



It's a new Gable sweetheart in a new Gable picture, "Any Number Can Play," which opens Tuesday at the Parkway Theater. Redhead Alexis Smith is playing opposite Clark Gable for the first time. Wendell Corey, Audrey Totter, Frank Morgan, Mary Astor, Lewis Stone and Marjorie Rambeau are others in an exciting cast.

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MOLEHILLS MADE OUT OF MOUNTAINS

There is a possibility of having a new view of things by standing an idea on its head, or by putting it into reverse. This must be true of the common saying, "making mountains out of molehills." We have particularly noted that people possessed with a vivid imagination magnify trifles until they take on the appearance of a barrier impossible to surmount.

A more serious thing, however, than this is to make molehills out of mountains. Many do. Think, for example, of the greatest thing in life, the knowledge of God "whom to know aright is life eternal." This represents the paramount height of Christian experience. Nevertheless, it is possible to give no real attention to it, and treat it as a thing only secondary in importance.

The philosopher, William James, properly rated the knowledge of God when he said, "We and God have business with each other; and in opening ourselves to His influence, our deepest destiny is fulfilled." What a blunder to make a molehill out of this all important matter!

How about the moral disciplines of life? There are those who think discipline and self-control are old-fashioned and puritanical. Instead of seeking to attain the "Highest Good" their motto becomes, "Eat, drink and be merry." The first two can be easily managed, but not the last.

A molehill is definitely made out of a present day mountain—service to humanity. Perhaps it never looms as a commanding height which to climb is life's great achievement. With many, this service comes in an incidental, if it is recognized at all. Their lives are ruled by three little words: I, me, and mine. All responsibility as pertaining to a needy world is disowned and forgotten by them in the constant endeavor of making life snug for themselves—Molehills are made out of mountains. Yet here are those whose memories become immortal through sacrificial service. There is the host of anonymous great also whose acts of mercy are fully known only to God. May we be numbered among these. Let's not let the mountains of our lives be made molehills of insincerity and unconsecrated living.

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Soil Conservation

The district supervisors of the Wilbarger-Wichita Soil Conservation district are sponsoring a grass judging contest on 4-H and FFA day at the T-O Fair, Thursday, September 29. Grasses will be judged that have been raised in this area.

The contestants will need to know, and will be scored on their ability to identify the grasses, determine whether they are annuals or perennials, whether they are cool weather or warm season grasses, and as to grazing value of each grass.

There will be 40 different grasses in the contest.

Vinson Duvall, agronomy professor of Hardin college, is assisting the district supervisors in this contest. He will collect the grasses to be judged, and compile the information in writing of score cards and rules and regulations of the contest. Any team wishing to enter the competition should write the SCD office at Iowa Park.

Irrigation land leveling and construction of borders are now in process of construction on the Ruben Parish farm south of Iowa Park. Since Mr. Parish is a dairy-

man, this land will be planted to alfalfa and grasses for hay and pasture. All new laterals on this farm are elevated above natural ground level to insure good heads of water at time of irrigation. Permanent tile turnouts and concrete checks in ditches will be used. Alfalfa, clover and grass pastures are some of the best crops a farmer can grow to improve fertility of his land.

Several irrigation farmers of the Wichita Valley have recently purchased their own small leveling equipment. After the land has been worked with maintainer or carryall it is necessary to have small equipment to complete the job. Ruben Parish has purchased a small carryall border disc, and an Eversman leveler. With these he is doing a big portion of the leveling work on his farm. A maintainer belonging to Precinct 3 was used to move the sidefall from the borders and to construct the irrigation ditches. All the other work has been done with the Parish equipment.

Among those who have purchased machinery are: Rufus King, border discs; Philip Cunningham, border discs; Eversman mounted float, and carryall; Bromfield farm, border discs, mounted float; J. M. McFall, carryall scraper; Hardin college, border discs; L. J. Lane, border discs, mounted float; Shem P. Cunningham, Eversman, border discs.

Two terrace outlet waterways are completed on the N. J. Jacobi farm east of Pumpkin Center. One will be vegetated to buffalo grass and the other to Johnson grass, and clover and used as a meadow.

Most of the district's co-operators have planted or will plant winter legumes or vetch or Austrian winter peas after the rain. There was more vetch harvested by district co-operators this spring than any year in the past. Inquiries have been received from other districts as to availability of vetch seed here, but due to increased acreage of this crop this year, all seed harvested, and more too, is needed to supply the demand.

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Music Livens Shower Given Mrs. Roberts

Extraordinarily brilliant musical entertainment provided a background for the lovely tea shower given as a compliment to Mrs. Quentin Roberts, the former Miss Hazel Ruth Roby, Thursday evening, Sept. 8. Especially apropos was the music because it seemed to reflect the enviable talents of the honoree, her appreciation of the beautiful and her generous spirit during the time she has resided here of contributing her talent and time to furnish entertainment on occasions almost too numerous to mention.

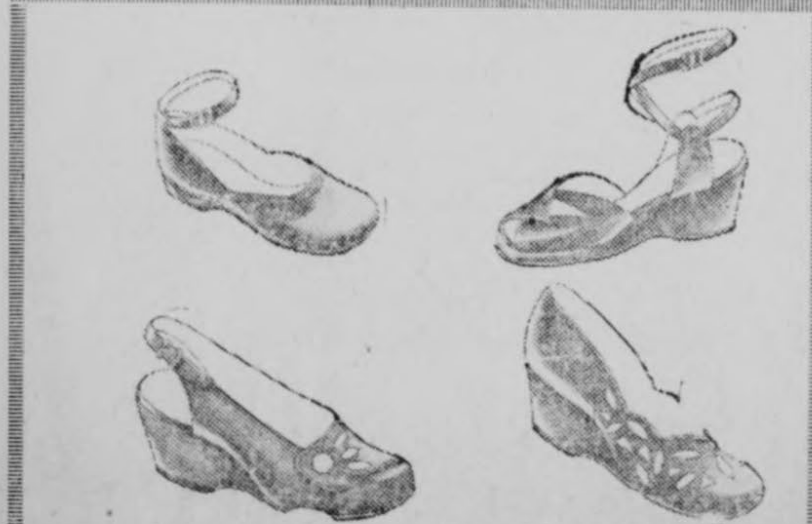
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the program were Miss Patsy Mitchell and Miss Caroline Sue Gay, young accordian players who have been studying under Mrs. Roberts, and Mrs. R. A. Tanner, pianist, and Miss Frances Bell and Miss Lou Ann Duke, vocalists. Each performed in top form to thrill the party guests with their excellent renditions of popular numbers.

The shower took place in the parlor of the Baptist church. Composing the hostess list were Mesdames Herman Mitchell, Sam Hill, Earle Denny, J. L. Reaves, Wayne Short, Sam Ferguson, Roy Lancaster, O. M. Jones, O. E. Lochridge, Dorothy Thompson, Carroll Duke, J. Louis Quick, D. O. James, Herman Mahler, L. E. Brooks, Taylor George, Homer Blalock and Miss Frances Bell.

As guests called they were received by Mrs. H. H. Mrs. Quick and Mrs. Jones. Their signatures were received by Mrs. Reaves.

With noticeable conspicuousness the refreshment table, which was

elegantly laid with an ecru lace cloth over pink, was an interesting picture. The floral centerpiece featured roses in a remarkable color range from deep red to soft pink, and spikes of festasia in delicate lavender hues. A magic touch was added to the blossoms by a wide satin ribbon bow, its color being an effective splashing of the shades of the flowers. On either side were lighted candles burning in Dresden china holders. Refreshments emphasized the pastel colors, and the names "Hazel Ruth and Quentin" appeared on the dainty white tea napkin in orchid letters. Mrs. Lancaster and Mrs. Denny were at the refreshment table during the hours of entertaining.

At other places in the parlor bouquets of zinnias and periwinkles in a variety of colors combined to give the setting a picture-garden effect. A yellow carnation corsage accentuated the attractive printed crepe frock worn by the honoree, Mrs. J. C. Roby, her mother, wore a black dress and a pink corsage, while Mrs. J. O. Roberts, mother of the groom, appeared in a rose colored costume and a white corsage. The flowers were pinned on these three as they arrived, by the hostesses.

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Seldom does one receive more gifts at a wedding shower than Mrs. Roberts got Thursday evening. The hostesses remembered her with a wool blanket, linens and additions to her china, the entire set being put out on display as the beautifully wrapped packages were untied.

Pointers Are Listed For Child Safety

Spare the gas and save the child! is urged by the Texas Safety Association as the new school term opens this month.

A child in the heat of play forgets, so the bulk of the responsibility for his safety falls upon the driver.

The association says that drivers can save child life by following these rules:

1. Regard every child on the street as a flashing Caution sign.
2. In school zones, residential districts and near playgrounds, be especially watchful and expect the unexpected at all time.
3. Give bicycles a wide berth. Inexperience, a poor sense of balance, holes in the road, or just childish absent-mindedness can place the rider in your path without warning.
4. In residential districts particularly, be on the alert at driveways and intersections for tricycle riders, skaters and scooter riders.

Recorded Lecture Is Music Club Feature

An enthusiastic and enjoyable meeting of the Modern Music Study club was held Thursday evening of last week in the home of Mrs. O. R. Owens, president, who presided at the business session.

Mrs. James Sewell, the program chairman, discussed briefly the new course of study "Hymns of the Month," then presented the first part of the study. This was a recording of the story of the hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" by Dr. Isaac Watts. Mrs. Royden J. Kieth, president of the National Federation of Music clubs, was the narrator.

Following the lecture the hymn was played and Mrs. Lester Hawkins, choral director of the club, led the group in the study of the hymn as sung by the Westminster Choir.

The members agreed that this promises to be a most interesting course of study and eagerly look forward to the next hymn of the month, when Mesdames Bess Smith and Paul Zink will be hostesses, at which time a number of guests will participate in the study.

A refreshment plate was served to Mesdames Lester Hawkins, Jas. Sewell, Charles Coppock, Ida Chatelain, Bess Smith, Misses Mary Butcher, Hazel Crites and the hostess.

SEE NORGE BEFORE YOU BUY

SENIOR NEWS

Awful though it may be—here is the first issue of our senior news. The three who were elected to the press committee would like to thank everyone for the vote we received. We will do our best to serve the class.

Our rings are here. We haven't received them yet, but hope to get them this week. It's going to be difficult for some to get them on their toes. Last year they would wear the rings.

Jerry Cope was elected our president at our first class meeting. Also named were Don Paul Lemons, vice-president; Katy Merle Sumrall, secretary; Virginia Partney, treasurer; and James Hair, Franklin Farmer and Patsy Steed, press committee.

Room mothers are Mmes. Cope, Lemons, Banks, Steed and Lovell. Again blue and white are our colors. Last but not least, Miss Linton and Miss Curtee are again our sponsors.

We just love the sweaters seen lately. Seems like winter again. Don't fret though, it will soon be warm again.

The other day Mrs. Owens asked B. G. Moore if he had any brothers or sisters. After replying "No," she breathed deeply and said, "Thank goodness."

Have you seen Johnny W? Doubt if you will recognize him, he has gained so much weight. Carries apples in his pockets all time. Didn't think we knew, did you, Johnny?

In class Mr. Beene asked the students to give the number of tons of coal shipped out of the U.S. in any given year. Eddie Lee brightly answered, "In 1492—none."

Everyone remember the Hawks play Henrietta, Thursday. We expect a good turnout for the first home game and the second victory for the Hawks.

That is about all for this week, so as they said when Patsy was born, "Whodda think it?"
 — James—Pat—Franklin.

Beverly, Mass.—On his 92nd birthday John J. Healey said the way to live long and happily is to stay out of bed. He hasn't been on a mattress for 32 years, prefers just leaning back in a rocker for 180 minutes a day. "I got out of the habit of getting tired when I was young," Healey explains, warning: "So, that sleep is dangerous stuff."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mills returned to Fayetteville, Ark., last Friday after a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Gibbs in Wichita Falls and with friends and relatives in Iowa Park.

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Mrs. C. B. Smith Gives W.S.C.S. Lesson

The W.S.C.S. met at the Methodist church in Iowa Park, Monday, Sept. 12 to continue study and plans for the winter. "Japan Begins Again" was the subject chosen by Mrs. C. B. Smith for the lesson.

Mrs. H. M. Mahler was in charge of the business session.

The following members were present: Mesdames A. D. Butcher, C. B. Smith, Miles Thompson, Gene Stockton, Richey Abernathy, Elmer Price, Neil Johnson, Kirk Beard, L. C. Perry, M. L. Smith, Joe Bell, H. M. Mahler, C. J. Simpson and Scott Morris.

Valley Farms 4-H Girls Elect Officers

The members of the Wichita Valley Farms 4-H club met Thursday night, September 8, to elect officers for 1949-50. Assuming duties of president is Noralene Moer. Other officers are Barbara Johnson, vice-president; Lucille Wesley, secretary-treasurer; Eva Nell Clements, reporter; and Tena Sue Adams, assistant reporter.

Plans for the 4-H booth at the T-O Fair were discussed. June Thornton was selected to head the refreshment committee.

The next meeting is to be held Thursday night, September 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Troutman were here over the weekend visiting his sister Miss Mina Troutman.

W. L. Guthrie left Saturday for a visit with relatives in McLean.

Miami—Vegetables are growing in the homestretch of the Haleah race track today, but it's not because of a depression. The racing strip is planted with cowpeas, velvet beans, okra, cucumbers and watermelons during the off-season to prevent erosion.

Mrs. Vincent Mayo of Wichita Falls and Mrs. D. O. James went to Odell Thursday to attend the funeral of J. M. Collins, brother-in-law of Arch Hughes.

A Sergeant was chewing out a hapless recruit:
 Recruit: "Here's the way it is, Sarge. When the platoon is marching, my brain starts saying: Stand

up straight. Six to the front and three to the rear. Head and eyes to the front. Thirty inch steps. Keep in step with the man in front."
 Sergeant: "Yeah? Then what happens?"
 Recruit: "My body looks at my brain and says: 'Who, ME?'"
 Who was that lady I saw you outwit last night?

Albany, N.Y.—Advice from the boss paid off in Horatio Alger fashion for the pretty young New York state office worker who listened carefully when he told her, "never rely on anything but hard work." She placed a bet on Hard Work at the Saratoga races. Hard Work paid \$20.20.

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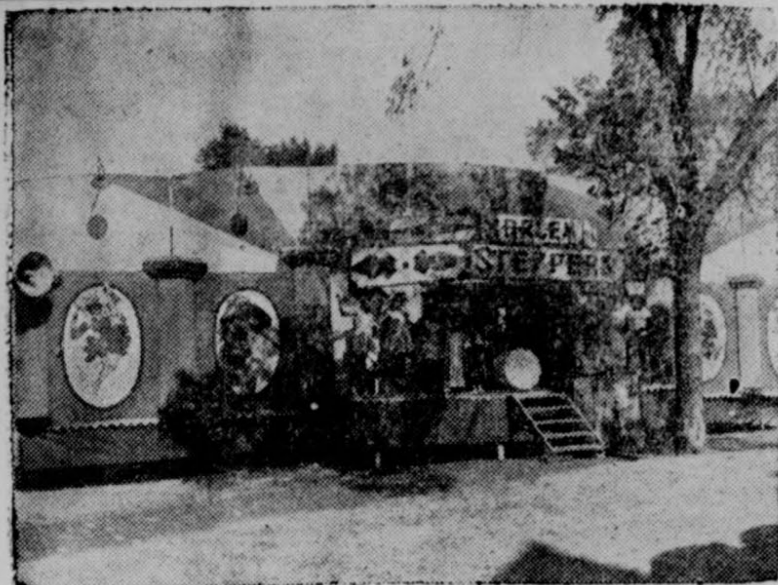
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Camp Fire Girls Have First Meeting of Fall

Camp Fire activity in Iowa Park was stepped up this week when the Cha-Ki-Ka group met Wednesday for a business and planning session at the home of Mrs. Ishmael Cordeiro, leader. Maxine Cannon, president, directed the discussion as the girls made plans for the coming year.

The charter was read to presented to the group, after which the Camp Fire law and Trail Seeker received attention. A singsong was directed by Sandra Sue Banks.

Members present were: Maxine Cannon, Sandra Sue Banks, Artie Sue Mitchell, Beverly Sue Croft, Mary Ralston, Mary Ellen Roberts, Doris Herrington, Roberta Butts, Barbra Walker, Sara Johnson and Sharon Reed.

4-H Boys Elect Officers for Year

4-H boys of Wichita Valley Farms met Thursday night, Sept. 8 and elected officers. Page Morgan was named to head the club. Other officers are Shuman Lewis, vice-pres.; James Dalrymple, secretary; and George Clements, reporter. Adult sponsors are L. S. Clements, E. A. Moore and Floyd Boyd.

Others attending besides the officers and sponsors were: Jerry Kuehler, Bobby Johnson, Eldon Biggs, Gerald Clements, Jean Paul Moore, Tod Moore, Jerry Morgan, Eddie Wesley, Thomas Moer, Clayton Boyd, Tex Boyd, John Trigg and the county agent, Max Carpenter.

Valley View W.S.C.S. Receives Thanks of School for Indians

The W.S.C.S. met Monday afternoon at 2:30 in business session. Mrs. G. C. House led a short devotional and then took the group on a 3 weeks trip to Portland, Ore., by way of Colorado and back thru California. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all as each thru her eyes saw the beautiful flowers of Washington state and the lovely drive down the Columbia river. The big trees of California, etc. were described by Mrs. House. She expressed appreciation to the church group for making it possible for the visit with their daughter and family.

Mrs. Buzbee read a letter of appreciation from the Harrington, N.M., Indian school for clothing sent and also of the splendid work our school is doing.

Mrs. Ralph McKinley, secretary of student work, was responsible for last Sunday night being recognition service for college students, after church inviting them to her home for refreshments. Through her efforts and those of the pastor our \$5 a student has been sent to Wesley Foundation on our campus at Hardin college, NTSC, TSCW, also Stephens college in Missouri. We are proud of our eight young people attending colleges. They are Bill Snow, Marvin Dale Childers, Donald Wayne Henderson, Paty McCarty, Judy Hodges, Doris Henderson, Billie Faye Lakey and Leroy Lakey.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. House, gave to the group an outline of their duties as secretaries of Church Activities and Spiritual Life so that each member might have a better understanding of our work. An article was read on Albert Schweitzer, world known theologian, doctor, and missionary who recently visited the United States. W.S.C.S. workers know him well for most of the study book refers to him and his work in Africa.

Mrs. Lakey presided and urged all secretaries to attend the W.S.C.S. seminar at First Church in Wichita, Thursday, Sept. 15.

Air Tour Due Here Friday, Sept. 16 at 1

The Air Tour of Texas will arrive at the Gilchrist airport on Friday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m. Between 250 and 300 planes bringing from 400 to 600 flying farmers, ranchers and oil men will make this extended tour.

The group will have luncheon in Vernon and the Wichita Falls Jaycees will serve cold drinks and furnish entertainment for the guests. A group of pretty Hardin College girls will choose the homeliest pilot who will be presented with a pair of boots.

On invitation of the Jaycees an official of the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce will join the dignitaries in welcoming the guests. A large delegation of Chamber members will give out Iowa Park folders stamped with the Texas-Oklahoma Fair dates.

The air tour will cover most of the state—a distance of 3,300 miles with 53 stops. Joining in on the tour will be the Texas Private Flyers Association and the Flying Farmers Association. The tour will leave Houston on the 12th for a week's schedule. A handsome map showing the route will also include the advertising of products of each section to be covered by the fliers.

The planes land on the Gilchrist airfield because Colonel Gilchrist is the only member of the Aviation Association in this area. He joined the tour at Corpus Christi for a luncheon and proceeded with them to the Rio Grande Valley, and then came home to prepare for the event on his own Iowa Park airfield.

All pilots and plane owners of this area are urged to join the air armada to show that the people of Iowa Park and Wichita Falls and surrounding area are definitely air minded.

This event is of educational value since all types and models of small aircraft will be flown in. A large crowd is expected to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Hughes and son Bruce attended the funeral of J. M. Collins, his brother-in-law, held at Odell on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Betty Denny left Monday to resume her studies at Baylor university, Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hatten and Betty Jo visited Mrs. Hatten's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Scales at Chico last week.

Bridwell Soil Awards Explained to Lions

That the original soils of Wichita, Clay and Archer counties have been largely dissipated by misuse is the standard opinion of experts. This fact was brought out by Everett McCullough of Wichita Falls, in a talk before the Lions club of Iowa Park on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. McCullough is general chairman of the Bridwell Soil Builders Awards, a three-county contest administered by the Wichita Falls O of C which is designed to awaken interest in rebuilding the fertility of soil in this area.

Mr. McCullough explained that \$3,000 has been set aside for prize money in the various contests which have been set up for the Bridwell Soil Builders Awards. Classification to be considered are Winter legumes, Summer legumes, Dryland pasture and general range improvement, Special crops, Legume or legume grass irrigated pasture, Conservation practices on whole farms, and Community weekly newspaper.

The contest will be open to farmers in both dryland and irrigation areas, and the two classes will not compete against each other.

Other men especially interested in fostering soil conservation practices, present for the meeting were Jack Austin, assistant manager of the Wichita Falls chamber; Max Carpenter, county agent; Fred Parkey, Soil Conservation Service; Bob Huguey, Malabar Farm; L. E. Brooks, experiment station; and T. J. Paec, irrigation district officer.

Announcement was made at the luncheon that the Wichita Falls Lions will be hosts to Lions of the county at a picnic at Harrell Park, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. Also that a zone meeting will be held at Electra on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Bill Guthrie went to Lubbock on Wednesday of this week to begin his studies at Texas Tech.

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WHY THE MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD STRIKE?

Over twenty years ago, the Congress of the United States passed the Railway Labor Act. It was hailed by union leaders as a model for the settlement of labor disputes.

efficiently or economically if the leaders of the unions ignore agreements or laws.

Provisions of the Law which are Disregarded

There are five ways under the Railway Labor Act to settle disputes over the meaning of contracts:

- 1—Decision by National Railroad Adjustment Board.
- 2—Decision by System Adjustment Board for the specific railroad.
- 3—Decision by arbitration.
- 4—Decision by neutral referee.
- 5—Decision by courts.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad has been and is entirely willing to have these disputes settled in accordance with the requirements of the Railway Labor Act. Regardless of this fact, the union leaders have shut down that railroad.

Innocent Bystanders Suffer Losses and Hardships

There are about 5,000 engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen on the Missouri Pacific. They are known as "operating" employees, and are the most highly paid of all employees on the nation's railroads, but their strike action has resulted in the loss of work to 22,500 other employees of the Missouri Pacific. In addition, they have imposed great inconvenience and hardship upon the public and the communities served by that railroad.

The Railway Labor Act was designed to protect the public against just such interruptions of commerce.

If these men will not comply with the provisions of the law for the settlement of such disputes, then all thinking Americans must face the question, "What is the next step?"

President Truman's Board Condemns Strike

There is an established legal method for handling disputes involving existing written contracts—just as there is such a method of settling any contract dispute which you may have in your daily life.

The President of the United States appointed a Fact Finding Board to investigate and adjust the Missouri Pacific dispute. This Board reported, in part, as follows:

"... it is with a deep sense of regret that we are obliged to report the failure of our mission. It seems inconceivable to us that a coercive strike should occur on one of the nation's major transportation systems, with all of the losses and hardships that would follow, in view of the fact that the Railway Labor Act provides an orderly, efficient and complete remedy for the fair and just settlement of the matters in dispute. Grievances of the character here under discussion are so numerous and of such frequent occurrence on all railroads that the general adoption of the policy pursued by the organizations in this case would soon result in the complete nullification of the Railway Labor Act..."

Obviously the railroads cannot be run

There is no Need for Strikes

With all of the available methods for the interpretation of contracts, there is no need for a strike or even a threat of a strike, but the leaders of these railroad unions have ignored the ordinary procedures established by law and insist upon imposing their own interpretations of their contracts by means of a strike.

The wheels have stopped rolling on the Missouri Pacific. They may stop rolling on other railroads at any time. Recently the Wabash Railroad was forced to discontinue operation for several days under similar circumstances.

What are These Strikes About?

These strikes and strike threats are not about wage rates or hours. They result from disputes over the meaning of existing contracts. They cover claims for a full day's pay for less than a day's work, or for payments for services performed by others who were fully paid for the work done.

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