tract has been pur-  
chased by the City Council of  
Memphis, and will be turned into  
a city park for that city. It is ex-  
pected to obtain \$8,000 from the  
Works Progress Administration for  
the improvement of the site, ac-  
cording to the Memphis Demo-  
crat.

#### Heads District

Superintendent Duncan of Estel-  
line, was named chairman of the  
new football 4-B conference,  
composed of Estelina, Quitaque,  
Flonot, Turkey, and Silverton.  
District 4-A named A. D. Cum-  
mings of Floydada as chairman,  
says the Floydada Hesperian. The  
district change-up will match  
teams together that are of more  
equal strength than in the past.

#### CONTRACT ON PAVING TO BE LET FEBRUARY 21

Positive evidence that road  
work will soon be in progress  
here on Highway 86 is shown  
in a "Contractor's Notice of  
Highway Construction" which  
appears in this issue of the  
Briscoe County News.

The notice, which will be  
found on the back page, calls  
for bids on constructing 4.166  
miles of flexible base, and  
double asphalt surface treat-  
ment, starting one mile west  
of Silverton and continuing  
to three miles east of this city.  
Bids will be received until  
February 21, and opened at  
Austin on that date.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER FOR \$c A MONTH

Let me show you how you can  
equip your farm home for electri-  
city for a very small down pay-  
ment, easy terms, and operating  
cost of only a nickle a month.  
The RURALITE power plant is  
the most satisfactory and most  
economical farm plant on the mar-  
ket. See me for prices and our  
finance plan. 44-4tc  
CHARLES COWART

#### METHODIST LADIES TO PRESENT PROGRAM AT PALACE THEATRE, 15TH

The Women's Missionary Soci-  
ety of the Methodist church will  
present "Stuttering Sam" and his  
radio comedians at the Palace  
Theatre, Wednesday night, Febru-  
ary 15. The program is said to be  
a good one and the proceeds will  
go toward buying new furnishings  
for the Methodist Parsonage here.

#### MARCH OF TIME STUDY CLUB MEETS

The March of Time Junior Study  
Club entertained with a "Fashion  
Review" last Thursday afternoon  
at the Home Economic Cottage.

Those modeling during the af-  
ternoon were Mesdames Maurice  
Foust, and Donald Alexander,  
Misses Mary Jo Smylie, Vivian  
Burlison, Dean Griffith, Mimi  
Street, Joni Ballard and Lannette  
Sherman. Mr. Donald Bomar  
modeled for the young men.

Miss Lola Fern Foust played the  
piano during the review. Miss Lily  
Jack Wafford sang "The World Is  
Waiting For The Sun Rise" ac-  
companied by Mrs. Bland Burson.

After the review, Mrs. Bob Hill  
presided at the tea table, assisted  
by Mesdames Pat Ely and Keltz  
Garrison. Corsages were the fa-  
vors for the afternoon.

Mesdames Marvin Tull, Boots  
Bryant and Miss Gwendolyn  
Clayd were in charge of the re-  
view.

#### J. B. Porter Came To Briscoe County In April, 1891

J. B. Porter, one of the few old  
timers who came to Briscoe county  
before it was organized, passed a-  
way at his home in Silverton, Sat-  
urday, February 4, after a short  
illness. He was 78 years old.

Mr. Porter was one of the most  
interesting talkers of old times we  
have known. He made this his  
home since his arrival here in 1891  
and knew the country in every  
phase of its building. He was  
more interested in the develop-  
ment of the Panhandle country  
than any other one thing.

He was born in Locket County,  
Missouri, May 23, 1860 and at the  
time of his death was 78 years, 8  
months, and 11 days old. He came  
to Texas in 1881 and four years  
later returned to Missouri where  
he married Miss Lulu Fogerson.  
They returned to Texas and for  
a time made their home in Sey-  
mour, Baylor County. They moved  
to Briscoe County April 24th, 1891,  
and the home he built was one of  
the very first in Silverton.

"Uncle John Bell" was a mem-  
ber of the Primitive Baptist  
Church, and served long and  
faithfully as a true Christian.

He leaves to mourn, his wife,  
Mrs. J. B. Porter; seven children,  
namely: E. H. Porter, Canyon; J.  
R. Porter, Claude; Mrs. H. V. Gaa-  
dy, New Mexico; Mrs. L. E. Haa-  
cock, Hobbs, N. M.; Mrs. L. P. Mc-  
Kee, Cameron, N. M.; Mrs. J. L.  
Woodard, Kellersville, Texas; and  
Mrs. Dallas Frey, Port Arthur,  
Texas; also five grandsons, twelve  
granddaughters, eight great-grand-  
children and a host of neighbors  
and friends.

Funeral services were held at  
the Methodist Church here, Sun-  
day, conducted by Earl Cantwell.  
Interment was made in the Sil-  
verton Cemetery.

Pall bearers were Orville Dook,  
Wayne Porter, Clyde Hancock, J.  
R. Porter, Jr., Winston Head, and  
Roy Wheelinburg. Flower girls for  
the last rites were Mrs. Orville  
Walker, Mrs. Tipton Cox, Mrs. L.  
Well Blair, Bonna Dell Porter,  
Stella Jo Frey, Dwain Walker,  
Betty Jo Porter, Mrs. Wayne Por-  
ter, Mrs. Clyde Hancock and Miss  
Leabelle Hancock.

(The following is taken from a  
Briscoe County History and tells  
a few details of the Porters and  
their early day struggles):

When the Porters landed in  
Texas they had exactly seven  
cents. They had increased this  
amount to \$350.00 by the time they  
came to Briscoe County. With this  
they bought a section of land and  
made improvements on the place.  
Since they had no furniture, Mr.  
Porter cut posts which he sold at  
Estelina. It took four days and  
nights to make the trip and Mrs.  
Porter stayed alone with the chil-  
dren. There was not a house in  
sight—only the far reaching Plains  
dotted here and there by the bleas-  
soming Yucca. She was not afraid  
for there was nothing of which to  
be afraid. If sickness came, there  
was no one to go for a doctor, and  
as far as that goes, no doctor to  
go for. Mr. Porter also did freight-  
ing from Amarillo.

Antelope could be shot down-  
right from the house. The buffalo  
had disappeared, but Mr. Porter,  
(and all the early settlers) made  
a living by gathering bones and  
hauling them to Amarillo. He al-  
so hauled the bones of the horses  
which McKenzie killed at the  
mouth of Palo Duro Canyon.

The first wheat crop, he cut by  
hand and raked it on a cow hide.  
To thresh it the boys rode horses  
over it. The Porters got about fif-  
teen or twenty bushels from that  
first crop. The winters were cold  
and the cattle died from lack of  
feed and exposure. Several large  
cattlemen from the East lost  
thousands of cattle and these cat-  
tle bones too, were hauled to Am-  
arillo and traded for necessities.

When the country finally did  
begin to settle up it went rapidly  
forward. The first house was  
built three miles east of what is  
now Silverton. In 1891, Mr. Braid-  
foot, Mrs. Porter's brother-in-law,  
filed on the town section and  
decided it in 1892 to a stock com-  
pany to build a town.

### Adventure in the High Sierras

# Mountain Man


## By HAROLD CHANNING WIRE

You'll thrill to the action of this authentic, well-told outdoor story . . . the tale of Gordon Breck, young forest service ranger who avenged the murder of his pal by a band of outlaws in the hidden canyons of California's Sierra Nevada mountains.

You'll warm to the love story of Breck and Louise Temple, "cowgirl" who knew the byways of Greenwich Village as intimately as the ranges of her native mountains, but who preferred horses to taxicabs.

You'll be missing something if you don't read "Mountain Man" . . .

### A NEW SERIAL IN THIS PAPER!



### WANT-ADS

INCOME TAX—Expert services,  
years experience. W. W. ANGEL;  
Room 2 & 3, Slaton Bldg., Plain-  
view, Tex. 42-4tp

FOR SALE—1938 Chevrolet 2-  
door Sedan, formerly Manley  
Woods. Only 5,000 miles—just like  
new. A bargain. 42-ltc  
TULL IMPLEMENT CO.

FOR SALE—Good bundle feed in  
field. See DICK GARVIN at Tull  
Implement. 44-2tc

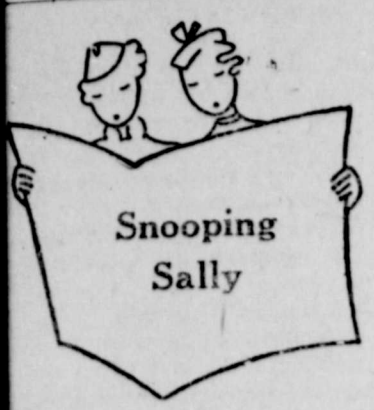
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# THE SILVERTON OWLET

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## Owlet Staff Enjoys Trip To Canyon



The night Sally wrote her column she was very sleepy, so excuse the snores. Sally may be wrong but she's heard that Junior girl is head-over-heels in love again, but just incidentally she has been that way all along.

We find the scholars of Silverton High enjoy the noon hour by strolling in the cars in front of the school building. Somehow Len and J. B. have acquired this habit.

Ruby Lee disappointed a boy Wednesday night by not giving him a date, so he hunted a second wife. He had no luck and is ill with a broken heart. Please, Ruby, patch it up again.

Roberta, our former date agency, quit us completely. Could it be because she's had so many dates?

I may be wrong, but Mr. Weaver, what kind of a cow did you see the boy who got so sick at his wife last week?

Ardis must have her fan mail. Alton Strickland takes it out to her house. Doesn't she trust him? We all like chicken but somehow got misplaced last week when we saw two dressed ones in a pan at the Home Ec Cottage door. Did you go home for dinner, Mrs. Liberty?

Lover's Lane was quite popular Sunday night—Hank Brown was one of the occupants. J. B. Smith reports a nice quiet evening at home last Saturday night.

Raymond Lee Womack seemed happy last Thursday night, although he wouldn't drive through town. His date might tell you the reason.

Diamond, where was your little Saturday night? Doris and Bobbie may know quite a bit about it.

### JOLLY ECKERS MEET

At the regular meeting on January 31, the Jolly Eckers Club held an amateur hour. Songs, a kitchen band, a playlet, a dialogue, and a musical duet were numbers on the program.

The regular meeting of February 7, will be postponed until February 10. At that time, the program which is to be given at the district F. M. T. meeting in Floydada February 11, will be presented.

### CONGRATULATIONS

By Lily Jack Wafford

I want to congratulate the F. F. A. boys and Mr. Weaver on their activities for this school year. They are a good influence on the student body and they are bettering and building themselves to be better citizens of our community.

With their help we have established sportsmanship, fair play, and co-operation between the teachers and students. Their chapter was organized twelve years ago. During that time they have had six presidents.

What is Mr. Weaver and the F. F. A. boys' secret of success? Their ability for leadership and service to the school and to the community is recognized by everyone.

Lily Jack: "What time do you get up in the morning?"

Roberta: "As soon as the first ray of sun comes in at my window."

Lily Jack: "Isn't that rather early?"

Roberta: "No, my room faces west."

way Friday night. Please, someone take sympathy on Sally and give her another "cut" for the top of her column. She is worn out looking over the top of a newspaper.

(Dear Daphne Fern: All columnists who are "good" columnists retain the same heading month after month. The general idea is that columnists have a "following" and that following comes to look forward to seeing that heading, with the same exultant feeling as a homing pigeon as it enters home port.—Yours True(?)ly).

### MEET THE FACULTY



MISS ANNA LEE ANDERSON

Miss Anna Lee Anderson, second grade room teacher, has been employed in the Silverton School for several years. Ability, character, and an all-round interest in the school are numbered among her assets.

"Miss Anna Lee" is an affectionate term to the old and young alike.

### A WORD TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

By W. E. Sherman

We urge parents to be interested in the attendance record of their children. Let us again call your attention to that part of the report card. It is very conclusive that the students who are making the best record in school are the ones who are punctual in attendance.

We are now well into the next six-weeks period. I would like to see more students on the honor roll when this six-weeks period ends.

Last year when school closed, you recall, we gave attendance awards to those students who had perfect attendance, also to those who had 90 per cent attendance. We are again planning to do the same. Will you be among those eligible to receive these awards this year?

Beat Quitaque!!

The members of the Owlet Staff attended the Panhandle High School Press Association Convention at Canyon last Saturday. Twenty-four staff members made the trip.

The group arrived at the College shortly after nine o'clock, and registered at the Education Building after which they went to the auditorium for the opening session.

The highlight of this program was a talk given by Jerry Malin of the Amarillo News Globe. The subject of his talk was "What's Right and What's Wrong in High School Sports Writing."

The association then adjourned to the Administration Building Auditorium where the College Assembly was held. The College Band entertained with several numbers, and Dr. J. A. Hill, President of West Texas State College, extended a greeting to the visitors. The main address was given by H. Deskin Wells, President of the Texas Press Association. The members of the Owlet Staff will certainly agree that this was one of the most inspiring speeches that they have ever heard.

After Mr. Wells' address, luncheon was served in the dining hall of the First Baptist Church. Music was supplied by the little German Band of Canyon High and the College Orchestra.

At one-thirty a session was held in the auditorium of the Education Building. A sound movie "From Trees to Tribunes" was shown, after which a talk on editorial writing entitled "They Don't Want to Read It" was given by Dr. F. L. McDonald of Texas State College for Women.

A forum on feature writing followed. It was conducted by Baxter M. Geeding of West Texas State College. This proved very interesting and instructive.

Eddie Baumel of KGNC gave a talk on "Opportunities in Radio" which was followed by a general business session.

At four-thirty, the group made a trip to Palo Duro State Park, for light refreshments.

A dance at Cousins Hall, given in honor of the association members and guests, concluded the festivities.

Thanks to Olin Hinkle and Canyon for a grand time, and here's hoping that next year's association convention is as enjoyable as this one was.

## Owls Meet Quitaque Here Friday Night



Boxing is gaining headway now and we have a goodly number of fanboys reporting for practice.

Raymond Lee (Bump) Womack seems to be the classiest boxer on 110 lbs. on the down scale. Reliable Minyard Long apparently is developing a rougher attitude toward boxing—in fact, this boy is boxing so well that he can hardly wait to climb through the ropes. "Popeye" Gilkeyson seems to be the big question mark; however, he is developing his "twister" fairly well.

The time has come for sweet revenge, we hope. Our eagerness in playing the Quitaque Panthers Thursday night and a return game is scheduled in Silverton for Friday night, February 10. The Owls are certainly the underdogs—remember Quitaque was in same position last fall. Every body should come out to this game and see the hair fly.

Glad news, folks. You have been waiting for it—the first fight night will be staged Thursday, February 16, at the high school gymnasium. Mark a circle around that date. We know that you will be present. At least 10 matches will be in the offering. At a later date, we will have the matches with Quitaque, Estelline, and Flomot will be announced.

I'll see you at the game Friday night.

### FATHER AND SON BANQUET A SUCCESS

By Bob Brooks

The agriculture students of Silverton High School were hosts to their Fathers at a Father and Son Banquet held in the high school auditorium on February 4, 1939. Covers were laid for 100 and the Home Economics Department served a meal of three courses. W. C. Donnell presided and Thomas Olive acted as toastmaster.

Mr. J. D. Strickland was the chief speaker of the evening. In speaking of "Sincerity" he said every boy should be sincere in every job he undertakes, and he should be taught to handle money in the right way and be given the chance to take part in the crops and profits from the farm. The leadership in the F. F. A. is one of the greatest helps to boys who work in the chapter.

Others who made short talks were Hubert Tillery, Richard Brown, Jimmy Netherland, William Long, Garland Francis, and Mr. A. L. Kelsay.

This very successful banquet was sponsored by the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America, a national organization of students taking vocational agriculture. Approximately 400 of these banquets will be held in Texas this year.

The list of guests follows: Fathers: Gene Long, L. W. Francis, J. Lee Francis, P. D. Jasper, S. P. Brown, Arlon Donnell, J. W. Brannon, R. M. Hill, Jim Brooks, J. L. Watters, H. P. Rampley, Mr. J. L. Gardner, Roy Grimland, W. K. Grimland, Author Gregg, Mr. Netherland, T. M. Olive, Bryant Strange, M. L. Welch, A. J. Hill, Beth Joiner, Will Newman, E. C. Newman, Dan Montague, Will Smith, L. A. McJimpsey, Carl Crow, W. W. Martin, Mr. Witcher, Gabe Garrison, W. A. Rowell, Mr. Fish, and C. M. Strickland.

The honorary members who were present were: Miss Fern Murphy, Mr. Chick Northcutt, and Mr. A. L. Kelsay. The ex-presidents of the chapter who were present were: J. D. Strickland, R. D. Wheelock, Durward Brown, Lloyd May, and Minyard Long. Others who were present were: Lem Weaver, W. E. Sherman, Miss Marie Nance, the F. F. A. Sweet-

### HONOR ROLL

According to the records of Principal W. E. Sherman, the following students have made the honor roll for the third six weeks period.

First Grade: Patricia Richardson, Viola Nell Diviney, Joy Belle Deavenport, Betty Jean Bradley, Betty Ruth Arnold, James Harris, Bill Braz Gregg, Carl Graham, Don Burson, and Kenneth Bowen.

Second Grade: Joyce Carter, Hazel Dee McGavock, Betty Landers, Joy Allen, Raymond McJimsey, Clifton Stodghill, and Willie Wesley.

Third Grade: W. E. Buchanan, Betty Nan Burson, Marian Landers, Thelma Jean Mercer, Wanda Mae Wilson, and Modine Yates.

Fourth Grade: Rash Cash, Travis Ellis, Jean Dudley, Jane White, and Tommy Lou Shanley.

Fifth Grade: Francis Allen, Roma Lee Clemmer, Linda Griffith, Billy Yvonne Sherman, Ned Burson, Gene Dickenson, and Clovis Hill.

Sixth Grade: A. Y. Doherty, Juanita Byrd, Bethannis Higgins, Shirley Shanley, and Norland Havran.

Seventh Grade: Winona Francis, Jane Shanley, Johnie Allard, Opal West, Ruby West, Lou Ann Williamson, Joe Earl Deavenport, Margaret Thomas, and Ann Robinson.

Freshmen: Vance Burson, and Neta Bob Carter. Sophomores: Clynell Hutsell, and Mozelle Shelton. Juniors: Netty Faye Byrd, Pascal Garrison, and John Henry Crow.

Seniors: Jozelle Hodges, Jack O'Neal, Tom Brooks, and Lucile West.

Vance: "It says in the paper that a boy out west swapped his girl for a cow."

Pat: "You wouldn't swap me for a cow, would you darling?" Vance: "I expect not, but I would hate to be tempted with a good second-hand car."

### BAND TO PLAY AT GAME

WHAT—Basketball game. WHERE—Silverton High School Gymnasium.

WHEN—Friday night, February 10th, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

WHO—Silverton vs. Quitaque. STAKE—Basketball Championship of Briscoe County.

One day, last November 10, in Quitaque, the water was spilled out of a dope bucket. That water spelled defeat for the Silverton Owls. The Owls are not forgetting that sandy, November day, when they tangled with the Quitaque basketeers Thursday night in the Quitaque Gym. The Thursday night game is the first of a series to determine the Championship of Briscoe County.

The same teams will meet here Friday night for the second game. The pep squad and band will be at the game to boost the boys on to victory.

Game time—7:30—be there and show the boys that you are 100 per cent for them.

The balcony seats will be available for the Friday night game.

### DID YOU KNOW??

By Jozelle Hodges

That tiny Davey O'Brien's passing paw is larger than the great Sid Luckman's of Columbia?

That John Henry Lewis has a larger hand than Joe Louis? In every other way, he is smaller.

That Jack Odle, sophomore quarterback at T. C. U., has a better passing average for '38 than Davey O'Brien has?

That the late and great Knute Rockne was born in Norway?

That the first College football game was between Princeton and Rutgers in 1869?

That Tony Galento, No. 1 heavyweight crown contender likes beer awfully well? Maybe that's why he's so fat?

That Patrick Comisky, up and coming young Irish boxer, is said, by the leading sports writers, to be a harder puncher than the Brown Bomber?

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**I HEREBY RESOLVE**—that this shall remain in the Briscoe County News until our city managers start a little constructive work toward surfacing our streets, or at least until the death of Yours Truly. Dated this 9th day of June, 1938. (I've been wanting to know for a long time, how long a typeset slug will last.)

**YOURS TRULY IS** a lady killer—a masher. And the latest victim is a married woman. She loves me, she loves me not! I think she does, for she calls me "vinegar puss" . . . and with that sweet little arching of the eye brows as she says it . . . boys, I'm telling you, it does something to you! How'm I doing Toots?

**MR. COWART, AT** the Variety Store is going to hold his big 9-Cent-Sale in a week or so. What I'm getting around to say, is that he is going to use local newspaper advertising this time instead of the usual large company-made posters, which he can buy almost for the cost of the paper. From a low-cost standpoint he has it figured right. Besides getting his message directly in the home, newspaper advertising is actually paid for in dollars and cents by the postage alone. Mailed out by a merchant as a circular, an advertisement in the Briscoe County News would cost him \$10.50. Think that over and remember—we pay the postage!

**IN AN AD** last week for Dyke McMurray, I meant to say, "Mrs. Allard is still in charge of the kitchen" and somebody got lazy and it came out "Mrs. Allard is still". Dyke said it was all right but the argument has come up as to whether she is still (not moving) or still (not talking).

**THE REPORTER** for the March of Time Study Club is, in private life, Mrs. Roy Hahn. She was telling me about a style review at their last meeting. I wrote it "review" and she said it was "review". I never argue with the wife, so I came up and looked it up in Webster . . . and she may have been right, for the dictionary gives it—REVUE, a burlesque comedy.

**THE METHODIST** ladies are making money to refurbish the parsonage. Do I smell orange blossoms?

**I DON'T KNOW** why, or I'd try to be one of the brain busters, but plenty of things at this time are out of balance . . . farming, newspapering, theatre . . . and what have you. In newspapering, for instance—40 years ago a man with a shirt tail full of type and a strong back and weak mind

could start a paper. The subscription price was \$1 or \$1.50 and the ad rate was 25c. NOW, the cost of equipment will run at least \$6,000 and the overhead is boosted accordingly. Yet no price advance has been made to cover it . . . Joe Mercer told me that when he first got the theatre, most films cost about \$12.00 and that now \$22.50 is the minimum. The crowds are smaller, yet he hasn't raised the price of admission. . . . Several years ago the county easily raised \$10,000 for the general fund. Now it is pushing them to raise \$7,500, and county expense includes over twice as much relief work, county agent's salary and many other items. . . . A farmer used to farm with six or eight horses and get over a dollar a bushel for his wheat. Now it takes a \$1500 tractor and everything to go with it. Farming is the main spring of the country and their business is all out of balance too. That's why I can't charge what my work is worth; Joe can't charge what his show is worth; the county can't get their taxes in . . . everything revolves around the farmer. Read the editorial on the front page by Peter Molyneux, Texas' most noted writer and commentator on economic events. It's pretty long, but it is interesting—and he knows what he's talking about!

**IT'S TIME TO GO** to press—well, dust mah britches!

**Tariff - - -**  
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and there is no immediate prospect of improvement in 1939. In any event, it is certain that the value of 1939 exports will still lag far behind the annual average for the five years prior to the collapse. Nothing like this has ever happened before in our history. As a matter of fact, never before has it taken our exports more than three years to recover from a decline and then go on to new high levels. And never before has there been such a steep decline. Between 1929 and 1933 there was a drop of more than 69 per cent. The value of 1932 exports was equivalent to just about one-third of the annual average of the five years ending with 1929. And now, in 1938, our exports are valued at less than two-thirds that annual average. This is the distinctive thing about the depression which started in 1929, as compared with all other depressions in our history. It is different from any other depression we have ever experienced. And the fundamental cause of it was the collapse of the purchasing power of producers of export commodities. Failure to restore this purchasing power has been the basic reason for the continued postponement of genuine recovery of domestic business. And the extent of this lost purchasing power may be judged when it is said that during the nine years between January 1st, 1930, and December 31st, 1938, the total value of American exports was nineteen billion dollars less than the value of American exports during the

previous nine years. This is the dollar value of the total loss of trade. But the effect on the purchasing power of the producers of major export commodities was much greater than that because of the collapse of the prices of such commodities in the domestic market. Cotton is the chief commodity of this kind, but there are many others. And the indirect effect on the domestic market for practically everything, because of this reduced purchasing power, has been immense. The only relief we have had during the past nine years from the situation thus created has been that of a temporary kind provided by devaluation of the dollar and huge Government spending of borrowed money. But the experience during the latter part of 1937 and the early months of 1938 has shown that such relief continues only so long as Government spending is kept at its peak. It would seem now that the New Dealers have to offer. They can't reach a stopping point, which is only another way of saying that they are making no progress toward genuine recovery. Government spending was inaugurated to meet an emergency, but now it is prolonging the emergency indefinitely. Meantime, without attaining to a level approaching recovery, our export trade is declining again. It has been declining steadily for the past eight months, and the end is not yet in sight.

Buying power of farmers, it need hardly be said, is determined by what they receive for their products. The value of their products in dollars is the measure of their purchasing power. It has been pointed out that the value of Texas crops in 1938 was lower than that of the Texas crops of any year since 1932, and that it was equivalent to less than 47 per cent of the average annual value of Texas crops during the five years ending with 1929. The average annual value of Texas crops during that five-year period was \$95,137,000. The value of Texas crops in 1938 was \$39,567,000. Those figures tell a story of reduced purchasing power. They show that the Texas crops of 1938 were valued at \$355,570,000 less than the average annual crops during that five-year period. Does this not

mean that Texas farmers in 1938 had less than half as much, in the form of proceeds of their crops, to spend as they had each year during the five years ending with 1929? The missing purchasing power in this one instance alone amounted to \$355,570,000 in 1938. To be sure, the farmers received some "benefits" from the Government, but it was only a fraction of that missing \$355,570,000. This situation has existed for nine years, and judging the future by the past, there is little hope that it will improve very soon. The Texas crops of the five years ending December 31st, 1937, had an average annual value of \$378,391,000. That means that Texas farmers received an average of \$286,726,000 a year less for their crops during that period than during the five years ending with 1929. And an idea of the extent to which Government "benefits" made up for this loss may be had from the circumstance that the total amount of such benefits paid in Texas for all purposes between the start of the AAA in 1933 and January 1st, 1936, covering three crop years, was \$132,777,000. The amount for the calendar year 1935, for example, was \$52,435,275, or about 18 per cent of the average amount "missing" from the value of the crops alone during that five-year period. It will be seen that during that entire period, in spite of Government "benefits", the purchasing power of Texas farmers was reduced by at least \$230,000,000 a year, compared with the period prior to the depression. And in 1938 the reduction was probably as much as \$300,000,000. That's more than \$800,000 a day among Texas farmers alone. Is it any wonder that recovery is delayed and that Government spending on a huge scale must be continued? The answer to that question is that it is not any wonder at all. But it seems to us a wonder of wonders that this sort of thing has been going on for nine years without anything practicable being attempted to deal with it. How long is it going to take the people to wake up to this situation?

The Texas cotton crop produced in 1938 was valued at only \$129,688,000, according to the official figures of the United States Department of Agriculture. That's less than 35 per cent of the average annual value of the Texas

cotton crop during the five years ending with 1929. Cotton crops in Texas were being sold for more than that amount thirty-eight years ago. The Texas crop of 1900 brought twenty million dollars more than that, and the average Texas crop during the five years ending with 1913 brought one hundred million dollars more than that. After six years of restricted production, including the plow-up of 1933, and of price-fixing by means of Government loans, this is the situation in which we find the Texas cotton-growing industry. The surplus of American cotton is greater today than at any time in the history of the industry, consumption of American cotton abroad continues to decline, and there is no outlook under present policies, that this situation will be materially improved very soon. Exports of American cotton since August 1st, the beginning of the marketing season, are a million and a half bales less than those during the corresponding period a year ago, and they were at a low level then. At the close of the market, on January 12th, the total of exports since August 1st stood at 2,132,094 bales. On the same date a year ago the total was 3,667,254 bales. Prior to 1929 more than eight million bales of American cotton a year was regularly exported. During the current year, which ends on July 31st, the total of exports of American cotton will not be much more than four million bales. The market for American cotton outside the United States is being steadily reduced to the vanishing point. That is what's the matter with American cotton all along. And it is what is chiefly the matter with American agriculture generally. The truth is that the

collapse of American export trade and the failure to restore it during the past nine years are the fundamental cause of the continued condition of economic disturbance in this country. The fact that the Texas cotton crop for 1938 was valued at less than 35 per cent of the value of the average Texas cotton crop during the five years ending with 1929 is a symptom of a condition that is at the base of the whole trouble.

The fundamental cause of this whole situation is the continuance in effect of excessively high tariff rates against imports into this country, a condition which the reciprocal trade policy has failed to modify to any appreciable degree. We make it impossible for many leading countries to buy from us by the simple and effective method of making it impossible for them to pay for our goods. At the same time, we maintain behind a high tariff wall a domestic price level which is far above the price level of export commodities, and thus we reduce further the purchasing power of producers of such commodities. We thus create a "disparity" between the market value of goods produced primarily for domestic consumption and the goods produced for a world market, both domestic and foreign.

And there is really no effective way in which "parity" value may be given the latter. These things—the destruction of foreign markets for American goods, making it impossible for foreigners to pay for them and the creation of a disparity in the respective values of export commodities and purely domestic commodities—are responsible for the condition of unbalance and economic disturbance in this country, and they are both effects of excessive tariff rates. Incidentally, all of this is being pointed out clearly and fully, in a forthright manner, by Col. Frank Knox, publisher of the Chicago Daily News and Republican candidate for Vice President in 1930. It ought to shame a tongue-tied Democrat, especially Southern Congressmen, to see a Republican of such prominence, Colonel Knox telling in plain language the truth which they ought to have been shouting from their house-tops during the past five years or more. The stand taken by Colonel Knox is an encouragement. The very circumstance that he is a Republican should cause many to consider this question seriously who otherwise would regard it as Democratic "free-trade twaddle". It may be starting something.

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# HOME TOWN NEWS

as told by  
Mazie Garvin



Ralph Reeves made a business trip to Tullia Tuesday.

Wade Deavenport visited Edward Sunday night.

Mrs. W. R. Watley were in Silvertown last Sunday.

R. W. Thomas was in Silvertown Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Authur Grewe visited Quitaque visitors Sunday.

Stephens visited his parents over the week end.

Baker of Lockney was in Monday on business.

Martin of Tullia transacted business in Silvertown last week.

Mrs. Scott Smith were in Amarillo Monday.

Havran of Quitaque was in Silvertown Tuesday on business.

Schott left Tuesday for county on business.

Montague left last week for W. T. at Canyon.

Kirk spent the week end in Silvertown with her parents.

Fort, of Turkey, was in Monday on business.

Cooper was in Flomot on Friday night.

M. M. Edwards and son visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. of Edgin last Wednesday.

Pavlicek, of Flomot, spent week end in Silvertown with

Mrs. Gordon Alexander and Betty Bell spent Friday at headquarters.

Cliff Allard spent Saturday with her daughter,

Dr. and Mrs. S. T. Cooper spent the week end in Floydada with Dr. N. C. Pursell.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Turner of Turkey were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Simpson, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Patton and daughter, Patricia Jean, were in Sudan last Friday.

Mrs. Carl Morton of Canyon was in Silvertown on business over the week end.

Mr. S. T. Wynn and son, Loyd, of Ft. Worth, were in town the first of the week.

Lewis Cartwright, Sheriff of Knox County, transacted business in Silvertown, Monday.

Mrs. Jim Bomar and Mrs. E. Stephens spent Tuesday in Plainview.

Mr. I. S. Bogy and Tim Moore made a business trip to Lubbock Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, Jr. of Flomot were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp, of Turkey, transacted business in Silvertown Tuesday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. B. P. Harrison attended a Baptists Conference in Plainview Monday.

Misses Curly and Bobby Allred visited their sister, Mrs. Judd Donnell Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Bob Campbell and son of Claude attended the funeral of Mr. J. B. Porter Sunday.

Mr. Bud Kelsay was out of school the first of the week with throat ailment.

Mrs. Coy Chappell and daughter, Mary Jo, returned home Thursday from Amarillo.

Wilma Joyce Smith is spending the week in Tullia with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland DeFee and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hawkins, of Lubbock, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bomar Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wilson are the parents of a 9 1/4 pound boy, born Thursday, February 2. They have named him Bradford Wayne.

Mrs. John McCloud and daughter, Mary Dell, of Tullia, came last Wednesday to be with her mother, Mrs. Beavers.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Floyd McCloud, of Lubbock, visited with his grandmother, Mrs. Sam Beavers, Sunday.

Mrs. Jeff Burson and Mr. and Mrs. Weeks of Plainview were

guests in the Shelby Haynes home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dickerson and children were in Canyon Sunday to visit Mr. Billie Dickerson, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. King and Miss Opal Harp visited Miss Harp's parents in Kirkland, Sunday.

Mr. Jim Baird and son James Marshall, and Mrs. Sarah Baird, of Quitaque, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ned Baird.

Mr. J. A. Bain, who underwent an operation last week in Temple, is reported much better at this time.

Tom Allday reports that little Tommy, who is in the Lubbock Sanitarium, is much better, and will be home some time this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miller of Crosbyton, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Luke spent the week end in Clovis, New Mexico.

Mrs. J. S. Fisher, who has been in Shreveport, La. for the past week, returned to her home Sunday.

Mrs. M. M. Edwards and son Edward spent last week end in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Jean Martin and family.

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Rev. Goree Applewhite of Lone Star delivered the sermon at the evening worship of the First Baptist Church, Sunday night. A number of people from Antelope Flat attended.

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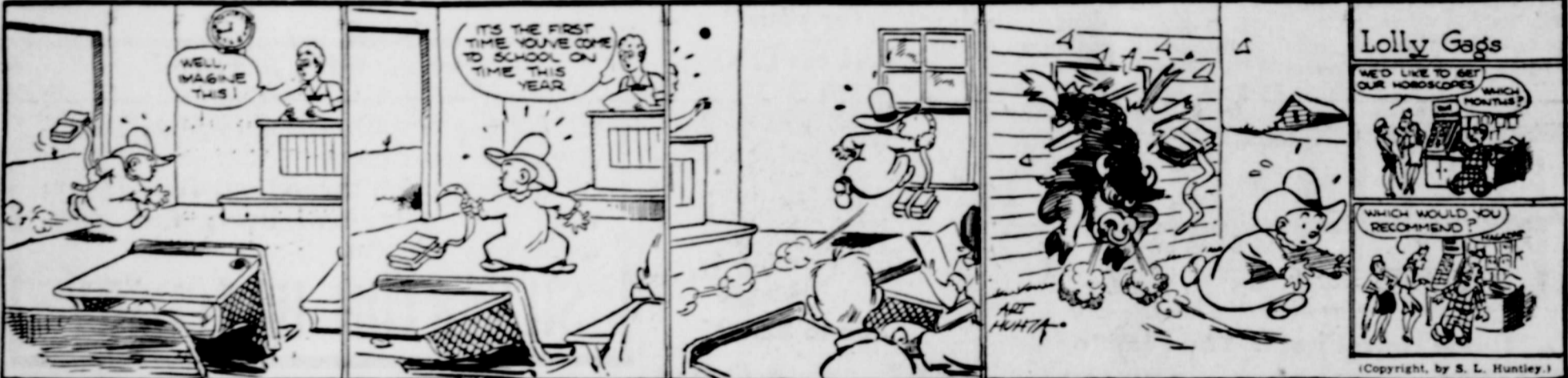
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'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — No, Sir, He Never Lost a Case.

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Star Dust

- ★ Two 'Happy Endings'
- ★ Another British Girl
- ★ Tex Ritter Shuns Horse

By Virginia Vale

THEY'VE been having "happy ending" trouble with "Idiot's Delight." In the play, the hero and heroine prepared to die together. But that didn't seem to work out too well when the picture was previewed, so another ending was prepared, to be used if other pre-release audiences liked it better than the original one.

Now that Vivien Leigh is scheduled to shoot into stardom ("Gone With the Wind" turns out well for her), some of the pictures in which she appeared in England will be released again over here. Meanwhile we have the word of Ernie Westmore, the demon make-up man, that another girl from the British Isles will "burn up Hollywood." Her name is Maureen O'Hara, for screen purposes; in real



life it's Maureen Fitzsimmons. She hails from Dublin, is 18 years old, and is the discovery of Erich Pommer, discoverer of Marlene Dietrich. She is working in London in the new Charles Laughton picture, "Jamaica Inn" as Laughton's leading lady.

A Bit of Embroidery For Small Son's S...

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

"DEAR MRS. SPEARS: The pages of embroidery stitches in your Book 2 have interested me greatly. I can never remember from time to time how to do feather stitching. It is ingenious the way you show how to make each kind of stitch, and I turn your book often. I have a small son now four and a half years old, and have always enjoyed



making his clothes and trimming them with little touches of embroidery. Do you think he is old for this? B. H."

You still have a year or so you keep the suits smart and wash. I am sketching an embroidered trimming idea for you. The thread should match the color of the trousers. Mark an outline for the embroidery with pencil at A. Work over this with chain stitches as at B; then larger chain or loop stitches at C and D.

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George Raft's departure from Paramount was not exactly unexpected. It came as a result of his refusal to play the lead in "Magnificent Fraud." Lloyd Nolan has formed the habit of stepping into the parts that Raft doesn't want, so he did it this time. Last August, when Raft refused a role in "St. Louis Blues," the same thing happened.

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Local Happenings

Mrs. Orlin Stark of Quitaque, and Mrs. M. Ayers of Lockney

visited in the home of their sister, Mrs. W. T. Diviney, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Howard and daughters, Lola and Diamond, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Sunday.

Ruth and Mary Dee Mercer, of Plainview, spent the week end in Silvertown with their parents and friends.

Clinton Brown of Bakersfield, California came in Saturday for an extended visit with his parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Roque-more of Mislap, Texas, and Mrs. H. H. Luke of Littlefield, spent Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Luke.

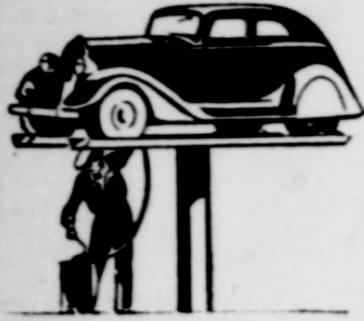
Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk, Keith Pearce, Aaron Frieze and Snooks Beard attended the Golden Glove Tournament in Lubbock, Tuesday night.

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R. T. Daniels, Sheriff of Hidalgo County, stopped in Silvertown Saturday night for a few hours. He was on his way to Cheyenne, Wyoming to check up on some stolen property.

Mr. F. L. West and Mr. and Mrs. Carl West of Garden City, Kansas are here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. George West, Mr. and Mrs. Willie West, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. D. N. McGavock and families, and other relatives.

THE LOWDOWN ON DIVORCES

(Continued from front page) husband gave each of her five step-children saxophones.

Baby talk, learned from the father, caused a mother in Knoxville, Tenn., to file her suit, charging that the baby's first words were "Damm it!"

"She hit me with her false teeth" testified a sensitive Chicago husband.

A Japanese husband whose wife gave birth to quadruplets sought a divorce on the grounds that the devil must have been the father of

the three extra children.

The chief grievance in one separation suit was a charge that the husband hadn't taken a bath in fifteen years.

A prominent scientist, whose specialty is the study of prehistoric man, complained in his divorce suit that his wife made him wash the baby's diapers.

The wife of an early bird testified her husband had a habit of throwing cold water on her—not figuratively, but literally, every morning at 6 a. m. to wake her up. She got her decree.

Taller than her husband, a New England wife sued on the grounds that he insisted on carrying their umbrella when they walked in the rain and kept bumping her head with it.

In Baltimore, a sorely aggrieved wife sued on the grounds that she hurt her hand one night when she reached into her husband's pants pocket to get some money and got it caught in a small steel trap.

An Indiana minister got a divorce on the grounds that his wife

made faces at him while he was preaching.

"He hit me on the head with a setting hen which killed the hen and knocked me unconscious," testified a good Nebraska housewife, "but the worst thing of all was when I recovered he made me cook the hen."

The wife of a California professor sued on the grounds that he would allow her only four inches of water in the bathtub.

Alimony was won by a Chicago wife when she showed the judge a candid camera shot of her husband asleep in the bathtub, as proof of her charge that he was a habitual drunkard.

"Just to annoy me, he made a regular habit of hanging himself and it got mighty monotonous cutting him down," charged another. —Claude News

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

The present status of the soil and water conservation movement in Texas shows thirteen and a half million acres of crop land terraced or farmed on the contour while over 17 million acres or crop land are still in need of conservation measures.

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Altogether 811,264 acres of cultivated land were terraced in 1938 as the state's campaign to hold soil and catch rainfall widened to include pastures and range land to a record degree.

Farmers and ranchmen terraced, ridged, contour furrowed, and contour chiseled 385,011 acres of range land in 1938 while the 1937 total was 232,632, and in 1936, less than 100,000 acres, M. R. Bentley, agricultural engineer of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, said in announcing conserva-

tion totals of county agents' annual reports. Use of county owned land rented to farmers and ranchmen a nominal charge, cost spread in Texas as a tax for land so terraced—411,000 acres—was set. The 1937 total was 373,000 acres.

Furrow damming was 248,033 acres of crop land in 1938 while the 1937 total was 216,634 acres were pitted, Bentley said. Most of it was confined to the Panhandle Northwest Texas.

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Sealed proposals for constructing 4.166 miles of Flexible Base and Double Asphalt Surface Treatment from 1 mile West of Silvertown to 3 miles East of Silvertown, on Highway 96, covered by FAS 719-B (2) and C (2) in Briscoe County, will be received at the State Highway Department, Austin, Texas, until 9:00 A. M., February 21, 1939, and then publicly opened and read.

The attention of the bidders is directed to the required special provisions covering subcontracting or assigning the contract, the selection of labor, and hours and conditions of employment. Except as otherwise specified, the minimum wages paid to all laborers, workmen or mechanics employed on this contract shall be one (\$1.00) per hour for "Skilled Labor", Fifty (50c) Cents per hour for "Intermediate Grade Labor" and Forty (40c) Cents per hour for "Unskilled Labor".

Attention is directed to the special provisions, included in the proposal to insure compliance with the requirement of House Bill No. 54 of the Forty-Third Legislature of the State of Texas.

Table with 3 columns: Type of Laborer, Prevailing Minimum Per Diem Wage (Based on an Eight (8) Hour Working Day), Prevailing Minimum Hourly Wage Rate. Rows include Skilled Labor, Intermediate Grade Labor, and Unskilled Labor.

For the classification of particular positions under the above types of Laborers, Workmen, or Mechanics, see the Required Special Provisions.

The above prevailing minimum wage rates shall govern on this contract. Overtime and legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

A local employment agency from which the Contractor shall obtain employment list will be designated prior to the award of contract. Plans and specifications available at the office of R. T. Roane, Resident Engineer, Floydada, Texas, and State Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved. 9-35-1115 "R3" 45-21

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