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Down In Texas

By EDMUNDS TRAVIS

Both former Governor James V. Allred and former Governor Dan Moody were hailed by friends this week as candidates for the United States Senate in opposition to Senator Lee O'Daniel, himself a former governor. Wendell Bedichek, editor of the Abilene Reporter News declared in a signed article in his paper that Moody has definitely decided to be a candidate regardless of other entries. Prophets of Allred's candidacy would not be quoted, but were equally positive. Moody was talked of in 1940 as a possible opponent of O'Daniel for the governorship. Both he and Allred were discussed as senatorial possibilities last year. And both have long been regarded in some quarters as possible entrants in this year's senatorial race. Now, if a considerable volume of inside information may be believed, all this talk is to be translated into action.

The three ex-governors are all star campaigners, front-rank crowd stirers. Neither Moody nor O'Daniel has ever met political defeat. Allred was defeated in his first race for Attorney General, but never afterward. No wonder some observers look forward to a record-making battle for the senatorship—a sort of political three-ring circus.

The trouble with that vision is that the people are thinking of other things. Not even the best political show, with an all-star cast, may commend their attention. An O'Daniel-Moody-Allred contest would be very exciting in normal times; in this time of war it might not stir a ripple.

Wherefore, it may not happen despite all the talk and all the positiveness of those taking part in the talk.

Fewer and better "blurbs" may be expected to emanate from the Unemployment Compensation Commission now that Harry Bengé Crozier is a member. For the benefit of the uninitiated it may be said that a "blurb"—sometimes referred to as a "hand out"—is a news item prepared in some public agency and handed ready written to the press by an official or employee. Crozier has produced many as a publicity man; thrown away many more as a journalist. His experience includes all kinds of writing, for newspapers, magazines, the radio and the platform, and few Texas writers are more widely known.

More than 200 first aid classes for students and more than 600 for adults are being conducted in Texas public schools. Practically every school in the state has a defense stamp and bond purchasing plan. Many schools are participating in air raid drills and sponsoring the collection of scrap metal and paper. In addition courses of study in public schools are being augmented by such training as radio communication, elementary navigation and primary electrical work.

State Superintendent Woods reports some 30,000 victory gardens planned by school children about 800 student classes and 400 adult classes in home care of the sick.

According to appearance, Dean John W. Spies of the medical branch of the University of Texas has come safely through another storm of criticism. University regents called for specific charges after Representative Jack Love's investigating committee had recommended the dismissal of the Dean and certain unnamed faculty members. No such charges were filed and when the dead line set by the regents was passed, there were several public expressions indicating that the big medical branch controversy was all over.

Actually the controversy is un-

settled. In resolving not to pursue it further, 52 members of the school's faculty declared they had "already submitted ample evidence to the University authorities." Dr. C. H. Brownlee of Austin, an alumni officer, branded the regents request as "silly". The regents, he said, had before them the results of their own inquiry into the controversy, the recommendations of the Love committee and the report made by investigators for the American Association of Medical Colleges. In these circumstances, he saw no reason for any one to file new charges in writing.

And that seems to be the position of a majority of the medical school faculty and a majority of the Love committee. The regents have simply asserted their jurisdiction over the whole matter, without indicating what they will do about it. And the larger question of simplifying the government of the medical school has been postponed.

I Give You Texas

By BOYCE HOUSE

To the Fort Worth airport where your columnist boarded a plane at 9 a. m. and two hours and a half later alighted in Amarillo, a mere 350 miles; greeted by plump ruddy, genial Mason King of the Amalillo News-Glob and whisked by auto to the hotel where 150 Kiwanians and friends kindly guffawed at a Texan's tales of Hollywood; thence for a view of Editor John McCarty's collection of 2,000 books on Panhandle history—he has eight typewritten volumes on the vanished town of Tascosa alone, and will have seven more before completing his chronicle of the one-time "Cowboy Capital").

From there with Floyd Studer, famed paleontologist, and the architect, Guy Carlander, for my first trip to the Palo Duro Canyon; then an all-too-brief visit in the West Texas museum at Canyon; and back to Amarillo for a supper with the Will Rogers Range Riders, including Bob Dow, former Attorney General of New Mexico, who looks like Will. Then to the Amarillo airport to get aboard a ship at 8 p. m. and two hours and five minutes later, stepping on the ground in Fort Worth.

A man, meeting a friend in a battered condition, asked, "Who beat you up?" The bandaged one explained, "I took my girl to a restaurant and she found a fly in her soup. She called the waiter and said, 'Take this insect out of here'. So he threw me down a 'flight of stairs'."

Says the Weatherford Democrat editorially: "With a full-fledged war in progress, Texas, along with the entire United States, has plenty to do. Our state government can be of immense help not only to our own people but to the entire nation. It would seem to be the wise and sensible thing to do to keep Governor Stevenson in the position that he is filling so well. A vast majority of Texas folks are proud of his leadership and are glad to work with him in solving the difficult problems that confront us."

Speaking of graphic utterances Ed Delehanty, the Babe Ruth of his day, was asked the secret of his success at bat and his answer was, "Hit 'em where they

ain't" And General Nathan Bedford Forrest, the Wizard of the Saddle, when asked the secret of winning a battle, replied, "Git thar fustest with the foostest men"

A collection of pipes, hundreds of 'em, is owned by Fred Jackson, Cameron cafe proprietor. He has been collecting for 16 years and values them at \$5,000. One, over 300 years old, belonged to Sir Walter Raleigh, who introduced the fragrant weed to Europe. Another, with a long curving stem, has a porcelain bowl with the picture of the original owner. Some are Turkish pipes, with flexible stem and water bowl, others are corn-cobs. When I met Jackson, he was smoking—a cigar!

With the high-brows: Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and some few to be chewed and digested.

A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.

The colored exhorter said, "Is thar anyone in de congregation dat likes sin? Ef so, stand up. Whut's dis, Sistah Jones—does yo likes sin? She replied, "Excuse me, parson, I thought you said gin."

"If wisdom's ways you wisely seek.

Five things observe with care; Of whom you speak, to whom you speak, And how and when and where.

"Ah wants a ticket for Virginia please suh", said the colored woman to the ticket agent. "For what part of Virginia?" he asked. "Fo' all ob Virginia," was the reply; "dat's Virginia settin' on dat suitcase."

Baird Wins County One-Act Play Contest

Friday night, March 6th, Callahan county held its annual Interscholastic League One Act Play Contest in the Baird High School Auditorium.

The winning play was "Waiting" by Grace Levine, given by Baird High School. The play "Who Gets the Car Tonight" by Chris Sergel, given by Cross Plains, was rated superior. "Eternal Life" by Fred Eastman given by Eula High School was rated excellent, also "A Vane Effort" by Winston Tolles, given by Clyde High School was rated excellent.

Dr. Watts, Director of Speech at McMurry College, in Abilene, was the critic judge.

Betty Lou Lewis of Baird won the acting award for best girl actress, in the role of Dolly in "Waiting"; while Madie Eddington of Cross Plains won second in the role of Mary Jones in "Who Gets the Car Tonight"; Glenn Baugh of Cross Plains won the acting award for best boy actor in the role of Mr. Jones in "Who Gets the Car Tonight" while Carl Yarbrough of Baird won second in the role of Ben in "Waiting".

The list of characters of "Waiting" are:

Betty Estes
Lillie Frances Bains
Betty Lou Lewis
Carl Yarbrough
Pickard Wagner
Director Katherine Freeman
Stage Manager.

Eugene Swinson,
Assistant Manager,
George Frazier and Tommie Merdith.

Characters of "Who Gets the Car Tonight,"

Glenn Baugh
Januita Burks
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Wallace Bennett
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Stage Manager, Glen White.

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Ruenelle Cook
Glen Tarrant
Alene Johns
Scott Hays
Bonnie Ada Wilkins
Billy Don Moore
Director,
Mrs. V. R. Whittenbeck.

The District Meet for One-Act plays will be held in Breckenridge, April 9th.

Car Registration

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PERSONAL

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Mrs. Sarah McGill and Mrs. R. E. Lewis of Tecumseh were in Baird Thursday.

Mrs. Ludie Owens has returned to her home in Oklahoma City after a stay of several days at her ranch on the Bayou.

Lewis Hill, son of Dr. and Mrs. V. E. Hill, student in the University of Texas, was among the 759 who were commended when listed on the honor roll of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Fred Estes, Jr., who is with the Merchant Marines called his parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Estes by telephone from New Orleans Monday night.

Mrs. Homer Gardenheir of Rockwall, spent Tuesday night with her cousins Mrs. J. C. Baringer and daughter Corinne and Miss Myrtle Boydston. She has been at the bedside of her daughter who is ill in Abilene.

John Stone, his sister-in-law Mrs. Clara Stone of Tecumseh, left last week for Florence, Arizona, where they will make their home. Mrs. Stone's son, Deward Stone and wife recently moved and came back and persuaded his mother and uncle to go with him. John Stone is the youngest and only surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone, deceased, who were among the early settlers of Tecumseh, where John was born and reared.

WANTED—By experienced lady position as housekeeper. References given. Mrs. Ernetta Klein care of H. N. Hatley Rt. No. 1, Baird, Texas.

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- MISS HICKMAN—Kenneth Jones Gaylord Price Danny Williams Emily Cauthen Mamie Catham Bobby Sue Edwards Opal Hunt Dehla Thompson Nellie Griffin, MR. MATHIS—Jackie Gilliland Shirley Blakley Virginia Stephenson Carol Ivey

Carroll Smith MISS GRIMES—Buddy Brame Helen Burks Betty Hamilton Ernestine Hill Jean Jacobs Pauline Jones Mary Lou Settle

TO OUR PATRONS Due to the continued advance in price of all materials, we are compelled to make a slight raise in the price of Permanent Waves—the lowest price permanent now is \$2.50. Respectfully, Modern Beauty Shop Margie Ray's Beauty Shop Grimes Beauty Shop.

SPRING STOCK SHOW—

(Concluded from First Page) weight to \$13.00 per hundred weight. The sheep averaged \$10.05 per hundred weight. Mr. Robert Edwards purchased four fat hogs. Mr. Lindley Ford purchased 2 mutton lambs. Ed Crawford (for T-P Cafe), purchased one mutton lamb. Mr. Larmer Henry (for the Callahan County Club) bought eleven beef calves.

The Grand Champion Calf fed by Delbert Mac Sawyer, was bought by Larmer Henry for the Callahan County Club at \$13.80 but Delbert Mac decided to keep the calf.

Robert Estes bought both Delbert Mac and Buddy Sawyers prize calves. These prize calves will be properly butchered, inspected and aged and Delbert Mac's was sold to the T-P Cafe for their regular trade and a portion served at the next Luncheon of the Callahan County Club.

Buddy's calf was sold to Hollingsheads Food Market where this choice meat will be on sale next week. Bill Fields who lives in the Hart Community and is a 4-H Club Member in Callahan County auctioned all the livestock, furnishing the loud speaking system

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Population of Britain On Increase Despite War The United States and England are entering a period of population expansion. The newest figures indicate that England, despite all the bombings, is holding her own in the number of babies born; there are as many or more marriages today than there were in peacetime, and the birth rate in the United States is climbing.

Guy Irving Burch, director of the Population Reference bureau and one of the country's leading analysts of population trends, declared that at the present rate the population of the United States will rise from the present 132,000,000 to about 152,000,000 in 1950. Meanwhile, Miss Irene Barnes Taebur, coeditor of the population index, declared that figures reported from England, Scotland and Wales show that the birth rate in England in 1940 was only three-tenths of 1 per cent lower than in 1939 but was much higher than in 1933. The number of marriages in 1940 was the highest on record for the British Isles.

The principal factor in the population increase is not the number, says Burch, but the quality of the children to come. At the present time 45,000,000 persons "are existing at a level of living below the requirements for health and efficiency" and two-thirds of the children are born and grow up in this least-fortunate bracket of the population.

French Perfumes Now Are Used by Middle Classes In the old days before the World War, Russia was the largest customer for French perfumes. Perfume was then a luxury trade. The clients were grand dukes. They bought rare perfume for their duchesses and—sometimes—rare perfumes for ladies of artistic talents. But after the World War, when the grand dukes took to taxi driving, they had to content themselves with something sweet (and cheap) at the five and ten cent store.

Then France looked to America for perfume customers. The United States had become a great world power. American women were beginning to "perfume up" light heartedly. But since they lived in a democracy, the girls faced the fact that they must also perfume demagogically. Whereas, the grand duchesses had not stinted themselves, but had bought their perfumes by the liter, American women just tried to manage along economically on a bottle of this or that, at a mean little twenty dollars a bottle.

Therefore, the great French houses began to go in for the middle class trade. Then the French scientists cooperated in the new economy. They found if they added various chemicals to a precious essence, such as attar of roses, they could produce Lily Thumadiddle, Violet Delirious, Daisy Dizziness, for much less money than if they added the real and unadulterated lily, violet or daisy to the "fixative."

Mining Deposit Geography Mining geologists and mining engineers rarely give due thought to the geography of mining deposits. They realize, it is true, that what may be ore in one place would be only worthless rock in another because of the inaccessibility of a smelter or a market; and they may consider the lack of a supply of labor, or water or power to carry on operations. But they do not think of these things in terms of geography. Geography may be defined as the science of relationship between earth and man, so geographers are vitally interested in the how and why of mining as it is carried on at different places having entirely different environments, writes Lewis F. Thomas in "Mining and Metallurgy." Such environments are geographic complexes or composites of natural and cultural elements.

Cloud Spark Meter A device that warns airplane pilots regarding the potential lightning that may be hidden in a particular thunder cloud has been invented by General Electric engineers.

The "cloud charge indicator" is mounted on the plane's panel board. The glow of a Neon tube and deflection of a needle indicate to the pilot whether the intensity of the electrical disturbance demands an immediate change of course. The complete instrument weighs only two pounds and is contained in a box that measures only five inches high, three inches wide and two inches deep.

More Trains Chicago, Ill., is the world's greatest railroad center. The city is served by 21 class 1 railroads and 14 switching and terminal companies. These railroads—including some of the largest in the country embrace more than two-thirds of the railway mileage of the United States. They own more than one half of all the locomotives and cars and perform more than one-half of all the railway passenger, freight, express and mail service of the country. There are about 4,000 passenger or freight trains enter or leave the city daily.

Effective Silverfish Poison for Library Pest Silverfish, the long, grayish insects that scampers through stored books, papers and linens, have just had their private lives examined and their death warrant written. The likes and dislikes of these elusive pests that destroy valuable papers, books and heirlooms have been discovered by Arnold Mallis, entomologist on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

The species used by Mr. Mallis in his studies, called Ctenolepisma urbani by entomologists, is unable to survive a spray of pyrethrum. "When the silverfish is confined in a pyrcthrum dust it shows great signs of irritation, often within 30 seconds. The pyrethrum dust adheres to the hairs on the body and around the mouth parts as well as upon all appendages. The insect becomes paralyzed within from three to ten minutes," said Mallis. Sodium fluoride and sodium fluosilicate have been used in the past to control silverfish but were only partially effective. If these poisons are combined with pyrethrum, the lethal result to the pests is greatly enhanced. Treated "cards" sold commercially for silverfish control have little effect on the pests, Mallis reported.

The diet preference of silverfish was also studied, and it was found that animal fibers such as silk and wool are not as popular with the pests as vegetable fibers, linen, rayon, cotton and lisle. As all paper and fine old linens are made from vegetable fiber sources, this explains their choice of libraries and linen closets for habitation. A modern streak was discovered in the insects. They are very fond of cellophane, kleenex and onion-skin paper, preferring these materials to newsprint and cardboard.

Trick Baby Chair When a baby fell from a high chair, incurring a broken back that resulted in death, the child's father decided to do something to prevent such tragedies. He has invented a chair-table in which a baby assertedly may be left safely for an indefinite period. A friend has just purchased one of them. It looks like a saw white bridge table with a hole cut in the center. The baby's head and shoulders protrude from this hole while he sits on a swing seat that is equipped with an adjustable rest. Straps confine babies who have reached the crawling stage. Lifting the chair-table over is impossible and it easily can be moved about on casters attached to the legs. The whole thing can be folded and kept in a closet. At any time it can be converted into a table by moving the baby seat and fitting it into the hole in the top.

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