Lopp Guest Speaker Lions Club Luncheon

themselves to changing conditions if Frances Hudzietz,

west as he can," said the speaker. Others attending from McLean may have the best of attention. "Every business must be completely were Mesdames C. C. Thompson, C. revolutionized, and following the war. B. Batson, Pete Fulbright, Ruel Smith, regardless of its outcome, we can get T. A. Boyd, C. E. Corts, H. E. Franks, Biggers-Wilson ready for a greater age, when hun- N. W. Foster, T. E. Crisp, Kester dreds of new inventions that are now Rippy, D. L. Wood; Misses Margaret ready will be put on the market. We Glass and Bobbie Crisp; Messrs. Wood will then be in the condition of and Shadid. ploneering in a new world."

Mr. Lopp said that 98% of business failures are not caused by lack of business opportunity, but by the you. I don't come back to your store." "Weeds and shelterbelts can't grow s the customer's attitude. There is up together," stated W. E. Webb of competition is stronger between towns Prairie States Forestry Project, at the ring ceremony before a floral back- C. O. Greene, Bob Black, Ercy Cubine, than between lines of business in conclusion of a meeting of his field

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The local merchant can buy as more and better cultivation were discheaply as the chain store and wih cussed. lower overhead can sell cheaper than There are over 1800 miles of active the big town merchant," said Mr. | shelterbelts in Northwest Texas, con-Lopp. "It is the merchant's job to tinued Mr. Webb. Some of these cultivate customer loyalty and good shelterbelts were planted in the past

itors from Amarillo, Panhandle and must be eliminated. Pampa were present.

SHOWER HONORS MRS. BAKER

sponse made by the honoree. Mrs. Mr. Webb advises that all farmers L. K. Hornsby led the closing prayer. who have belts on their farms get at well. Forrest Switzer, Ernest Erwin, high and make the job of cultivation J. W. Hornsby, Frank Reeves, Boyd more difficult. Reeves, W. W. Boyd, T. H. Andrews, Laverne Kunkel, Johnnie Biggers, W. J. Carnes, Leon Waldrop, Y. B. Lee. Annie Forbes, those on program, and

Stewart, Pat McMullen, Bryant Mc- action of the city election April 1. herson, John Gunkle, A. J. Worley, Mr. Sparks is a veteran peace of-Opal George, Homer Abbott, J. R. new promises at this time but is Plark, A. G. Woodrome, Hal Bullock, running strictly on the record he has tainwater, Neal Humble, Geo. Cole- sideration at the hands of the voters. ank, Elmer Decker, Lloyd Carlyle, I. C Weatherby; Misses Eunice Stratn, Mary Lee Abbott, Julia Mertel nd Helen Simmons.

am of accordion and piano num- singing. ers, in Mrs. Boyett's studio on the ening of March 7.

dames H. C. Rippy, Ruel Smith d C. B. Batson, to 22 club members 35 guests.

rents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Shaw, expire this year. Sunday.

D. G. Stokely made a business trip Oklahoma Friday.

BIRTHDAYS

larch 23-John Adrian Mead, Shirarch 24 C. S. Doolen, Jack Bo- week.

T. L. Lovelace, Floella Cubine, Rex Campbell.

Mrs. Sam Jones. rch 25-Mrs. Tincy Green, Luther

srch 27-Mrs. M. G. Koen, Elste a subscription renewal. Mrs. Harry Overton, Maurine Tucsday afternoon.

Piano Students at Music Festival

Byron E. Lopp of Albuquerque, N. The following students of Mrs. Willie A rough stone walk reinforced with Mrs. Dick For the second successive year, the F. M. Shawver, who has been ness life and merchants must adjust Evelyn Foster. Duella Wood and next few days.

"The white man has gone as far making an average grade of 9514. order that the grass and shrubbery

START SHELTERBELT

men at which plans for obtaining

Charles and S. A. Cousins were in these belts a fair start this spring, presented as local visitors, and vis- the weeds that are now springing up

Weeds and trees compete for soil moisture and plant food. If the weeds are permitted to grow they will rob the trees of the much needed moisture and nourishment, stunting ceremony. Mrs. C. H. Puckett was hostess at some and choking out others. Soil a bridal shower last Thursday after- moisture brings the plant food out of noon at the Pentecostal Holiness the ground into the leaves where it "Wonderful Words of Life" was in turn is distributed to all parts of attendance. sung, with Mrs. H. O. Byerly playing the trees. If the weeds are thick the plano accompaniment, after which and are greedily absorbing moisture, the tree may lose out in its battle member of Gamma Phi sorority.

Present were Mesdames W. R. Max- these weeds now before they get too

SPARKS FOR MARSHAL

the name of J. A. Sparks as a candi-Sending gifts were Mesdames F. E. date for city marshal, subject to the Floyd and daughter, Betty, of Mc-L. Andrews, W. H. Miller of Alan- ficer, having been city marshal for sed, Willie Woodrome, Lucy Smith, a number of years. He makes no arl Stubblefield, C. S. Doolen, W. E. made. He will appreciate any con-

MEETING AT KELLERVILLE

The Junior Music Club entertained will do the preaching, and Clyde ly appreciated." leir parents and friends with a pro- Horrell of MoLean will lead the

The public is cordially invited to attend the services which will be Lovely refreshments were served by held at 10 a. m. and 8 p m.

NO SCHOOL CANDIDATES

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Aldrich and been filed for school trustees in the present. ughter of Pampa visited the lady's McLean district. Two trustees' terms

> parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Landers, improved. last week end.

husband at an Amarillo hospital last them for a visit.

ch 26 O. L. Tibbets, Mrs. Jim L. S. Tinnin and D. A. Davis were hospital Thursday. Pampa visitors Tuesday.

ch 28-Clyfton Wilkerson, James T. N. Holloway was in Mobeetie Roy Campbell made a business trip LIBERTY COMMUNITY MISSION

h 20-Wheeler Foster, Sarah Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hindman made a Miss Alma Miller visited home folks trip to Shamrock today (Thursday), at Hereford over the week end.

Stone Walk Built Through City Park

M., was guest speaker at the Lions Boyett's piano classes attlended the concrete has just been completed Dunlap were hostesses, at the home McLean float won first place at principal of the ward school for the Panhandle Music Festival at Ama- through the city park, following a of Mrs. E. L. Sitter, last Thursday Shamrock's St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Lopp said that it has been the rillo last week: Sephanie and Tommie path that has been in use for years. when the Junior Progressive Study The float was in the shape of a principal for the coming term, at a privilege of people living now to Thompson, LaWanda Shadid, Jimmy The walk is only one of the con- Club entertained the Pioneer Study white ship with Miss Marietta Young meeting of the board of education have lived in the greatest age of the Batson, Glenda Joyce Smith, Irma templated improvements for this year. Cluworld's history and the easiest age Ruth Fulbright, Johnnie Mae Boyd, The east half of the park has been. The following program was given suit. Miss Young was McLean's entry. The following teachers were elected in which to make money, but we are Earline Eustace, Alice Billie Corts, Iva leveled and about 125 holes dug for under the direction of Mrs. Stokes, as princess for this community. now undergoing an evolution in busi- Dell Rippy, Ruth Strandberg, Mary trees which will be set within the on the subject, "The Negro and The winning place brought a \$25 Ruth Hart, Mildred Williams, Mannie

They played a total of 36 soles, better care than usual this season, in B. Rice.

Nuptials at Lubbock sitter

Miss Billie Jean Biggers, former Foster"—Mrs. Vernon Johnston. McLean resident, and Mr. Bob A. Wilson of Lubbock, were united in ginny"-Frances Sitter. marriage Sunday, March 9, at 4 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents,

Dr. C. E. Hereford, pastor of the S. A. Cousins, C. A. Cryer, F. M. little customer loyalty today and Wichita Falls, state director of the First Baptist Church, read the double Shawver, C. J. Magee, Boyd Meador, ground lighted by white candelabra. her only attendant. P. A. Lyon, also of Spearman, was best man.

tailored costume with beige accessor-

of the bride. "Leibestraume" was the hostesses. played softly on the violin during the

ception at which the bride's cake was cut. Slices of the wedding cake Church, honoring Mrs. Carl Baker. is made into usable plant food, which and drinks were served to all in

The bride attended West Texas State College at Canyon and is a

lege. He is now employed by the on the ballot. Western Electric Company.

Only members of the family and a few close friends attended the wedding. Out of town guests included Miss Elaine Murphy, Miss Vera Beth Misses Juanita Hornsby and Opal The News is authorized to carry Hoskins and Dick Kilgore, all students at Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. W. H.

The young couple will be at home at 2113 23rd St., Lubbock.

NICHOLSON FOR MARSHAL

The News is authorized to carry the name of Lawrence Nicholson as a candidate for city marshal, subject to action of the city election April 1. at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Nicholson in making his an-A Go pel meeting will begin at the nouncement, says, "If favored with PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH she had learned from 4-H work that Kellerville Church of Christ next election, I will discharge my duty in UNIOR MUSIC CLUB PROGRAM Sunday, to continue through April 3. a courteous manner to all concerned. Ross O. Spears of Memphis, Tenn., Your vote and influence will be great-

DR. HICKS MOVES

Dr. A. W. Hicks has moved to Fort Worth, where he will practice his profession as dentist. Dr. Hicks is retaining his McLean office and

Misses Agnes Cooper and Fern the serious illness of her son, Wayne, opening prayer, and Mrs. J. L. Hess Landers, who are teaching in the and son-in-law, J. O. Hudson. She the closing prayer.

Mrs. C. J. Cash visited Mrs. Milton Cousins, and J. H. Wade. Mesdames S. W. Rice, T. A. Landers, Carpenter and son at an Amarillo Next Tuesday at 2:15 p. m. Mrs.

of the week.

to Amarilo Thursday.

Junior Study Club **Entertains Pioneers**

Solo, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" -Mrs. James E. Cocke. W. C. Handy and the Heart of Castside Club Hears

the Blues-Mrs Dwight Stubblefield. Solo, "St. Louis Blues"-Frances

James A. Bland, the Negro "Stephen Solo, "Carry Me Back to Old Vir-

A lovely refreshment plate carrying out the St. Patrick motif was Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Biggers, of Lub- served to the following members of the Pioneer Study Club: Mesdames Bob Thomas, W. E. Bogan, H. W. Miss Frances Hoskins of Spearman, Finley, T. A. Massay, A. W. Hicks

Guests were Mrs. C. and Mrs. S. R. Jones.

The bride wore a chocolate brown Members of the hostess club attendance were: Mesdames Frank les. Her corsage was of white gar- Howard, John B. Rice, M. J. Newman, Earl Stubblefield, Dwight Stub-Miss Doris Kolb, a cousin of the blefield, James E. Cooke, C. V. Henbride, played "I Love You Truly" as dren, John Cooper, Vernon Johnston, a violin solo. The bridal march Leslie Jones, Emory Crockett, Harris from Wagner's Lohengrin was played King, C. P. Hamilton, Tom Boyd, by Miss Ermadel Floyd, also a cousin Norman Johnston, E. L. Sitter and

CITY POLITICS WARMING UP

warming up as the deadline ap- Mrs. H. M. Roth con'inued proaches for filing names on the lesson with a discussion on the size

It now appears that voters will be paper on the proper way and amount given a choice of candidates for all of fertilizer to use.

College and West Texas State Col- (Friday, March 21) to insure a place C. A. Myatt, Luther Petty, J. H. Wade Stokes, Mr and Mrs. Olen Davis and

With the Churches FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

John W. Myrose, Minister Sunday school 10 a. m., Alton Howard, supt.

'Preparation for Life." Junior Society 2:30 p. m. Senior Society 6:45 p. m.

The Voice of God." Junior choir practices after school 39 inch pillow tubing, with a two Brooks: Wednesday.

Evening wor hip at 7:30. Sermon,

W. R. Maxwell, Pastor Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. P. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night Preaching Saturday night.

METHODIST W. S. C. S.

leader discussed trees and their uses. ident last year. Mrs. A. J. Worley was called to She applied the tree of life to our Dumas Thursday night on account of lives. Mrs. Paul Stauffer offered the

Mrs. Ellen Wilson.

Harry McMullen and family spent Others present were Mesdames C. the week end visiting in Oklahoma. S. Rice, Callie Haynes, J. M. Noel. J. R. Phillips and Mrs. J. A. Sparks, Mrs. T. N. Holloway. Mrs. L. K. Hornsby visited her Miss Wilda Joyce returned home with C. O. Greene, J. E. Kirby, J. B. accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Collier Pettit, J. A. Sparks, J. W. Story, of Amarillo, went to Fort Worth

H. C. Rippy will teach the mission study, Dangerous Opportunity. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McLaughlin Thursday, March 27, the W. S. C. S. parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sparks, daughter, Mrs. V. B. Reagor, and Rob Hindman has our thanks for were in Pampa on business the first zone meeting will be held at Keller- over the week end.

8. R. Jones, Minister Sunday school 11 a. m. Evening service at 7:30.

McLean Float Wins First at Shamrock

as skipper, dressed in a blue sailor this week.

prize to the city, sponsors of the Wilson, Eloise Lane, Ruby Swim, It is planned to give the park | Life of Marian Anderson-Mrs. John entry, which pays half of the expense C. J. Magee, M. J. Newman, Jewell of building the float.

Garden Discussion

"In those parts of the state where wind, sand, a shortage of moisture, extreme summer heat or cold are the gardening, a frame garden can pro- Embroidery Club

Mrs. Kelley continued sion by saying that good judgment bright and Mrs. J B. Pettit were the most from a frame garden, the gardener should plan and plant it carried out in table decorations, food so that a succession of vegetables and games. may be harvested under ordinary con- One visitor, Mrs. Beall, was present ditions from three to five plantings, and the following members: Mesdames The rows should be eight to sixteen Carpenter, Finley, Bogan, Guill, Cash, inches apart, planting the narrow Massay, Jones, McCoy, Coffey, Franks, way to make cultivation easier.

gate. Either surface or sub-irrigation CLUB MEMBERS-FAMILIES the surface. Always keep the soil sufficiently moist to keep the etables from wilting

of a garden, and Miss Burr read a

All candidates' names must be filed Elton Johnston, Kate Stokes, Floyd attended school at Clarendon Junior with the city secretary by tomorrow Lively, H. L. Dorsey, Buster Stokes, Buster Stokes and family, Mrs. Kate

and Miss Leona Lewis. The next meeting will be an all ter, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ledbetter and

4-H GIRL'S CLUB WORK

Mrs. C. A. Myatt.

"For my bed I have three pairs of made, to members of her club.

The slips displayed were of white

inch hem put in by hand. A mono-Senior choir practices Wednesday gram worked in white satin stitch was used as simply artistic decoration. Bennie Mae further explained that the pillow slip should be at least six inches longer than the pillow for ample protection. The material should be soft so as not to be uncomfort-

ing quality. WEATHERRED NTCE PRESIDENT

able, and the material and work-

manship should be durable for last-

W. B. Weatherred, county superin-Mrs. W. E. Bogan was leader of a tendent of schools, was elected presi- of the First Baptist Church were will be in McLean Fridays and Sat- Epiritual Life program for the Meth-Up to the present no names have urdays every other week for the odist W. S. C. S. Tuesday afternoon, ference of Education at Canyon last last Friday evening, under the direc-Using Psalm 1 as a scripture, the week. Mr. Weatherred was vice pres- tion of their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rhodes and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Avis Rhodes and Sudan schools, visited the latter's returned home Monday, reporting both After a short business session, the children of Odes a visited their parmeeting was closed with prayer by ents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Rhodes, over the week end.

A. B. Christian, O. P. Dorsey, S. A. Wednesday to the bedside of their Miss Marie, and Miss Margaret Glass

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wood and children of Amarillo visited the lady's

Miss Ruby Swim visited her brother, Rev. W. B. Swim, and famly at Post City over the week end.

Miss Eloise Lane visited home folks at Pampa over the week end.

Shawver Elected Prin. High School

subject to placement: Lorene Winton. Cousins, Lucille Beaty, Idell Gadberry, Dale Smith and Mary Lou Acl haney.

Supt. C. A. Cryer is serving under a three year term.

The following resignations were received: J. P. Guinn, who is to enter army aviation service; Neal Wilkins and Hellen Heath.

Holds Luncheon

Mrs. H. E. Franks, Mrs. Pete Ful-

The St. Patrick's Day motif was

Thacker, Pettit, Fulbright and Kirby

ENJOY FORTY-TWO PARTY

families Friday night.

Forty-two was played by the older members and games were enjoyed by

C. A. Myatt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lively and family, Mr. and Others attending were Mesdames Mrs. A. L. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. day meeting Friday, March 21, with family, J. W. Lively and Troy Corbin. Punch and cookies were served.

PTA PROGRAM TONIGHT

At the regular meeting of the pillow slips—one for the bed, one in Parent-Teacher Association tonight Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon, the shelves and one in the laundry," (Thursday) at the high school audisaid Bennie Mae Wade of Eastside torium, the following program will be 4-H Club, as she displayed one of given by speech pupils of Mrs. Bob two pairs of cases which she had Black, assisted by Kathryn Brooks, Gloria Gunn, Scooter Hamilton, D. J. McKeever, Lovetta Gunn and Jackie

> "A Year's Supply"-Colleen Bur-Playlet, "The Maker of Dreams."

Dream Maker-Bobby Black Dreams: Cowboy-Cliff Callahan. Farm Boy-James Clark, Glamour Girl-Donna Ruth Magee.

Old Fashioned Girl-Edra Johns-

Pirate-Earnestine Dickinson. Princess-Jan Black.

B. T. U. ENTERTAINED

Members of the senior B. T. U.

Refreshments carrying out the St. Patrick motif were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caldwell and children of Liberal, Kan., visited here over the week end. Their son, Jerry Don, returned home with them after a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and

Mrs. J. A. Brawley and daughter, were in Amarillo Tuesday of last

Mrs. T. A. Landers visited her family at Amarillo Sunday and Mon-

T. N. Holloway made a busin trip to Clarendon Monday.

Barney Moore of Amarillo was in McLean on business Monday

By Edward C. Wayne

U. S. Maps New Ways to Aid British As Senate Passes Lease-Lend Bill; Nazi Spring Offensive Gains Speed With Balkans as Center of Activity

(EDITOR'S NOTE-When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Following Senate passage of the Lease-Lend bill, providing a method of extensive aid to Britain, these senators get together for a united handclasp. They are (Left to right) Senator Barkley of Kentucky, majority leader; Senator Wheeler of Montana, opposition leader and bitter foe of the bill, and Senator George of Georgia, foreign affairs committee chairman. The vote was 60 to 31.

(See Below: Lease-Lend, Finally.)

LEASE-LEND: Finally

The passage of the lease-lend bill, called many names by its opponents, including the lend-spend bill and the lend-give bill, suddenly was passed by the U.S. senate by 60-31.

The action seemed sudden after the long and vituperative debate which found Democrats leading the opposition and many Republicans finally in the favoring fold.

As the vote neared on the final day, almost exactly two months to a day from the time when it was jointly introduced in both houses, eading opponent Wheeler (Mont.) declared angrily:

"I have been told by New Dealers who get their information direct from the feed-trough that the United States will be at war by April 1."

Within the hour, however, the bill had passed, and the same Senator Wheeler grinningly was posing for pictures amicably patting the joined hands of Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky and George of Georgia, the bill's leading proponents.

Many amendments were added in the senate, but those which were passed did not arouse as much comment as those which went down to

Chief among these were three, the Ellender amendment which would have kept the President's hands tied on the movement of U. S. troops, the anti-convoy measure, and the Taft substitute for the entire bill, which would have made two billions available immediately for Britain, but which would have nullifled most of the general intent of the British aid measure as originally framed.

The seven amendments added in the house, which limit the size of the eid to \$1,300,000,000 without further authorization by congress, and which limit the life of contractual obligations, and which make it mandatory for the President to advise congress of steps taken, and which make it possible for congress to terminate the arrangement under certain circumstances, seemed generally acceptable to the senate, at least to the majority of senators, and materially shortened the fight against it in the upper house.

The solid Democratic South was strongly in favor of the bill and chief opposition generally was more marked from the Middle and Far West. The eastern senators were generally in favor, and of the 10 Republicans who voted "Aye," six were from New England and New Jersey, while only Aiken of Vermont, Danaher of Connecticut and Tobey of New Hampshire made the three out of seventeen Republicans who voted "Nay." Of the thirteen Democrats who voted against the bill, only one, Reynolds (N. C.) was from the South, and only one, Walsh (Mass.) was from the East.

The issue was clear-cut, the opposition eaying in effect two things: (a) the measure was frankly a war measure: (b) it would give the President

dictatorial powers.

The proponents took two posi-

(a) the bill was our best protection against active entry into the war because it would aid Britain in holding the Nazi menace away from

QUOTES ...

MEXICO CITY-Foreign Minister Padilla: "Let us go forward proudly to our defense, convinced that we are defending a great cause."

(b) amendments adopted in both houses provided sufficient safeguards against dictatorial powers, and strong single and central power in the President's hands was needed in order to make the aid swift, certain and considerable.

What Next?

Aside from Senator Wheeler's daring prediction of "War by April Washington observers began to ask themselves what would be the natural aftermath of the passage of

The bill frankly created one huge arsenal out of this country, and it was anticipated that the first act of our government would be to begin the transfer of huge stocks of war material already on hand across the Atlantic to England.

Much of it, too, could be expected to be transferred to Mediterranean ports, where many of the Americanbuilt airplanes are now in service.

Another step certain to be taken, it was said, would be the awarding of certain proportions of American defense contracts now being executed to Britain, and making arrangements for delivery. Some more American freighters, it was felt, would be given to Britain, and probably some more destroyers, of which Willkie stressed the British need.

SPRING: Offensive

The Nazi spring offensive was gaining momentum, and the chief early activity was in the Balkans where, on the face of reports, if they could be believed, Germany was making a determined bid to pull Italy's Albanian chestnuts out of the Greek fire.

The reports of activity were voluble and confusing, as might be expected from activities that were at least 50 per cent diplomatic and the other 50 per cent actual motion of troops and materials.

First step was the German infiltration into Rumania, with its terrific and chaotic aftermath; then came the "mufti-invasion" of Bulgaria, closely followed by an actual taking over of that country and the massing of troops and munitions in force on the Greek-Bulgar frontier.

The number of these troops was variously estimated, the highest figure being about 600,000.

The throwing of 600,000 men of German blitz caliber against Greece, most military men agreed, would be fatal to the Hellenes if they had at the same time to continue to defend against a counterattack of Italians bolstered by Nazi officers in Albania

That is, it would be fatal unless Greece had substantial help. This, on the other hand, if reports again could be believed, England was about to send. On the face of things, Britain had already given Greece considerable and substantial aid in the Albanian battle, had vigorously engaged and whipped the Italians in Africa, and was strong in her promises to aid Greece on the northern front when, as and if the Ger-man attack materialized.

This aid was going to come, it seemed obvious that it would have to involve Turkey, which would have to get in the war on the side of England and Greece.

Visits by Eden and General Sir John Dill were followed by their moving over to Athens; the landing of British troops at Salonika, reputedly a full motorized division, and the formal request, a few days later, by the Greek authorities, for a formal assurance by Turkey that her treaty commitments would be met. The stand of Russia at the moment was dubious enough, but most observers believed she would act in the same manner she did in the case of the invasion of Poland, namely, hold off until German success was sure.

At Home



CAMP UPTON, LONG IS AND, N. Y .- This striking warlike scene brings battle picture close to home as a corporal of the 198th Coast Artillery waits his turn to insert a shell into a 3-inch anti-aircraft gun during artillery

TIT FOR TAT:

Italy-U.S.

Washington was mildly inflamed, if such a term can be used, when Mussolini, without any diplomatic interchange, ordered U. S. consulates at Naples and Palmero closed.

Also all of the American embassy and consular officials in Italy were ordered practically to be "confined to quarters"-that is, their diplomatic rights to move about the country were denied, and they were given categorical orders to stay within the areas to which they were assigned.

Cordell Hull acted promptly in reprisal. The Italian consulates at Detroit and Newark were ordered closed and Mr. Hull added to these actions the same type of restrictive order regarding the movements of Italian diplomatic officers and members of the consular service

Mostly Americans were amused by this interchange, particularly in the comparison of Detroit and Newark with Naples and Palermo.

However, Mr. Hull's orders carried with them one additional item which carried a somewhat sinister note, and that was that he especially restricted the Italian military and naval attaches.

NIGHT CLUB:

sideshow in the Balkans, attempt-

ing to lure England away from Af- red wool capes, hats, and skirts with rica and the Suez, thus permitting two things-a drastic attack on the canal and Gibraltar at the same time; and, second, a strong invasion attempt on the British isles with England's head turned the other That this might be so was seen in

the fact that the Nazi Luftwaffe tend each season in search of delaunched almost its bitterest air night attack on London that the war

Many civilians walking along a road were killed and wounded; a direct hit was scored on a night club with many casualties; and two bombs hit streets on each side of a cafe, collapsing the building and burying many who were dining there after dark.

Cables carried pathetic stories of the night-club bombing, telling how the bomb landed in the midst of the band-stand, killing the band-leader and many of his musicians; scattering death and desperate injury among a gay group of dancing men and women, the latter expensively gowned.

Though with customary British censorship the location or name of the club was not cabled, it must from the description have been an exclusive recreation spot for the well-to-do, showing that the East-Enders have not been the only sufferers from the air blitz.

ODDITIES

. . . in the news

BARCELONA. - A hitch-hiking farmer got a ride from a truck which was carrying an empty coffin. He got inside. Two other farmers were picked up and rode sitting alongside the coffn, unaware a third passenger was within. Suddenly the lid was raised and the farmer said: "Why, it's stopped raining." The two other passengers leaped in terror. One was in-stantly killed. . . .

WASHINGTON. - New Federal regulations have been issued that hot-dog sausages must have listed on their outsides what is inside, in the order of predominance.

FRANKFORT, KY .- The Employment commission in Kentucky has ruled as to the status of two important members of the working classes. A pin-boy in a bowling alley is an employee. But a caddy is his own boss—he being listed as a contractor, and hence exempt from the wage and hour law minimums.

Military Influence Predominant In Juvenile Clothes for Spring

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



at command so many contributing sources of ideas that they have been inspired to do and to dare this sea-

Perhaps most exciting of all is the rush of patriotic themes prevalent in all the apparel for the younger generation. Emblazoned stars, eagles with wide-spread wings, flags unfurled, ships, anchors and other nautical insignia, braidings, epaulets, sailor collars, officers' capes and brass-buttoned coats, colors red, white and blue in the true American way hold endless fascination for youngsters, especially when they adorn their very own coats and dresses and stylish cape outfits as they do this season.

What could be more attractive, we ask, in the way of new spring ensembles for school-faring sisters than the cunning two-sister cape herewith? To fully sense the charm There were many who believed of these clever cape outfits, one that Hitler was merely putting on a must visualize them in their own original bright colorings (matching navy jackets) as displayed at a preview of American-designed fashions presented in connection with a series of breakfast style clinics held in the great Merchandise Mart of Chicago. Pace-making fashion events are these clinics which thousands of merchants and buyers atpendable authoritative forecasts which these style shows present.

The two coats in the picture shared applause with the cape suits. Their message is buttons. Rows and rows of 'em! Bright metal ones a la militaire are favorites.

for white collared coats are featured for both adults and little folks. The nautical influence can be seen in the coat pictured in the inset. Navy Shetland with a red and white trimmed sailor collar and two rows of glittering silver buttons is the formula adopted by the designer of this smart and attractive model.

Children adore buttons, and three

rows of them as used on the new

aqua Shetland wool coat pictured to

the right is enough to triple any lit-

tle girl's joy. The pretty eyelet em-broidered collar helps make this

coat an important spring fashion,

The pendulum has swung back to sailor dresses. Both children and grown-ups will wear huge white linrie sailor collars with their new spring frocks. The top color for spring is navy in coats, dresses and capes.

Amusing it is to see the way children's fashions this year copy those of their elders. An adult fashion that repeats in miniature for little daughters of the household is the print-with-plain costume. Cunning versions for tots are pleated-skirt print dresses tipped with capes (navy or pastel wools) lined throughout with the print of the dress.

Influences other than the navy or the army that make for versatility in styling are South American trends that bring vivid color into play. Dude ranch fashions also delight tots. There are lariat ties, cowboy fringe trims and studded leather belts. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Smart Hats



yen for exploiting "the latest," you will choose to wear with your spring suit or ensemble a coolie hat as pictured above, for Chinese influence is noted throughout costume design this season. This baku coolie is in bachelor blue, a color slated for spring success. In this instance there is a side cluster of tiny grosgrain bows and an attractive under-

Colors as varied as a kaleidoscope give to the other hat a definite thisseason aspect, for current fashion fairly shouts color, color, color, color! This dashing beret is made of black, pale and deep rose, purple, green and yellow grosgrain ribbon stitched together in a pinwheel treatment.

Footwear Features Colors, Low Heels

Glamorized by style designers, low heeled shoes will lead the fashion parade this spring. Newest models have been given flippant touches to make them more attractive.

The great emphasis on color is perhaps their most outstanding feature: the more color the merrier. Sandals or step-in oxfords in a glow-ing tan, pale blond or smart wine red shade will enliven even the so-berest black or navy blue suit.

Tan tones are slightly favored over other colors. They range from the grayed twig tans, soft cocoa and tortoise, to khaki. This last color is especially smart in combination with black patent leather, with khaki gabardine used through the center of the shoe. Wedges are renamed "lifts" and

are recommended for country and sports wear. Soft cocoa-colored suede is used

for one of the dressier shoe styles known as a Capri sandal. Something a little different is even done to the navy blue oxford. Here the navy influence is definitely mak-ing itself felt. One oxford of navy blue calf and gabardine has three narrow folds of white calf across the toe. Similar bands of white cross the back of the heel. For the final touch, the shoelaces have flat leather ends with a small white star design in the center.

Hand-Crocheted Hats

Inexpensive to Make

Sailors, turbans, brimmed hats all done in hand crochet—here's news that is news. Ask your milliner to show you some of the new crochets. If hats are not all-crochet, then the crochet idea is interpreted through trimming, such as crochet applique, yarn pompons, and huge twists of bright wool yarn.

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The Pencil Mystery By Hazel Smith

How strange to take a nice new sharpen it but once.

It was a pretty blue pencil and you had paid a whole nickel for i school and Dwight promised to fight marched in the parade. just that morning, when you could anyone in his weight so he would have gotten one for a penny. Know- nave a chance at a golden glove. ing how pencils disappeared from the study hall, you had vowed, "No were used Wednesday night when J. Betty Floyd was born in Artesia. tets. one will take this pencil becauge I'm rights and V. Morris met in the 200 N. M., February 5, 1924. going to guard it."

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walking down the hall, you found a tiny pencil stub just long enough to fit into the pencil sharpener once more-it served your purpose.

FASHION HIGHLIGHTS

Senior-Madge Burrows is seen wearing a black self-tone harmony skirt and a white shirt closed with red stud buttons. She wears the stylish slip-on oxfords and white anklets.

Junior-Jewell Lane, a charming lassie of the junior class, is seen wearing a rose silk crepe dress. It has a white collar, and is pleated in the front. She wears matching anklets and brown oxfords.

Sophomore-Colleen Burrows wears a black skirt topped with a red checked shirt waist blouse closed with red hat buttons. She wears brown and white saddle exfords and red

Freshman-Doris Cecil wears a blue, red and green plaid dress. Th dress buttons down the back to the waist. She wears brown and white exfords, laced with brown and white twisted laces. Her anklets match the green in her dress.

SNOOPER SNOOPIN'

Dale Burch, what's this we hear about your not accepting a date from mama couldn't go along with you? So James Everett came home-it didn't do Syble Lee much good. though, as he was showing Pat Cobbs locket. around. -It could be that Syble has her attention on "greener pastures. A new romance has sprung up-

Grace Washburn and Jack Lisman. m the radiator.

Why did Hazel Smith rate so many ditorials?

How come Mr. Magee came hobbl-

nos Hanner that he is keeping his profit of \$231. ngers crossed and wishing hard for J. B. Waldrop's calf took reserve faxine to get her soldier.

ne to "court" your boy friend. Joyce F., haven't you and Thomas \$186. property?

NTERMURAL BOXING TOURN.

led in great success Wednesday were 500 entries. ht, March 12, which was the third Total expenses on two hogs were

the McLean gymnasium.

Ib class Smith decisioned Chil- there were 30 schools from Texas,

Hazel Smith 118 lb-R. Borner decisioned B. Hill. A sistant Editor Nacmi Hancock This fight was judged as being the

cayoing Sherrod.

145 ib-Roth decisioned G. Mant- Others from McLean on the pro-

pencil to school and have it disappear Graves and M. Jones were both cut asssitants to Major Finklestein. All the different styles of boxing

gone and you wished for the nickel a great amount of recognition in clothes -- the show "Gone with the back. You had taken a run up to high school boxing, was nursing a Wind" -- movie actor Nelson Eddy the library to get a book, but some- broken hand when the signers comhow you forgot to take it along with pleted the card of weights. After ald -- the song "High on a Windy you; when you returned to your dest the tournament was put off two weeks Hill" -- St. Patrick's Day celebration Cunningham, went to Memphis Frithe pencil was gone and only your Combs was able to fight. Since he -- listening to the radio -- white day to take part in their tournament. old fountain pen was left; and i was a senior and liked boxing so boats -- and chocolate pie. well, he offered to fight the 135 pound! Betty simply abhors pianos out of To your utter amazement you glanc- Panhandle sensation, J. Bible of Alan- tune -- cabbage -- crooked fingers -reed, in an exhibition.

pound division. Harris won.

man realized and remembered the many knockouts that the other had to attend college at Texas Tech in made, there were not many exchanges Lubbock. of blows. Their previous meeting two years ago, Bible decisioned Combs in a close fight. Wednesday night the score was evened when Combs de-

The judges were from Shamrock.

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Johnnie Chilton quits winking at all the girls.

Everyone gets to school St. Patrick's We hear all of the news about

Frances Hardin and the ambulance Jack Jones stops being Superman.

When the boxers' black eyes dis-

ne Shelburne's hand in law class. The seniors sell some Easter lilies Maxine Goodman stops saying "hah' over the telephone.

Mr. Cryer's stamps stop disappear-

Bobby Campbell stops going to see that awful "Jones person."

Elva Blankenship stops swiping pena certain "little girl" because your cils-how about taking Miss Cousins',

> Buddy Dunn learns who the gentleman's picture is in Fay Thomas'

HONORS WON BY F. F. A.

The agriculture boys under the We wonder why Jimmie Holland supervision of C. J. Magee have won imped up so fast when she sat down many honors this year, some of which I will give the data on.

Bob Sherord had three calves, on ca colas last week? Could she have of which won grand championship at assed out a few tips on writing the McLean show. It also took reserve champion at the Pampa Gray county show. His calves took away g in to assembly walking on a the 8th and 24th honors at the ane? Is he going 5th Avenue on us Amarillo fat stock show. His exor is he getting old in his young penses on the three calves were \$215. His receipts were \$436. He won \$52 Snooper has just been informed by premium money which made him a

champion honors at the McLean show. So Lorene and Glen Tedder have It took grand champion at the Pampa tten acquainted—and he has already show. He sold this calf for \$197.38. ven her a ring. It looks like the Waldrop's two other calves took 5th me one Louise Farris was wearing and 6th place at the Amarillo show st week-make up your mind, Glen. Total expenses on four calves were Bab, why get so mad when people \$475. Total receipts on four calves Il the truth? After all, it's no were \$661. He won \$84.50 of premium money, which made him a profit of

ley passed the fighting age-or is Wayne Back, who showed two hogs, cone trying to trespass on pri- took first place in the junior division at the McLean show, and also first in the junior division of Chester White hogs at the Amarillo show. Back's hog also took grand champion over The intermural boxing tournament all breeds at Amarillo, when there

ht of the tournament being held \$24. Total receipts on both hogs were \$153.55, which made a profit of \$129.55. welve golden gloves were given to The livestock judging team made up winners, and an 8-inch trophy of J. B. Waldrop, Bob Sherrod, Tomawarded to Joe Wayne Hill be- my Beck, and J. M. Montgomery, alof his outstanding sportsman- ternate, took first place at Claude, during the three nights of the competing against 20 schools. They also took first at Pampa competing the 75 lb class-Simpson de- against 12 schools, and first at Amarillo in judging beef cattle, when

Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

STUDENTS TO SHAMROCK

McLean float, a white ship.

gram were: the girls' trio, Evonne Advertisement 2c 155 lb-S. Back landed his killing Floyd, Frances Sitter and Mary Fcsright and kayoed J. Bonner in the ter, who sang "River Stay Away from first 20 seconds of the first round. My Door" and "Tumbling Weeds;" 170 lb-Dwight decisioned Graves. Opal Tedder and Evonne Floyd were

were defeated by R. Dwight. There Major Maxine Little, and the drum were no other boys in this weight in and bugle corps led by Opal Tedder burned faces.

I NEVER KNEW TILL NOW

She is crazy about music -- friends M. Combs, a boy who has received -- butterscotch cream puffs -- sport -- movie actress Jeanette MacDon- part in boxing tournaments this year,

> western shows -- movie actress Mae Her hobby is reading. She hopes

TIGERS RECEIVE JACKETS

Eleven basketball jackets were feated Bible and won the golden awarded to the McLean Tigers Monday, March 17. The jackets are reversible satin. They are gold colored and C. B. Lee, an ex-Tiger, was the trimmed in black, the school colors, 5. Good permanents are aland bearing the letter M on the left side. On the inside they are blue 6. We guarantee them. Cal Farley Mar. 28, high school aud. trimmed in black.

> Boys receiving jackets were Robert Dwight, captain; Joe Cooke, Paul Bond, Kenneth McMullen, Oran Back, Sonny Back, Kelly Lee, Melvin Bailey, Lester Bailey, Robert Batson and Robert Gibson

The Tigers were coached by Dick Dunlap and later by Cricket Christian.

Crisis Philosophy

Some people don't look so good after going through a real John Kelly Lee stops holding Ernest- crisis, but they have a heck of a lot more sense.

> A. T. WILSON at the Hermitage

105 lb-W. Back decisioned Sar- boys fed stock and made good records, ers this year on the Tiger team, with Hill and Frank Simpson.

the season.

best of all the 11 fights of the even- McLean joined the crowd and cele- games, Kelton one, Shamrock two, arrived at Memphis they found that pound division of the golden glove ing, and each boy was awarded a brated St. Patrick's Day with the Wellington two, Lefors one, Allison the golden gloves champions from tournament, Irishmen at Shamrock Monday. Sev- one, making ten victories. They lost Flomot and Wichita Falls were signed Hill lost to Messer, the golden glove 125 lb-J. Hill decisioned O. Back, eral people from McLean appeared on one game to Lefors, one to Quail, one up for the tuornament. This caused champion of Flomot tournament. Af-135 lb-Lisman surprised himself, the program, and Marietta Young, to Mobeetie and two to Memphis, the competition to be a little fast ter the decision was made, two votes his opponent and the audience, by wearing a blue sailor suit, rode the making a losing score of five games, for the McLean boys.

BAND GOES TO SHAMROCK

day to the annual St. Patrick's cele- pound division, before you had the opportunity to of school men and each of them The McLean band led by Drum bration. Everyone seemed to enjoy Monroe Combs drew the Texas was all a mistake, but Hill proved he

BOXERS ATTEND MEMPHIS TOURNAMENT

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95 1b-Worley decisioned Smart. | Mr. Magee states that several other McLean had some cutstanding play- Combs, Lavelle Vineyard, Joe Wayne weighed in with his shoes and other

test they thought it was a tourna- fights the last night, winning both, The Tigers beat Alanreed two ment for local schools, but when they which made him champion of the 85

night on the P. T. A. program. The fought fifteen fights this year and in fun anyway. Hill has lost only program will consist of numbers from has won eight by knockouts. He lost one fight this year. the contest list, also solos and quar- only one fight in the finals at Fort, Worth when he fought for the state championship.

Frank Simpson, a 75 pound boy,

clothing so as to be eligible for the Cooke and Bond high point men for When these boys entered this con- 85 pound division. He fought two

The first McLean fighter was Vine- home is in Memphis, the crowd Cal Farley Mar. 28, high school aud. yard, who lost by two votes to one "booed" the decision. Hill fought all to the golden glove winner from three rounds without sitting down at Wishita Falls in the 118 pound class, the end of either round. He had In the 'next bout, Hill stole the Messer down and into the ropes show by defeating the Wichita Falls whenever he could catch him during The band went to Shamrock Mon- golden glove champion in the 125 the third round. Messer, a very the day and came back with sun- famous Dorsey from Wichita Falls could take a loss as well as his many and lost by a technical knockout late wins in a very sportsmanlike man-The band is to appear Thursday in the second round. Dorsey has ner, assuring Messer that it was all

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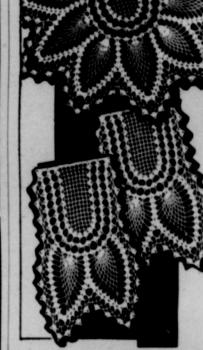












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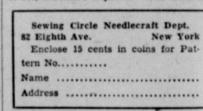
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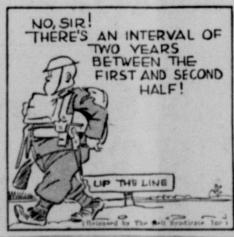






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WHO'S **NEWS** THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—As Japan stakes out Oceania for her own, Gen. George Grunert, commanding the Philippine department of the Amer-Gen. Grunert at ican army, is following his Philippines Calmly usual proce-Sits on the Lid dure of resoon the lid. He tells the American community there, organizing for dezense, not to get steamed up and warns against "spreading excitement or stirring up alarm."

The general knows island soldiering, from whacking his way through the jungle with a machete, which he did as a private, to running the army there, which he does as a general. He is known as a soldier's soldier. mever involved in politics or army controversy, a skilled specialist in military techniques, of which he has been both a diligent student and teacher in the army schools.

His home town is White Ha-ven, Pa., and he works hard to make Manila seem like home, in spite of threats, challenge and tension in the Far East. He was one of those small-town boys who fell in step with the village band music in 1898 and marched off to the Spanish-American war to the tune of "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," and kept right on marching, in the Philippine campaign and every other major and minor excitement in which we were involved. He was on the Mexican border in 1914, with the A.E.F. in France and with the army of occupation in Germany, gathering chevrons and medals on the way up.

In between these exercises, he was teaching military science at the Shattuck school in Fairbanks, Minn., serving as instructor and later commander of the Army War college and commanding the general staff

school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Whatever we may think of our historic little crow-hops in the direction of manifest destiny, they have trained some good men if we ever have manifest destiny thrust upon

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D EPORTS about many of the Nazi leaders, including Herr Hitler, consulting seers and astrologers, carrying talismans and reading dream books It Seems a Dual came over Talisman Might here back in thedayswhen Defeat the Nazis many of our citizens thought they were nice people, and were amused by their little human failings. Hence the dossier on Gen. Friedrich Christiansen, when he flew the Do-X to this counry nearly a decade ago, was not inspired by ill-will or propaganda when it recorded his various devices to exorcise the demons of ill-luck. After the blitzkrieg, the general became runner-up for Dr. Seyss-inquart, in the ball-and-chain department in Holland, and just now, as military commander for that area, is dealing plenty of bad luck to the matives. He says he is "taking steps." That meant executions a lew days ago.

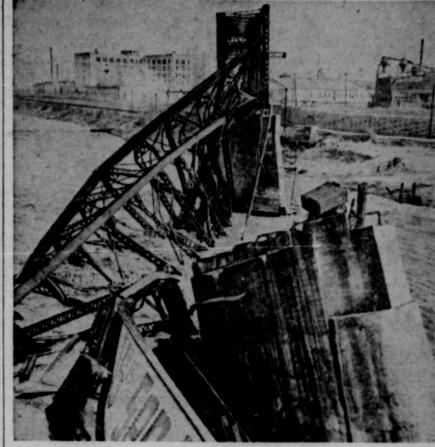
When the Do-X landed here in 1931, one young woman report-er was quite lyrical about the "handsome and gallant commander, with his mischievous blue eyes, bushy brows, and warm, ingratiating smile." He told about his good-luck horse-shoe nailed in the cabin of the huge flying boat, and as necessary to its operation as a compass. It was an English horse-shoe which he had picked up on the battlefield of Mons, in the World war. Many times, it had saved him from disaster, he said, and he could expect trouble if he ever let it lose its shine, and it doesn't work well unless he does the polishing.

His adventures with the horseshoe led him to a great discovery. When he was the squadron leader at Zeebrugge, Germany's first naval act, he was shot down by an English plane. That day, he had received a four-leaf clover, in a letter from a friend. When he was downed, he knew what had happened. The possession of more than one talisman by the same person spells trouble. He put the four-leaf clover in a cigar ox weighted with iron and sank it.

There's no copyright on the idea if the Hollanders want to alip a rabbit's foot or a four-leaf clover in his pocket when he

isn't looking. Ernst Udet, famous World war ace and contriver of their parachute attack, is as full of superstitions as Frazer's golden bough. Flying a lane for the first time, he carves he initials of his best girl on the ack seat. He, and many other German fliers will not wear a pair of loves on a flight unless they have seen flown in another plane. It all bounds a bit jittery for super-men. e and contriver of their parachute

Los Angeles Called It a 'Heavy Dew'



Lashing torrential rains have made this Los Angeles' wettest season in 48 years. The floods undermined and ripped out half of the Santa Fe railroad bridge (shown above) across the Los Angeles river, closing streets and highways with landslides. Hundreds of automobiles were stalled in floodwater.

'Steady' Jobs-30 Years in Congress



Vice President Henry Wallace congratulates Rep. Robert Doughton of North Carolina, and Sen. Pat Harrison of Mississippi as they celebrated their thirtieth year in congress. Left to right, Vice President Wallace, Representative Doughton and Sen. Pat Harrison.

End of Search!



Beverly Kirk, seven-year-old Wollaston, Mass., girl, safe in the arms of Charlie Rich, 18, who brought her from the woods in which she was lost for 16 hours during a blinding snowstorm. Beverly was lost when she wandered from the home of relatives. Her warm ski-suit saved her from freezing. She slept under a bush when darkness fell.

In Royal Navy



Britain's women help the navy in the less dangerous tasks. Here is Miss Mackenzie-Grieve, superintendent of the women's naval service, at her desk in London.

JCHOOL LESSON By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

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LESSON TEXT—Luke 23:13-25, 32-34a.
GOLDEN TEXT—What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?—Matthew 27:22.

Two nights stand out in the story of the life of Christ, and therefore in the history of the world. The first was His first night on earth-that "silent night, holy night" of which we sing at Christmas, when He was born as the babe of Bethlehem. The other was His last night on earth. Except for the precious hour of fellowship in the upper room and His communion with the Father in the agony of Gethsemane, it was a night of darkness, denial, and betrayal.

trials-of Jesus, three religious ones before Annas, then Caiaphas, and then again before the Sanhedrin; three political trials, before Pilate, then Herod, and Pilate again. At the close of this last trial before Pilate Jesus stands

I. Cleared by the Evidence (vv.

At the first trial before him Pilate had declared on the basis of his examination that Jesus was "Not guilty" (v. 4). Herod, to whom He had been sent, had only played with Him (vv. 8-11). What a travesty! Now Pilate again presents Him to the people as having "no fault." It is a striking truth that no man of any age has ever been able honestly to point to any fault in the life or character of Jesus Christ. Think that over-unbeliever!

Now came Pilate's first step in the wrong direction. An accused man without guilt should be declared innocent and released. But Pilate feared the Jews who had already made trouble for him with Caesar. So he compromised and said he would chastise Jesus before releasing Him. John Morely was right when he said, "Under some circumstances compromise is the most immoral word in the English language." It gained Pilate nothing; in fact, it led to his next step down-

II. Condemned Through Cowardice (vv. 18-25)

To avoid a disturbance and to keep the leaders from complaining to Caesar, Pilate gave Jesus into their hands with the "sentence that it hour runs through the roughest should be as they required" (v. 24) day.-Shakespeare. when they cried "Crucify Him!"

Pilate was in a difficult place, but that does not excuse him. It is in the hard and trying place that a man should stand for the right, come what may. Too many of those who profess to follow Christ are afraid to stand up for Him in the hour when men deny Him. Some unbelievers are fearful about declaring their allegiance to Him, because they fear the opposition of men.

Where is our courage, our manliness? Have we lost the moral stamina of our pioneer forefathers, the religious conviction of our Christian fathers and mothers? Pilate was a coward, and we are ashamed of him. Let us not be cowardly and make Christ ashamed of us (read Matt. 10:32, 33).

III. Crucified with Malefactors (vv. 32-34a).

The details of and circumstances surrounding the crucifixion are of deep interest to every Christian. We stand with Luther and weep as we see Christ's unspeakable agony, not only of body but of spirit, and we cry as did Luther, "For me, for me!" How can any believer contemplate the cross and withhold self, substance, or service from Christ?

Equally earnest and heart-searching is the message of the cross to the unbeliever. He knows he is a sinner (Rom. 3:23), he knows that 'the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), and he knows that "neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Here at the cross he meets that one "who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Pet. 2:24).

There were two malefactors who were crucified with Him (v. 32), and one railed at Him. The other said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom"; and Jesus said to him, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:39-43). Unbeliever, will you not just now take the eternal life which Jesus died to make possible for you?

Loving His enemies to the last, our Lord prayed for the forgiveness of those who thus despitefully used Him. What matchless grace! One wonders how many of them by re-pentance for their deeds made it possible for that prayer to be answered. That door of redemption stands open today for every one who up to now has crucified the Son of God afresh (Heb. 6:6) by sin and

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Never trust to memory in giving loses of medicine. Read the label at least three times and if you are not sure the dose is correctly measured, throw it away, rinse the glass with cold water and measure over again. You may save a life by being careful when measuring medicines.

When ironing dresses, blouses or jackets, have coat hangers in the kitchen and slip the garment on as it is ironed. This prevents any unnecessary folds or wrinkles darkness, denial, and betrayal. and after airing they are ready for the closet with no further han-

> Do you like baked bananas? Then here is a suggestion for a main-course food for breakfast, luncheon or supper: Split bananas, stuff them with small link sausages. Bake 25 minutes in a moderate oven.

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Not assigned in U.S. Some changes in individual cases not in accordance with the above change of channels have been made to avoid interference on adjacent channels or other considerations.

Far-reaching changes in radio broadcasting on the North American continent will become effective March 29, when 1,200 standard broadcasting stations will receive new wave length assignments from the government. New wave lengths for favorite stations can be quickly determined by consulting the chart shown above. New positions, in all but a few cases, will be directly opposite column headed "Present Frequency."

Izaak Walton League Convention



Wildlife conservation will be the principal topic of discussion at the Izaak Walton league convention in Washington March 27-29. Above are pictured a few of the conservation activities carried on by the league in the interest of preserving America's woods, waters and wildlife. President Tappan Gregory (inset) will preside at the convention. The organization has chapters in 35 states.

To Resign?



The Republican National committee will meet in Washington, D. C. March 24, when Chairman Joseph W. Martin Jr. (above) plans to hand in his resignation. Wendell Willkie has asked Martin not to resign, to avoid a factional struggle.

Chemurgy





Greater industrial use of farm products will be the topic of the National Farm Chemurgic council meet in Chicago March 26-28. Wheeler McMillen (above) will preside.

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Most anyone is willing to tell you what is wrong with your business, but you have to take your hat off to the man who will tell you what is wrong and make you willing to pay for it.

Pastor Cooley of the Kellerville Baptist Church gave the editor a new definition of a bore. "It is anyone," said Rev. Cooley, "who talks about his children when you want to talk about your own." There is a lot of homely philosophy in the statement. We are all too much interested in things of our own and too prone to take

Oftentimes when the man cannot think of a good argument, he says you do not know what you are talking about. Of course, such a statement proves nothing. The man who wants to be fair is willing to listen to both sides and acknowledge his mistake when convinced. "However, the best plan is to never let differences of opinion reach the argumentative stage, for arguments seldom change opinions. It is only the man who is willing to make a study of questions and base his opinions on known facts that maintains a fair attitude of mind.

News from Pakan

The Rev. and Mrs. George Dolak and family of Lakewood, Ohio, arrived Wednesday to spend a few weeks with the lady's mother, Mrs Christina Pakan, and family,

The Shamrock chamber of commerce made a good will tour to this community Thursday night. An interesting program was given by by number of persons. Prizes were given by the C. of C. to Dixie Louise Williams and the play cast of Dorothy Mertel, Helen Macina, Adella Cadro and Elen Hrnciar. Evelyn Buranough of Shamrock entertained with her accordion. Coffee and cookies were sold by the club girls.

Robert Macina, student at Tech. visited home folks here over the week

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dorman and son of Bethel visited in the C. L. Dorman home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stauffer and daughter, May Ruth, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stauffer of Mc-Lean, attended the funeral of their cousin, C. B. Anderson, at Canadian Tuesday of last week.

Osie Parrich of Texola visited in this community Wednesday.

Miss Lorene Bowen, who is employed in the D. L. Jones home, spent the week end with her parents in

Miss Jewel Glass of Amarillo vis-

Marvin Hall of Alanreed was in

and Mrs. W. A. Glass of were in McLean Tuesday,

Library News

By Mrs. Lady Bryant

Seeing this book is believing; but reading this book is a rich experence-"Mother of the Smiths' by Lorraine Carr. The story of a staunch and valiant woman-one of those whom life could never down.

nations of books and magazines. The minded, we have never before had the may be found in Frederic J. Haskins' 'American Government Today," and Life magazine. Read "New Deal in Old Rome," "I Was a Share Cropper,"

The Inside of the Cup," "The Monster," "The House of Exile" and "A

School students may call for old magazines to clip pictures for illusrations. The picture box at the library may be used for the same

ELECTION NOTICE

FTATE OF TEXAS. DITY OF McLEAN.

To the qualified voters of the City Take notice, that an election will be held on Tuesday, April 1st, A. D. 941, at the City Secretary's office in he City of McLean, Gray County, Texas, for the following purpose

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No person shall be eligible to any of said offices unless he possesses the requisites for voters at such election E. L. Cubine has been appointed o serve as presiding officer of said s to assist him in holding the same Said election shall be held in the manner prescribed for holding elecions in other matters.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 25th day of February, A. D metals, etc., etc. 1941

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Mr. and Mrs. Buck Glass visited one Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Reeves Sunday. Canyon Friday.

children, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rhodes very much. and family of Kermit spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ples Rhea of Keller-

Jackie Rhodes of Kermit spent Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Giesler of Patrick's Day celebration. The stud-Friday night with Joe Carroll Glass. Skellytown visited the lady's parents, ents all had a very good time. They Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Preston, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Folley and appealed to all. family of Watkins visited Mr. and

Mrs. W. M. Rhodes and Mrs. Buck Glass went to Groom Monday, the former receiving medical treatment. Joe Arnold Preston and Kenneth Preston visited G. F. Baker, Jr., of

Loreva Davis spent Saturday night with Billie Faye Glass.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glass of McLean visited relatives and friends

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hunt of Watkins visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Syble Weaver spent Sunday with

Bonnie Preston. Mr. and Mrs. Buck Glass and chiliren and Miss Do'son visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hunt Sunday night. Donald Davis of Watkins and John

Mrs. R. S. Thompson and son, Fred Mrs. Marshall Glesler, Audie Giesler and Mrs. Raymond Dalton visited in Shamrock Monday.

Hobart Hundley and family of Sayre, Okla., visited in the J. P. Dickinson home Sunday.

O. T. Lindsey of Dallas was in

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Skillet School News

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My Pet Rabbit

Northwest Teachers Association in Bunny. He is very pretty. He relatives here this week. scratches on the screens at night for Mr. and Mrs. Avis Rhodes and me to play with him. I like him from California.

We did not have school Friday be-Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Christie visited cause our teacher, Miss Dotson, went to the teachers' association in Can-

> to Shamrock Monday for the St. enjoyed the parade, and the carnival Mrs. Bill Bailey and children were in

Mrs. Elva Preston and children, Jerry and Glenda Sue, visited our

In art last week, Kenneth Preston won first place, Vernell Viola Christie and Odell Meree Christie won second and third place respect ively. LeaNora Bell Baker and Billie Faye Glass won honorable mention.

We have a new map for our school It was given to us by Mr. Dishman of McLean. We are proud of it. Joe Preston is keeping our "library

corner" this week. Vernell Christie was absent from school Tuesday on account of illness.

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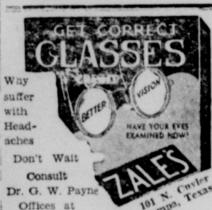
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Mrs. Gail Nelson and children, Mrs. Miss Catherene Dotson attended the I have a pet rabbit His name is Alma Nelson and son are visiting

Mrs. Loula Ladd returned Saturday

Mrs. George Armstrong and Bufford -Exie Mona Christie. Gregg returned to Jacksboro last week after a visit with the latter's aunt, Mrs. Jack Bailey and family. A large crowd from tihs community attended the St. Patrick celebration

> at Shamrock Monday. Miss Williana Garmon attended the teachers' meeting at Canyon over the

Mrs. Frank Bailey and children,

Shamrock Friday Mrs. Eva Rutledge, Mrs. Ed Beesinger and daughter, Ora, were in McLean Friday.

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Mrs. W. D. Howard and Family.

J. M. Carpenter, Milton Carpenter, Miss Emma Lou Carpenter and J. R. Phillips went to Amarillo Sunday to visit Jack Carpenter . t a hospital.

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LeMay's "The Smoky Years" is a glow-ing, vividly written western romance which contains all the speed and colorful detail

The trail years had leathered his

face, but they could not diminish his

gay exuberance; just as prosperity was unable to take from him the look

of the trail. Whatever Dusty King

wore, he always appeared to be

wearing disreputable saddle clothes.

Perhaps young Bill Roper had picked up a lot of Dusty King's char-

acteristics in the course of an asso-

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at all knew the story of Bill Roper

and Dusty King. Fifteen years ago, at the age of five, Bill Roper had

In the fifteen years since then, Bill Roper had learned guns and

horses and cattle, and the tricks of

the trail as only Dusty King knew

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have grown to look something like the great trail driver who had

the cowmen that thronged Ogallala

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tell which tickled Dusty King more

-the warmth of his many friends, or

the bitterness of his innumerable

bewildered, from the tall country.

"they've been waiting for you, fully

Dusty looked blank. Then he

startled way, and rushed inside

shouldered his way to the back.

"Is this the place," King asked,

The deputy commissioner took his

Three men who sat in chairs

grouped around one end of the table

looked at each other. They ignored

King and Roper, as hostile dogs ig-

organization, and of bought-up law.

Beside him, the tall man, lean and

narrow-bodied as a slat, was Cleve

Tanner; a hawk-faced man, keen-

The other, the man who seemed

uncommonly dark, even among

these sun-darkened men, was Walk

Lasham. He was Ben Thorpe's man-

ager in the north, now; under his poker-faced watchfulness lay Ben Thorpe's northern holdings, the feed-

feet off his table. "The sale was

supposed to start at two o'clock,"

sentative of King-Gordon.

"He ain't coming."

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CHAPTER I

This was the crisis—the climax of Il that long war. Here they sat, hese men who had fought a common enemy for so long: Dusty King, who, with the hoofs of countless cattle, had carved many a Great Plains rail deep into the short grass; young Bill Roper, who had begun following those trails with Dusty King before he was big enough to hold a horse; and old Lew Gordon, Texas man, whose wild marketless herds had been the roots of fortune.

Dusty King and Lew Gordon constituted King-Gordon, the famous partnership that had developed with the great cattle trails; until now their many brands marked far-scattered herds beyond estimate. They were here because of tomorrow's auction of land leases. Under the hammer would go the grazing rights on the Crying Wolf Indian landsthose miles and miles of stirrupdeep grass that King-Gordon wanted, and that Ben Thorpe had to have.

It was curious that their long war with Ben Thorpe should have met its true climax here. The three in this room understood that the outcome would rest upon what the two older nen decided here. Possession of the Crying Wolf meant dominance in e north to King-Gordon, or to Ben Thorpe; there was no longer going to be room for both.

"This is an old fight, Lew," Dusty King said. "It goes back as far as that first time you backed me with a little herd, to see if I could make it through to Abilene. Don't hardly seem like we better draw back

Lew Gordon stirred, swaying his shoulders imperceptibly, like a stub-"Credit's going to be born bear. terrible hard, this coming year," he said at last.

Dusty King seemed to sprawl a little more loosely; he was playing poker in a way of his own. Swaggering, easy-going, spendthrift-he still was a man who believed invincibly in himself.

"I passed Ben Thorpe in the road, today," he said. "He was looking mighty prosperous. I bet he weighs two hundred and twenty-five pounds now, with his stomach pulled in."

"His backing is terrible strong," Lew Gordon said, his eyes on the

No one knew better than Lew Gordon that Dusty King, in tackling the impossible a hundred times, had a hundred times shown the way for the rest. But Gordon remembered too the poverty of the cattle-poor days before any outlet was found for Texas beef. To risk all they had won, in a single slashing stroke at an old enemy, was almost more than Gordon could bear.

"You know why Ben Thorpe's strong," Dusty King said. "And you know how he got his start. We know why it is that so many Texas outfits stand in Ben Thorpe's name; as this." and how many different ways he's ound to jump down on little lonely Texan cowmen and leave them proke or dead. And we know what's appened to many a little outfit that started north, but never brought broken land. their cattle through, nor got home."

"Every year," Dusty King said, trails, we've locked horns in one vay or another with this one gang. lief." 'm not forgetting who started the Red Crick stampede where Dave ind Bob Henry died under piled up attle; nor the Tularosa shootings, vith four more of my boys dead. There's some good cowboys under the prairie, Lew."

Gordon said almost inaudibly, 'Never could prove anything." "His herds have grown faster than urs have grown," Dusty King's exressionless voice droned on. "He's s big as we are; he'll be bigger on. From the Big Bend to the etons, he owns more outfits than e knows the names of. He's never run an honest deal where he could

> Honest Bill Roper turns outlaw. Or so it seemed. There was a reason. There is also a girl you'll like in

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many metropolitan writers of western fiction, he knows that part of the country intimately, and can set it on paper without losing much of the freshness and feeling of the plains and mountains. He can describe a vicious gunfight so graphically you can

run a crooked one, nor a square his old soft hat, nor the cracking trick where he could play a mean | ring of the spurs he was believed to one; it's a long time since he rode all night with his rifle in his hands, but Lew, if he isn't stopped-there's plenty he can hire to do his darkof-the-moon stuff now."

"Dusty," Lew Gordon said, "we've blocked him every way we could." "That's why he'll get you, and me too, in the end."

Again the silence closed, with behind it the perpetual bawling of the cattle, far off in the spring night.

Dusty King said casually, "Cleve Tanner's here."

Bill Roper saw Lew Gordon's eyes flick up to look at Dusty King. "Cleve Tanner?"

"Here in Ogallala." "What the devil's the meaning of little rabbit, beside a wrecked outfit

"Cleve and Walk Lasham are the only two of Ben Thorpe's men that | there; and it was Dusty King who raided the cross timbers with him in the old days; the only two he can of Bill's father beside that God-forreally trust, now."

"It's natural that Walk Lasham should be here," Lew Gordon conceded; "but Cleve Tanner, all the way up from the Big Bend-"

"Shows you," Dusty King said, "what store they set on the Crying Wolf lands. Ben Thorpe is sold mighty deep into next year's deliveries. Already he's committed for more northern-fed cattle than he can



"Maybe thirty-five cents an acre."

show-unless he can get the Crying Wolf."

Slowly Lew Gordon got a frayed tally book out of his back pocket. "The survey-" Lew Gordon's voice was curiously bewildered-"it's hard to believe there's any land as good

Their private survey had been made by Bill Roper; it represented weeks of hard riding, and shrewd calculation of the strength and depth of the feed upon the surface of the

"One place here reads fifty head to the section," Lew said wondersince we began driving up the big ingly. "Fifty head of cattle grazing. one section of land! It's past be-

> "This isn't Texas, Lew." "I figure we might pay as high as thirty cents to the acre," Gordon said, "by the year's lease."

> A flicker like that of heat lightning showed for a moment behind Dusty King's eyes; but his voice was low and monotonous as before. "Thirty cents be damned," he said.

Lew Gordon looked at him for a long time How deep you figure to "Get the land," Dusty King said.

"Ben Thorpe is liable to go crazy and bid his head off."

"We're looking down his throat," King said for the second time. "The hat was Ben Thorpe - the Ben least the deputy commissioner can accept is drafts on Kansas City. Ben Thorpe hasn't realized the value of the land. We'll catch him short and force him off the board."

"At what cost to ourselves?" Gordon demanded. "At all costs."

Slowly Lew Gordon shook his ead. "Maybe thirty-five cents an

Dusty King's voice rose explosively for the first time. "Thirty-five cents," he echoed—"or fifty cents, or seventy-five, or a dollar! Get the

Lew Gordon sighed, and he looked like a man who was weary and old.
"You want that land," Gordon said,

"At all costs," Dusty King said

Gordon looked his partner in the "Go in and bid!"

Swinging down the board walks of ing grounds now necessary to any smallers in the cool spring sunlight, wide operation in the cattle trades Ogallala in the cool spring sunlight, Ogaliala in the cool spring sunlight, Dusty King and Bill Roper looked a whole lot alike. The more than twenty years difference in their ages had not changed Dusty King's loose-jointed swagger, the rakish cock of

authority of the Secretary of the Interior and the President of the United States; namely certain He droned through his preamble

perfunctorily; everyone in the crowd knew exactly what was involved. Something more than land was here changing hands. To hold the Crying Wolf would all but mean supremacy in the north. But this thing was bigger than that. The two organizations which here clashed again were the great powers of the trails; behind each of them were whole counties of Texas mesquite grass plains, great areas of the middle shortgrass country, scores of outfits. The struggle between them had developed with the Chisholm trail itself -a decade-long combat between

ciples and methods. And now-"This land," the deputy commissioner concluded, "is thrown into blocks. I think, gentlemen, you are already familiar with the placement of the lands. Block 1 includes, as previously agreed, an estimated one hundred sections, or sixty-four thousand acres, known hereinafter as Block 1'; bounded on the north

Cleve Tanner leaned close to Ben Thorpe, whispered, and Thorpe nod-"I shouldn't think," said the depu-

been found hiding in the brush, like a ty commissioner, "we need hear any bid of less than ten cents per year, on the old trail to Sedalia. It was Dusty King who had found him per acre." had buried the bullet-shattered body

There was a moment's silence, and the deputy commissioner got out a big silk handkerchief and mopped his head, as King now let a slow smile come to the surface of his impassive face. A curious rumble ran over the room, and the crowd seemed to sway.

them. He had been able to read "I got a proposition," Dusty King said. "Nobody is bidding on this prairie signs before he could read print, and if it had not been for land but just us two; nobody means to bid. Throw the whole thing in one pot and we'll bid on the works." at all. Everything he knew he had

"I'll agree to that," Thorpe decided. The black anger in his face had submerged again, so that he was poker-eyed. The deputy commissioner was be-

ginning to look like a man who Now, as they made their way wished he were some place else. down the muddy street, before the false-fronted wooden buildings, half "If there are no objections-" "Fifty cents," said Dusty King. hailed Dusty with comradeship and

Ben Thorpe's face had turned a curious color, not gray, certainly not bloodless; an odd congested colthat of a celebrated character, alor, like dark sand. "Fifty-five," he were Ben Thorpe men-seemed not to see him at all. It was hard to

"Sixty"

"Sixty-five." "A dollar," said Dusty King. "A dollar, five."

"Just in confidence between you and me," Dusty King said; "Mr. Thorpe can't pay that." The bidding for the Crying Wolf lands was being held in a disused store, and here the sidewalk and

"I think my name is good anyhalf the street were filled with knotwhere in the cow country," Thorpe ted groups. Through this crowd Dusty King and Bill Roper waded, said to the commissioner. Dusty trying to look like something

"It ain't good here," said King. n on the table bill in black type, giving due legal men," he said, "I'm sorry to do this; notice of the auction of leases, and but in the interests of the govern-Dusty stopped to study this with a ment, and of the Indian Department grave empty face, af if he had which I represent, all further bids in this auction will be accepted only "Mr. King," somebody said,

as representing American gold." "Cash on the nail?" King asked. There was no question now about the sweat that stood out on clutched his hat to his head in a the commissioner's forehead.

"Seventy cents," said King.

with a clownish representation of Within, the crowd of plains-counnow. God knows Thorpe can't back along the front or side of the yard. try men-bronzed men, saddle-faced a dollar, five in gold. What kind For a flowering hedge, Four of shenanigan is this, anyway?" men, sometimes bearded men-gave way as King, followed by Bill Roper,

sioner went to Ben Thorpe's face planted. again, but there was nothing to be read there. Thorpe seemed so beautify the yard, and at the same lumpishly still that it was not ap- time provide ample cut flowers parent that he breathed.

again in the silence. "Whoop 'er growing and most dependable anup, boys-I've only begun!"

A little tribute, there. The commissioner-perhaps already in Ben those saddle-faced men; perspiring and Petunias. There are tall, me-Thorpe's pay-hardly dared start an silence on the part of the deputy dium, and dwarf varieties of each. important sale, without present this commissioner, dead lumpish si- Most widely used of fast-growslouching, nondescript-looking reprelence on the part of Ben Thorpe. ing annual vines is Heavenly Blue Cleve Tanner, his hands locked back Morning Glory, whose giant, soft-"No word has come from your of his neck, looked at the ceiling; blue flowers are in a class by partner at all," the commissioner Walk Lasham sat motionless, his themselves. It is well to scratch eyes on the face of his boss.

er wavered, "you-you can back this their otherwise slow germination. away unthanked. bid in gold?" "Immediate delivery by Wells

Fargo," King said. "Right now, in nore an enemy of whom they are Ogallala. "Mr. Thorpe," the commissioner The big man in the light-colored

wevered, "Mr. Thorpe, will you-do They waited for what Ben Thorpe

Thorpe whose far-scattered holdings perhaps already exceeded those of King-Gordon. Thick-shouldered now, heavy-bodied, he was today would say. His face was expressionless still, as he got up from his chair; but men stumbled over each other to get out of his way, as he more than ever a power feared in the cattle country-still unscrupuwalked down the length of that lous, still menacing, but now of a packed room, and out into the street. different sort-a power of wealth, of The deputy commissioner seemed

melted down, unrecognizable now as the crisp little man who had opened the bidding. His face was white and set, and his eyes showed fear.

eyed, so cleanly shaven that the tight skin of his jaws seemed to "Well?" said King.
"The Crying Wolf," the commissioner said huskily, "the Crying Wolf lands—if—if there are no othshine. Cleve Tanner was manager of Ben Thorpe's Texas holdings, the breeding grounds from which Thorpe's whole organization drew er bids-go to King-Gordon .

Something like a sigh, a general release of tension, ran through that iam of men. Close to Dusty King's ear Bill Rop-

er asked, out of the side of his mouth, "How high would we-how high could we have gone?" The mask of Dusty King's face

broke up; every muscle in his face came into action, every tooth showed as he grinned. "Seventy cents," King answered

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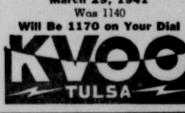
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