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Check Again, Senator

Spring is undoubtedly the silly season. That is the most charitable explanation for some of the recommendations and criticisms made by the Texas Senate committee which has been investigating the state pardon and parole mess.

The editor subscribes wholeheartedly to the demand for the resignation of Board Chairman Abner Lewis. But some other findings of the committee headed by Sen. A. M. Aikin, Jr., of Paris can, in large measure, be classed only as naive or as heavily colored with political prejudice. Possibly both.

Some of the recommendations should be strongly opposed. The chief effect would be to create a "clientele" of crooks and crook's friends for certain members of legislature and set up open house for shady lawyers and fixers. They would set up a system for the unabashed sale of pardons and paroles with the governor of Texas being made the goat for all the behind-the-scenes crookedness that went on.

The editor had full opportunity to observe the Texas parole system in action for nearly two years. He has intimately observed the workings of clemency systems in Missouri and Oklahoma. He has had less close opportunities for investigation but still a good check on pardon and parole systems in Arkansas, Kansas, and Illinois. Coupled with that are nearly two decades as an editor, reporter and magazine writer in touch with criminals and crime, and personal acquaintanceship with more assorted felons and habitual criminals than he likes to remember.

On the basis of that experience, the editor believes implicitly in the step which a previous legislature took in putting the power for recommending clemencies in the hands of an independent board and taking them out of the hands of the chief executive. The Senate committee has found that that system in Texas has broken down, and on that score the Senate committee is right.

Where the Senate committee has erred is in placing the blame. It has placed the fault at the doorstep of the governors of Texas and on the system. The fellows who really tossed the monkey wrench into the works, are the members of the Texas legislature.

Complete investigation and complete intellectual honesty should have impelled Sen. Aikin and his committee to so report. But politicians are ever unwilling to blame themselves for their own errors.

Convicts in the Texas prison system outnumber the inhabitants of Aransas County two to one. To hear him tell it, no convict was ever guilty. Besides that he has a perfectly good excuse for what he did and if he is let out he'll be a gentleman and a scholar—to hear him tell it.

A constant stream of clemency applications flow into the pardon and paroles office. It is impossible for the governor, himself, to check on the 100 or more cases that come up weekly.

A well-set-up pardon and paroles board would—and could do that. But it needs competent members on the board, competent help in the field. The Texas system has had neither. The governors have been at fault in making poor appointments. The legislature has refused funds for proper administration. As a result, we have seen three-time and four-time "losers" released from prison over and over again.

On one occasion, clemency applications came up to Governor Stevenson for two men, accompanied by certificates that the pair had perfect prison records. Proclamations of clemency were prepared and ready for the governor's signature when it was discovered that the two were among the most incorrigible convicts in Huntsville prison and that the record on their freedom was to have been granted was faked. That investigation was not made by the Pardon board and the papers were swiftly tucked out of sight. The editor discovered them quite by accident.

Without funds from the legislature, pardon and parole matters are handled by a \$250 man, and a couple of girls who don't have any inkling of the score. There is no money provided to pay experienced probation officers to check, either on applications, or on the actions of released convicts. The fact that only a low percentage of paroled convicts is returned to prison arises considerably from the fact that there is nobody except non-paid county parole boards to do the follow-up. Many of the members of these boards do not know the score. The remainder are either complacent or too busy.

If Sen. Aikin's committee wants to really do something about the clemency business, let them go back into session. Let them reconsider their recommendations which would turn the situation into even more of a racket. Let them strengthen the non-political system by filling it out. Then, instead of wasting state money on dozens of boon-doggling projects, let the legislature appropriate a few thousand dollars to make the system work.

(Here's a note to Sen. Aikin alone: Remember, senator, that the legislature made a little error, last session—you were a member, then—in setting the date of an election on the veteran's land purchase amendment to the constitution? Remember that the error cost the state of Texas a quarter of a million dollars? That quarter million, senator, would have been enough to make the Texas clemency system function properly for two years. Let's check again, Senator.)

Rogero Named As Chamber Director

Roy V. Rogero, co-publisher of The Pilot with R. Roy Woods and president of the Rockport Chamber of Commerce, was notified this week of his election as a director of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Election was held on April 22, at the Chamber's annual meeting at San Antonio.

L. H. Gross of Corpus Christi was named president and declared the regional chamber will continue its aggressive fight against high federal taxes, a state income tax, or "any reprisal drive by any group against business."

Col. Ray Leeman, veteran executive vice-president of the South Texas Chamber, began his 21st consecutive year in that position, following unanimous re-election.

Gross said that the organization, which re-adopted a full platform of aims and principles, would continue to battle "any and all—both private and public interests—who make excuses for the unnecessarily high federal appropriations."

He insisted that the federal budget should not exceed \$25,000,000,000, taxes on business should be reduced in line with falling commodity prices, and the administration at Washington should put its house in order, if we want to avert a devastating depression due to an unbalanced budget.

He praised South Texas as "truly the land of promise—in ranching, farming, general business, oil, industrial, chemical and chemurgic development possibilities."

He predicted that tens of thousands of new people would make their homes in South Texas during the next decade.

The following were elected vice-presidents: Driscoll Rooke, Woodborough; A. Wayne Wood, Brownsville; L. Mims, Freeport; H. G. Stein, Luling; George A. Hill, Jr., Houston.

For Work or Play



Pretty Ann O'Connell finds that harvesting the Texas bean crop can be fun when she's outfitted with cotton shorts and T-shirt, an outfit good for either work or play. Shorts are slit at the side for greater freedom of action.

Mrs. Ethel M. Cox, Kansas City, Mo., is visiting for several weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Mills, and Mr. Mills of Lamar. Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Cox spent last weekend at Gloliad in the home of Glenn H. Mills.

House Approves Tax Change Plan

AUSTIN, Tex.—Rep. John J. Bell of Cuero has won overwhelming approval in the House of Representatives for a proposed constitutional amendment abolishing the ad valorem tax as a source of general revenue for the state, and permitting all counties to make this levy for use in the construction of farm-to-market roads and other badly needed county projects.

The amendment, which if finally approved by the legislature would be submitted to the people at the general election in November, 1948, passed the House 113 to 24 and is now before the Senate.

Representative Bell said the proposed change in the constitution would have double-barrel effect in correcting the prevailing evil of unequal state ad valorem taxation among the various counties.

UNEQUAL BURDEN

First, he said, state ad valorem levies are made on the basis of county valuations, and many counties assess property at full, or nearly full value, and thus these counties are bearing the burden of the state ad valorem tax load.

Second, many counties have been granted tax remissions, and thus are paying nothing to the state for general revenue purposes, while the other counties are paying their obligated amount.

The proposed amendment would correct these two injustices, Bell said. On the other hand, counties previously granted tax remission

would be allowed, under terms of the amendment, to complete their obligations before the change affected them, he said.

The \$3,000 homestead exemption will continue in effect under the Bell amendment.

KEEP MONEY AT HOME

The South Texas legislator said the state normally receives about \$11,000,000 a year for general revenue purposes from the state property tax, and if the privilege to levy this tax is transferred to the county governments—as the amendment proposes—this money will be kept in the individual counties to use for greatly-needed county improvements.

A veteran of World War II, Bell is now serving his sixth term in the legislature. At the last session he authored one important constitutional amendment which was approved by a wide majority of the Texas voters last November. This was the amendment setting up the

Veterans' Land Board to assist ex-GI's in securing small tracts of land for homesteads. The enabling act for this amendment has already been steered through the House by Bell.

At the current session of the Legislature, Bell is serving as the chairman of important State Affairs Committee, and is a member of committees on Constitutional Amendments, Liquor Regulations, Labor and Claims and Accounts.

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W.N.U. FEATURES

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"I thought at first perhaps you were from Northern Italy," the Major said politely. Tina laughed.

"Hey, Schultz," he said. "Where's Trapani?" he's got a couple of nice quail, he gave me some red stuff."

Major Joppolo said: "Yes, she is very pretty, at least she seems so



Your Broadway and Mine:

Times Square Ticker: The senate group that sent subpoenas to record manufacturers next will probe legit theater bookings.

Government insurance office is making a mint for Uncle Sam because so many G.I.s are neglecting their policies.

Man About Town: Game-fixers Alvin Paris' sentence of a year means eight months (good behavior) and since he has served four months, he will be out just in time for the football season.

Major Joppolo said: "I have no soldiers, I'm just the administrator of Adano."

Laura Z. Hobson, author of the terrific best-seller, "Gentleman's Agreement," had no confidence in it last March.

Not so long ago one of the "boys" (who long had been identified with the Capone syndicate in Chicago) decided he would open a bank.

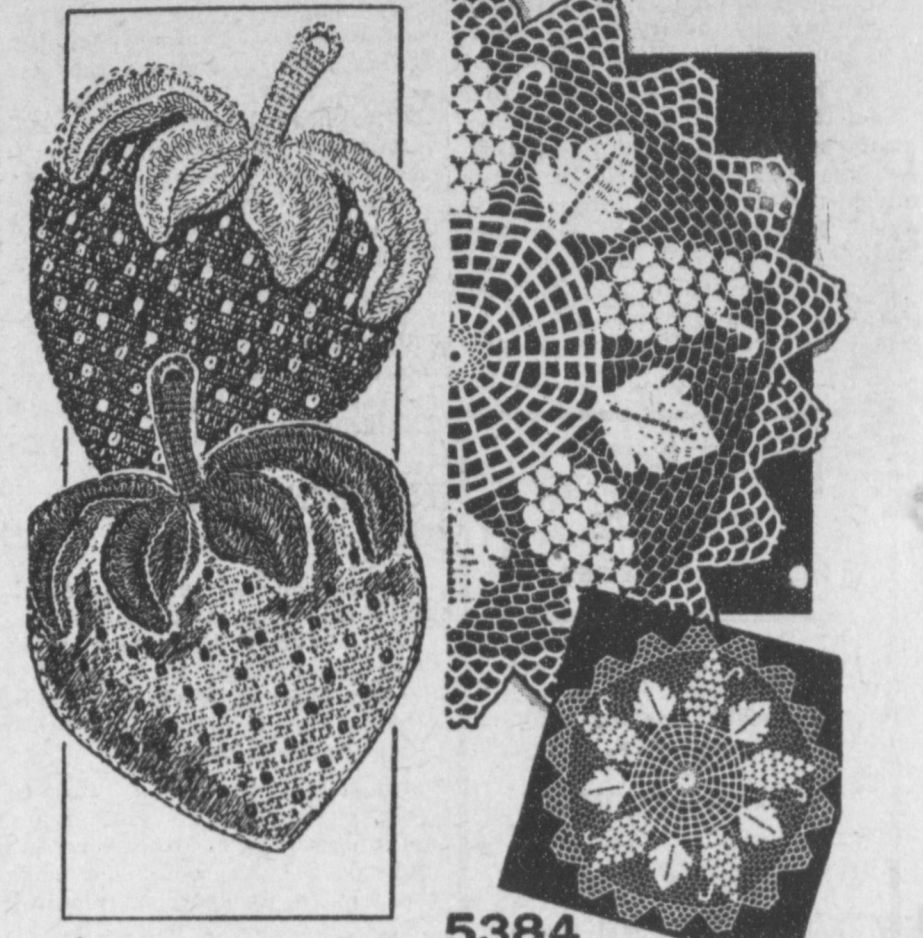
Midtown Vignette: Sidney Blackmer (of the legit, if you please) witnessed it in the foyer of a swank hotel.

The Late Watch: Ex-Governor Earle (of Pennsylvania) married a Belgian while he was an attache in Turkey.

Paul Scheffer (agent of the German secret service and U. S. correspondent for Dr. Goebbels) now is working as a press agent!

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS Merchants Pledge to Cut Prices; Moscow Parley Ends in Failure; Auto Workers Accept 15c Raise

Released by Western Newspaper Union.



Retail stores in Newburyport, Mass., experienced brisk business after putting into effect a 10 per cent flat reduction in all prices.

PRICE CUTS:

Newburyport Plan Gains

Apparently in response to growing consumer resistance and the urgings of President Truman, retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers are reducing prices on many articles.

Following the lead of merchants in Newburyport, Mass., who have pledged themselves to a flat 10 per cent reduction, businessmen are announcing various plans to lower their prices.

In Virginia, Minn., 100 businessmen intend to drop prices at least 10 per cent on everything they sell.

In the wholesale and manufacturing field, reductions on various articles and materials have been announced by General Cable company, Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing company and Continental Record company among others.

In what contractors call a "general buyers' strike against high prices" thousands of new small homes are remaining unsold in the New York area.

AUTO WORKERS: Settle for 15 Cents

In an unexpected move, United Auto Workers accepted the offer of General Motors corporation of a wage increase amounting to 15 cents per hour.

The new contract, to run to April 28, 1948, provides for an immediate raise of 1 1/2 cents per hour, and 3 1/2 cents additional for six holidays, thus working out to a flat increase of 15 cents per hour.

FRANCE: Shortage of Flour

French people, especially the Parisians, have been trying to buy up all the bread and flour they can lately.

MOSCOW MEETING: Little Accomplished

After seven weeks of wrangling, the foreign ministers' conference at Moscow ended in a state banquet.

Results of the parley were extremely disappointing, even to those whose expectations had been small.

Secretary of State Marshall bluntly blamed the Russians for obstructing the negotiations. He charged that the Soviet delegation had "widened rather than narrowed our differences."

Principal points of controversy were the definition of German and Austrian assets which the Russians want as reparations and the disarmament and demilitarization plan, known as the "four nation treaty."

Obtains Divorce



Lovely Mrs. Maria Feliza Vanderbilt, 29, has divorced her socialite husband, Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., in Los Angeles.

NO RENT BOOST: House Kills 10% Plan

The house banking committee, reversing its previous stand, voted down a proposal for a 10 per cent blanket increase in rents.

Driving More Expensive

It costs 53 per cent more to operate a passenger car now than it did in 1939. In the country, the expense increase averages 43 per cent.

Fifty Stars in Flag?

A new design for a United States flag has 50 instead of 48 stars. The two added stars will represent Alaska and Hawaii which congressional leaders say will be admitted to the Union before the summer recess of congress.

JUST THIS HALF-PRICED POSE

Critic—That's an impressive statue, but isn't that an odd posture for a colonel to assume? Sculptor—That isn't my fault. I had the sculpture half way completed when the committee decided it couldn't afford a horse for him.

Men have less courage than women—imagine a man with 10 cents in his pocket trying on 10 suits of clothes.

Records to Live Down "I just got out of prison this morning," a traveler told a man on the train. "It's going to be tough, facing old friends."

Taking No Chance Mabel—So he says to me, "You are very laconic." Mabelle—See, what does that mean? Mabel—I dunno. But I slapped him hard to be on the safe side!

Not So Fast The freshman was getting back his first theme, and as he reached for it the professor stayed his hand. "This," he announced, "is the best paper in the class."

World Tour on High Bike

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The British warship, Warspite, 31,000-ton veteran of two wars, was reported breaking up on the Cornish coast.

Wind velocity reached 100 miles per hour, and huge waves roared over the beaches of coastal towns on the English channel and the North sea.

WAR GRAFT: Garsson Case Again

A new move in the drawn-out war contracts graft case of Representative May and the Garsson brothers will be May's testimony in his own defense.

On trial with May are Henry and Murray Garsson, head of the war materials syndicate, and Joseph Freeman, the Garsson agent in Washington.

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While Stevens traveled by boat across the Atlantic, Pacific, etc., he pedaled his way over 13,500 land miles, through the United States and 11 other countries from England to Japan, and arrived back in San Francisco in December, 1886.

M. Garsson department officials in behalf of the companies. New evidence turned up by the FBI, according to the prosecutor, is the typewriter used in preparing the false invoices of the lumber company, through which it is alleged May received the bribes.

GERMANY: New Mark Decreed

A four power agreement has been reached on Germany's muddled financial situation. First move under the new setup will be issuance of a new monetary unit, known as the Deutsche Mark.

WED IN DEATH

Two young people who died in an auto accident a few days before their engagement was to have been announced were "married" in their coffins.

EUROPE'S YOUTH: Opportunity for Gospel

The Christian churches are not reaching for European youth with the eagerness that Communism is, asserted Dr. Hutchinson Cockburn, director of reconstruction of the World Council of Churches before a meeting of the provisional committee at Buck Falls, Pa.

"If Christ is to be enthroned over the lives of men in Europe, it will be only by the reviving of the Church by grace of God and the work of the Holy Spirit. It is Christian civilization that is at stake, not merely in Europe, but also in Britain and in the United States."

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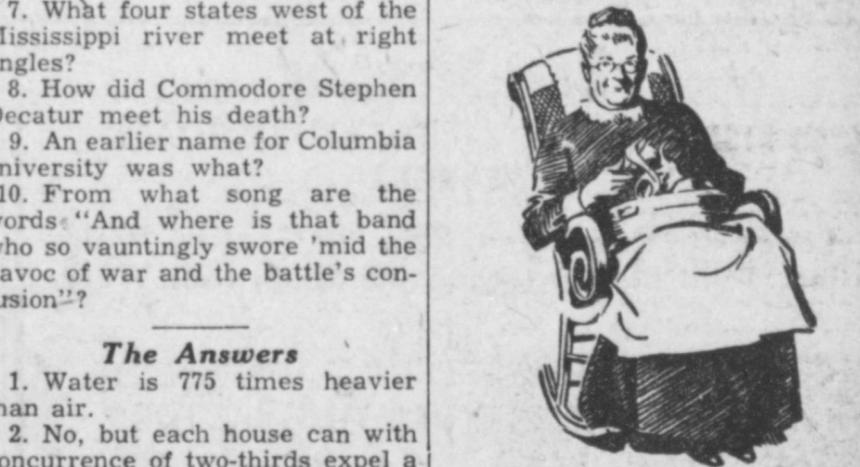
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University Schedules Guidance Study

AUSTIN—A Workshop in Testing and Guidance has been scheduled for July 19—August 2 at the University of Texas, Dr. H. T. Manuel, director of the University's testing and guidance bureau, said.

The Hogg Foundation is cooperating in holding the workshop.

Both educational and veterans' counselors are eligible to attend, and it will be especially helpful to those who plan to do this work in the future. Dr. Manuel pointed out. It will include an examination of case studies, vocational information, problems in advising students, techniques in counseling, and materials and techniques of testing.

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Captain A. Schlafli, Seguin, 14th district commander, will preside, with the four Corpus Christi posts as hosts.

Registration of delegates will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at convention headquarters, the new \$250,000 American Legion Home on the bay. The new building is the joint home of Ernest H. Gragg Post No. 81, commanded by John W. Sutton, and Business and Professional Men's Post No. 248, commanded by N. D. Rhodes.

The main business session of the convention will convene at 9 a.m. Sunday with the election of delegates to the National Convention to be held in late August in New York City high on the agenda.

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INDIAN PIPE DREAMS
When Columbus came to America he found the natives inhaling tobacco to induce a state of trance, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. During the trance they supposedly saw visions that were accepted as divine revelations.

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REALTY TRANSFERS PUT ON RECORD

The following real estate transactions have been put on record at the Aransas County courthouse by County Clerk J. C. Her-ring. The list is compiled and furnished by the DuPhorne Land Title Co. of Aransas Pass:

T. E. DeForest et ux to Zeph Rouquette et al, warranty deed, the south 15 feet of the 50 feet water front reserve lying across bay street and to the east of lot No. 1, block No. 26, Townsite of Fulton. \$500 consideration.

Miss Kate A. Goodrich to W. C. Kite, oil, gas and mineral lease; lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 of block 6, and lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, block 30, West of Commercial St., C. L. Dignowity Subdivision, the stamps indicate \$500 consideration or less.

I. B. Collins et ux to Joel S. Collins et ux warranty deed, 15 acres out of the J. D. Wheeler Sub-

division of John H. Phillips Survey, \$10 consideration.

F. G. Gabriel et ux to K. E. Werland et al warranty deed, lots 2, and 4, block 51 and lots 1 and 3, block 52, Sixth Subdivision of the Taft Farm Lands—320 acres; \$10, and other consideration.

F. Stevens to Alfred L. Stevens, deed, block 129 and 145, Doughty and Mathis Division; \$10 and other consideration.

Frank S. Huson to Clifford L. Stephens, warranty deed lot 18, block 30, Manning Addition; \$10 other consideration.

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