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# GOP Ready With Anti-Inflation Program

## COMMUNIST SALUTE



Uniformed Italian partisans carry the casket of a Communist, killed in a brawl with police, as comrades attending the National Partisan Congress give him a final Communist salute. Ten thousand marched quietly at the funeral. (NEA Radio-Telephoto by Julius Humi).

## DOUBT STILL LINGERS OVER GERMAN ISSUE

**By United Press**  
LONDON—The United States and Great Britain believe no basic agreements on Germany will be possible at this Big Four meeting unless Russia is willing to disclose factual data about what is going on in the Soviet zone of Germany.  
Secretary of State Marshall, it was learned today, is not yet willing to decide whether or not the Russians are ready to do business here.  
The council of foreign ministers has discussed substantive issues for only two days, and Marshall feels that is not time enough to make a judgment.  
The United States delegation now is deciding the minimum fundamental economic agreements it believes will be necessary to avoid going ahead in western Germany without Russia.  
But Marshall and British foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin feel very strongly that unless the Russians are willing to disclose facts about what is happening and has happened within their zone, such basic agreements will be impossible.  
A demand for Soviet information was put bluntly to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov at yesterday's meeting, both by Marshall and Bevin. Bevin pointed out that he had asked for such facts more than a year ago, and still was waiting.  
Molotov answered unperturbedly that he would gladly submit information as soon as there was an agreement here on the questions under discussion. The Americans and Britons want the information first.

## Ed Cox, Jr. Dies Unexpectedly At Home In Lufkin

Ed T. Cox, Jr., 41, died unexpectedly this morning at his home in Lufkin of a heart attack. Funeral arrangements have not been completed, however, a member of the family stated that the body would be brought to Eastland for burial.  
According to information received here by his parents, he had started to his job with the Brown & Root Construction Company, about 4 o'clock this morning, and fell dead beside his car.  
Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Ed T. Cox, (the former Wilma Robson), a daughter, Mrs. Henry Marene and grandson, Mike, of Lufkin; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed T. Cox, Sr., of Eastland; three sisters, Mrs. C. B. Blowers of Waco; Mrs. Jack Killian of St. Louis; and Mrs. Tom Amis of Eastland; one brother, Robert Cox of Dallas.  
While living in Eastland, Cox worked for the Arab Gasoline Corporation, was associated with the sheriff's department and worked with the Eastland Volunteer Fire Department for several years. During the years 1922-23-24 and 25, Cox was widely known in football circles, and was considered one of the most outstanding players of the Oil Belt District of that time. He graduated from Eastland High School in 1925, and attended Hardin - Simmons University in Abilene.

## Italy Makes Appropriation For Public Works

ROME—The government today appropriated 10,350,000,000 lire—\$17,595,000—for a Rome public works program, thus meeting one of the main demands of Communist controlled workers who had scheduled a general strike to start in Rome at midnight.  
The announcement came only a few hours after the budget ministry had asserted that the workers' demands would be met.  
The Communist controlled Chamber of Labor had threatened a general strike unless the government set up the public works program to give jobs to unemployed, granted Christmas bonuses to jobless, and punished police and government officials responsible for firing on a demonstrating crowd last week.  
When the government gave no signs of yielding to the ultimatum, labor leaders issued detailed instructions for the strike to start at midnight.

## Says Part Time Employees Need Security Cards

Increased employment during the holiday season brings many requests for account number cards to the Abilene, Texas, social security office, Ralph T. Fisher, manager, said today. "Seasonal and part-time workers in stores, shops, and other commercial establishments need a social security card just like regular and full time employees. Every worker should show his card to the employer when he goes to work," Mr. Fisher pointed out.  
"Employers," said Mr. Fisher, "are required to report quarterly to the Collector of Internal Revenue the correct amount of wages paid to each part time and regular worker with his or her social security account number. Both the worker's name and social security number are needed to give the proper wage credit on the social Security Administration's records. If this is not done, the worker may lose certain benefit rights."  
"Account numbers are issued at our office in Abilene, Texas. Applications may be obtained at any post office and mailed to our office," Mr. Fisher said.

## RATIONING, PRICE CONTROL IGNORED IN 4-POINT PLAN

**By United Press**  
WASHINGTON — Republican congressional leaders today agreed on a four-point anti-inflation program, including curbs on bank credits and voluntary allocation of industrial materials but no price or rationing controls.  
At the same time, the Senate banking committee approved, 9 to 4, a bill to restore controls on installment buying.  
GOP leaders said they would try to obtain passage of their four-point anti-inflation program before Christmas.  
The Republican program, ignoring the most drastic proposals submitted to Congress by President Truman, would call for —  
1. Extension of export controls over transportation.  
2. Developing a program for voluntary allocation of industrial materials.  
3. Changing Federal Reserve Bank gold requirements in an effort to check the expansion of bank credit.  
The Republican program was agreed on at a meeting of House and Senate Republican leaders who thereby virtually pigeon-holed Mr. Truman's 10-point anti-inflation program.  
Mr. Truman's proposals included stand-by authority to restore rationing and invoke limited price wage controls, if such action is necessary.  
House Republican Leader Halleck of Indiana said the G O P program would be embodied in a bill which Chairman Jesse P. Wolcott, R., Mich., hoped to introduce later today.  
Chairman Taft of the Senate Republican policy committee said the measure would be introduced in the Senate later.

## Mrs. Marquardt Mrs. Ware Lion Guest Speakers

Mrs. Helen Marquardt, Eastland County Home Demonstration agent, and Mrs. Ouda Ware of the Howard Home Demonstration Club, were guest speaker on the program presented by Rev. E. A. Gordon for the Eastland Rotary Club meeting Monday noon.  
Home demonstration club work, for the benefit of rural women, was started in Eastland county in 1923, and the program has made wonderful progress. Both Mrs. Marquardt and Mrs. Ware are experienced and well qualified in their chosen work and each made splendid talks on the subject.  
Visitors at Monday's Rotary meeting included: J. W. Slaughter, W. E. McNeely and Shob Houston of Cisco and F. B. Altman of Abilene.  
Rotarian Jack Muirhead will be in charge of the program for next Monday's meeting of the club.

## France Refuses Russian Note

**By United Press**  
PARIS—The government refused today to accept a Russian note which broke off trade negotiations with France, ousted a French mission from Moscow, and set a trend toward a possible break in diplomatic relations.  
The import of the cabinet action was not made clear. It appeared to be a rebuff of the Russian charges of "foul slander" against Soviet citizens in France and of a French violation of a repatriation treaty.  
The new move in the exchange of reprisals between France and Russia came as most of the nation's strikers returned to their jobs in compliance with a capitulation by the Communist-led General Confederation of Labor.

## Barn Dance To Be At Legion Hall Thrus. P. M.

Ticket sales for the Barn Dance which will be held Thursday night in the American Legion Hall as the annual charity benefit of the Civic League and Garden Club were going strong early this week. Tickets are on sale at the Majestic Cafe, and local drug stores.  
Plans for the Barn Dance are going rapidly ahead, it was reported after a meeting of the decoration committee Monday night. Costumes will be worn by those attending the dance in keeping with the barn dance theme. Prizes will be given for the most original men's and the most original ladies' costume. There will be a waltz contest and also an old-fashioned sing-song.  
Proceeds from the affair will be used to buy shoes and warm clothing for the underprivileged children of school age in Eastland as usual. It is expected that a large number of people will attend the Barn Dance, and also that many people will buy tickets who do not wish to attend, to help along this worthwhile charity.

## Eastland Woman Writes Words And Music For Songs

Eastland has another artist, who says she got "bit by the bug" a month or so back.  
Mrs. A. B. Cornelius, 910 South Seaman, has composed the words and music for two songs: "At Daybreak," and "Calling Me", which she has completed and is having photostatic copies made to have them copyrighted.  
Other numbers she is working on are "Autumn Love Call," and several waltzes of which she hasn't completed the title. Another number is a spiritual, "The Glory Train To Heaven".  
All these numbers are different types of songs, which is all the more interesting.  
Mrs. Cornelius was publicity shy when she was called to verify the composing. Her first question was who told you about it. She was wanting to complete her present work and get the copyrights before it became known.

## Moser Rites Set 3 P. M. Toay At Stephenville

Rites for Tom L. Moser, 68, who died in St. Ann Hospital in Abilene, his home, Monday afternoon, were scheduled for 3:00 o'clock this afternoon at the Church of Christ in Stephenville. Burial was to follow in the cemetery at Stephenville.  
Survivors include the widow; four sons, Earl, Curtis and Veldon, all of Eastland, and Day Moser of New York City; three daughters; Mrs. George O'Connor of Parkburg, West Virginia; and Mrs. Louise Moore and Mrs. Tom Bearden, both of Abilene; five brothers, Delbert, Herman, Robert and Richard Moser of Stephenville and I. F. Moser of Menard; a sister, Mrs. R. I. Perkins of Stephenville, and six grandchildren.  
The deceased was born near Batesville, Arkansas, April 14, 1879, and moved to Stephenville in 1895. While there he was married to the former Ethel K. Wallace in 1898. They lived in Stephenville until moving to Abilene two years ago.

## Siebert Talks To Eastland Lions' Boosts Mavericks

Wendell Siebert, assistant coach at Eastland High School, was guest speaker on the program for the Eastland Lions' club at noon Tuesday. He was introduced by Pat Owen in charge of the program for the day.  
Siebert, who is a graduate of Eastland High School and who has had a number of years experience in the line of work he is doing, gave a brief but very interesting and instructive talk on the work of preparing the boys for any kind of competitive sports, especially football. He has high praise of the Eastland Mavericks. "You will never know how much it meant to the members of the Eastland football squad for the business men to make the visit they made last Friday to assembly," Siebert said. Often it is something like this that is needed to raise the spirit of the boys to the point where they become winners instead of losers, Siebert said.  
Visitors at Monday's meeting included Horace Conley of Abilene, former resident of Eastland and former president of the Eastland Lions' club.  
President Theo Lamb announced that at next Tuesday's meeting of the club, the members, coaches and possibly other trainers of the Maverick football team would be guests of the Lions. Each Lion is expected to pay for the meal of a visitor as well as his own meal. Lions Niel Day, Charlie Joe and Pat Owen, compose a committee for the arrangement of a program for next Tuesday's meeting.

## Former Eastland County Man Ill In California

M. L. Bransford, who was reared in the Mangum community southwest of Eastland in Eastland county, is critically ill in the Paradise Valley Hospital at San Diego, California, where he has lived for a number of years, his brother, J. H. Bransford of Cisco route No. 3, has been advised.  
J. H. Bransford said he did not know what the nature of his brother's illness is, but he had been advised an operation was possibly the only relief for him.

## Victory Medals Be Presented To Army Veterans

Sgt. James Heidrick of the U. S. Army Recruiting Service, will again present World War II Victory Medals to all Army veterans who will be present at the Thursday night, December 11 meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who will bring their discharges with them.  
Another Combat movie of World War II will be shown at this meeting. All veterans, whether members or not, are invited to attend.

## Arabs, Jews Get British Warning

**By United Press**  
JERUSALEM—Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham, alarmed by the ever-mounting death toll in the Holy Land, warned Jews and Arabs today that the government will take "severe measures" against them unless disorders end.  
Cunningham said in a communique that Great Britain will keep order in Palestine "so long as the British—mandate for Palestine remains in force."  
"Should these disorders continue, the high commissioner will have no option but to direct security forces to adopt severe measures against all those Jews and Arabs alike who are breaking the law", the communique said.

## Local Methodist Plans Special Xmas Services

Membership of the Methodist church is planning carefully for one of the greatest Christmas seasons it has celebrated. Decorations, programs, and services are so planned that all age groups will not only take an active part, but will have services especially for each group. More than 150 people are working on some phase of the services. The celebration proper will begin on Sunday, Dec. 21, and end with a watch-night service, Wednesday, Dec. 31.  
One of the outstanding services of the Christmas season is the Vesper service on Sunday, Dec. 21. The Church's two choirs, with 100 voices will take part in this service.

## J. D. Narry Opens Sandwich Shop On East Main Street

J. D. Narry, former Eastland grocery merchant, has opened the Sandwich Shop on East Main street where he will serve a special sandwich, candies, drinks, etc. He will serve no regular meals and his place of business will not be open on Sundays.  
"I make my own candies, roast and prepare the peanuts I sell, therefore they are made fresh daily," Mr. Narry said.  
Sometime ago Mr. Narry purchased the two story brick building in which his sandwich shop is located. He and his wife have comfortable living quarters upstairs in the building and have a nice, clean business place on the first floor.

## Jess Taylors Have Eastland Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Taylor have enjoyed a family reunion, in their home, North Connellie. Their daughter, Mrs. Robert Cortis, Mr. Cortis and little daughter, Frances Ann of Gretna, Louisiana, are visiting them. Mrs. Russell Turner and Mrs. Edgar White of Odessa were here last week to join the family reunion. Andy Taylor and his family live in the house with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, which completes the family circle.

## AN HISTORIC BELL



Still standing is the bell of an old church in the town of Mier, Mexico, where Christmas Day 107 years ago 300 Texans surrendered to the Mexican Army. A priest, Father Lira, persuaded the Texans to surrender. Part of this band of men eventually ended up at Salado, Mexico, where every tenth one was ordered killed, the unlucky being determined by drawing black beans from a jar. Humberto Cavazos of Rio Grande City, a Texas town on the banks of the Rio Grande, is shown inspecting the inscription on the historic bell. (NEA Telephoto).

## Comanche Trail Meeting To Be Held Friday

The Annual Meeting of the Comanche Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held at the Adams Street Community Center, in Brownwood, Friday afternoon and evening, December 12th. The business session is to be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The banquet hour will start at 6:00 o'clock.  
During the business session Council Officers for the year 1948 will be elected. Reports will be heard from all Committee Chairmen. Part of the banquet hour will be given over to an interesting and worthwhile program.

## D. L. Houle Shop To Move To A New Location Dec. 31

Mrs. D. L. Houle, owner of the D. L. Houle Shop, announces she will move her stock of ladies, juniors and childrens clothing to the building formerly occupied by Hal Jackson's Supply Store, corner of Commerce and Seaman, the last week in December.  
Mrs. Houle has been in business in the present location for seven years.  
The building to which the Houle Shop is to be move is now being remodeled and prepared for the new occupant.

## Survey Shows Food Price Drop

NEW YORK—The index of wholesale food prices in the week ended Dec. 9, dropped five cents from the preceding week's all-time high, Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., announced today.  
The index in the latest week dropped to \$7.12 from \$7.17 in the preceding week and compared with \$6.35 a year ago.  
Prices declines were noted in eight of the 31 foods used in compiling the index, while nine advanced and 14 remained unchanged.

## COMPLETE WORLD HOP TETEBORO, N. J. (UP)

George W. Truman and Clifford V. Evans, Jr., landed at Teteboro airport at 10:14 A. M., EST, today, completing in 152 days, 23 hours and four minutes their flight around the world in their small plane.  
On an average day last year 5,260,000 persons worked at producing goods and services in the United States.

**12 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS**  
"Skating on thin ice? No, not if Christmas Eve's in clover."  
"Just 12 days to Christmas buy your's better run right over."



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## WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON

NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—A great diplomatic game of "Feeling Each Other Out" is now in progress among representatives of the 21 American republics, meeting here in Washington at the Pan-American Union.

The Latin-American countries are anxious about the Marshall Plan, and apprehensive lest the United States become so involved in saving Europe and possibly China that she may neglect her good neighbors to the south. It's too early to tell what may come out of these meetings. Opening in mid-November, they will run for another month. They are officially designated as meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council. They are preliminary to the ninth Pan-American conference at Bogota, Colombia, scheduled for early 1948.

At Bogota, it is hoped that an organic pact for Latin-America will be approved. This will be a Western Hemisphere charter.

The Bogota pact will assign definite duties to the Union, the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Pan-American Conference. Special agencies will be set up to handle financial, economic, social, judicial and military security relations between the American republics, and with corresponding agencies of the United Nations.

After the Bogota pact is approved, conferences of all these special agencies will be called to carry out the work assigned them. The present meetings of the "Pan-Am. Ec. and Soc. Council," as it has been nicknamed, look ahead to these conferences, later in 1948.

There has been some gossip that the current closed meetings are for the purpose of drawing up a "Marshall Plan for Latin-America," but that is reliably reported to be a little premature.

None of the Latin diplomats or technical experts has come right out and said what his country seems to want.

The only real idea anyone seems to have had so far is Colombia's proposal, before the UN, for a \$5 billion International Bank for Latin-America, set up under the World Bank to finance development in the Western Hemisphere. But this is all very vague.

The southern republics, for their part, would like to have an idea of how far the U. S. is willing to go.

The World Bank now has on file applications for a \$208 million loan for Mexico and a \$40 million loan for Chile. Export-Import Bank recently granted Mexico \$50 million. These are straws in the wind. From a perfectly hard-boiled point of view, the trouble with all this chatter is that it sounds a good bit like old proposals to set up another lending institution with this country furnishing the money and others furnishing the management.

BEHIND all this jockeying there are some real problems. All Latin-American countries want to buy machinery from the U. S. During the war they all built up good dollar credits, but they couldn't buy then, because all U. S. production was going to war.

When the war was over, they began buying and ordering—too fast. Now most of them have put cuts on buying to save dollars. It is to the interest of the U. S. that they do this—first, to reduce inflationary demands, and, second, to keep financially healthy, themselves.

There is now said to be a new feeling of responsibility in all the Latin-American governments. They want to develop their own industries. They want to produce more materials to sell to the U. S. and more food to sell to Europe.

Private capital investment of the right kind would be welcomed, if the bad loan practices of the 1920's could be left out. Ruthless exploitation of natural resources by foreign capital isn't wanted, either. The Latin countries want to own and operate their own utilities.

But the big thing the Latins seem to want is some form of regularized financial backing, government-to-government. What the U. S. government negotiators have to figure out is what they can get out of such an arrangement in raw materials vitally needed by this country, to make it a two-way trade.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### American Jurist

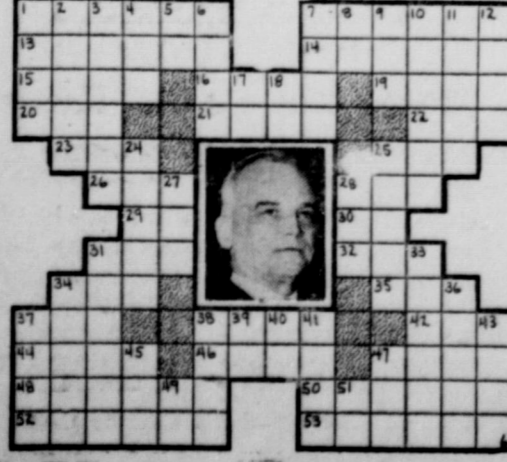
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#### HORIZONTAL

- 17 Pictured U. S. Supreme Court associate justice
- 13 Elude
- 14 Bird
- 15 Horse's neck hairs
- 16 Nester boxes
- 19 Sprouts
- 20 Hole
- 21 Type of fuel
- 22 Legal point
- 23 Limb
- 24 Ever (contr.)
- 25 24-hour
- 26 Aged
- 27 Musical note
- 28 Chaos
- 29 Dress edge
- 30 Editors (ab.)
- 31 Footlike part
- 32 Summer (Fr.)
- 33 Balance (ab.)
- 34 Dread
- 35 Self-esteem
- 36 European mountains
- 37 Russian river
- 38 Ancient Irish capital
- 39 Insect
- 40 He is a senator from Ohio
- 41 Mistakes
- 42 Browns breed

#### VERTICAL

- 1 Rope fiber
- 2 Profit
- 3 Raved
- 4 Poem
- 5 French article
- 6 Fall in drops
- 7 High shoe
- 8 Chaldea city
- 9 Chest bone
- 10 Journeyed
- 11 Of greater age
- 12 Promontory
- 13 Compass point
- 14 Sun god
- 15 Storms
- 16 Evade
- 17 Sweet potato
- 18 Individual
- 19 Assistant
- 20 Emits vapor
- 21 More ashen
- 22 Infant
- 23 Bug
- 24 Eye (Scot.)
- 25 Article
- 26 Log float
- 27 Boat paddles
- 28 Station (ab.)
- 29 Malayan coin
- 30 Lieutenant
- 31 Hawaiian bird



READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

## He Could Start By Throwing Out The Driver



## Refuses To Rule On Closed Shop For Lawyers

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UP)—Pennsylvania Attorney General T. McKen Chidsey is staying out of the state's battle of the lawyers' closed shop.

Chidsey refused to rule on whether the state legislature has authority to regulate "terms, conditions or restrictions" under which attorneys would practice in the county courts.

In most of Pennsylvania's 67 counties, the bar associations rigidly enforce residence requirements which prohibit lawyers from opening a practice in any county until they have resided there five years.

State Senator John M. Walker, R., took the lead in a campaign to wipe out the closed shop and asked Chidsey to give an opinion on the general assembly's powers in the matter.

"There is considerable doubt," Chidsey said, "whether the attorney general has the authority to advise a legislative commission."

—READ THE CLASSIFIEDS—

## Curiosity Didn't Kill This Cat, At Least

MILWAUKEE, (UP)—Gabby the cat has overcome his curiosity. When his mistress, Mrs. Kurt Wiener, left her automatic washing machine drying the clothes with the door open, Gabby jumped in to investigate.

He was discovered after the machine stopped automatically, some 200 turns later.

Gabby was a rather dizzy cat for several hours.

## BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

AGAIN we read that the old-fashioned family doctor is disappearing. Yeah—and so is the old-fashioned family.

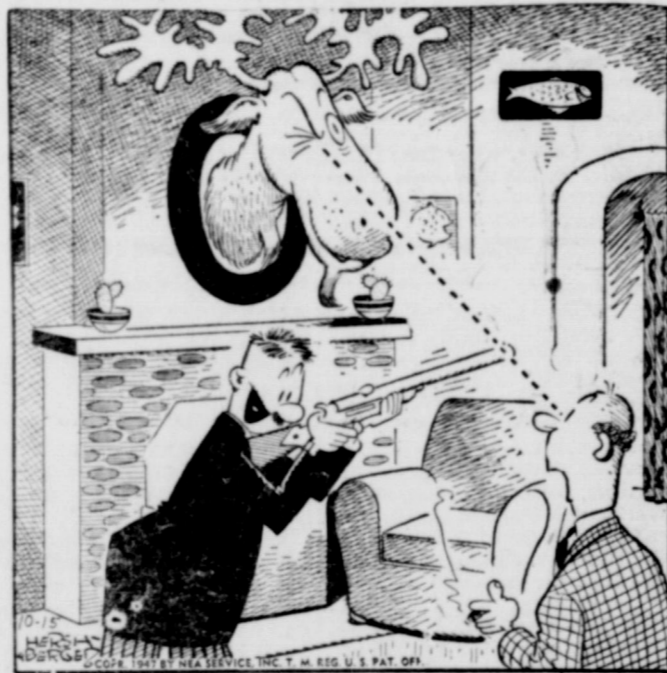
Women are doing more flying—both away from their husbands and at them.

Judging from the advice of centenarians, the way to reach old age is to drink wine, abstain from alcohol, shun tobacco and smoke a pipe.

Some folks persist in paying rent and buying food with not a single new car in the family.

A rut is something some men spend half their time digging and the other half trying to keep out of.

## FUNNY BUSINESS



"And just as he peeped around the tree I let him have it!"

## SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON, NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—(NEA)—Samuel Bredon left the sidewalks of New York in 1904 to sell popcorn at the St. Louis World's Fair and wound up a baseball millionaire.

The price the Robert E. Hannegan group is reported to have paid for the Cardinals, \$3,500,000, may not be far off. While the Red Birds are tenants at Sportsman's Park, the chain owns modern plants in Rochester, Columbus, Houston and Allentown, and a projected site at Grand and Chouteau Avenues, on the near south side of St. Louis.

The St. Louis National League club was heavily in debt when Branch Rickey took over in 1917, and peddled stock at \$25 a share.

DURING the winter of 1919, Sam Bredon, by then a St. Louis automobile distributor, came in with an original investment of \$2000. The shrewd Bredon parlayed this into 75 per cent of the most powerful of National League franchises. He quickly bought up stock, succeeded Rickey as president in 1920.

Rickey, enthusiastic and tireless, and Bredon, the balance wheel and "no"-man, made an ideal combination.

The farm system was born of necessity. The Cardinals came close to supplying the league with players, their multiple sales being by no means a small share of the business. They won nine pennants and six world championships in 21 years.

Bredon was a constructive baseball man, but the Cardinals lost the pulse of their caretaker when Rickey moved to Brooklyn with the close of the campaign of 1942.

Bredon and Rickey broke over money, Singing Sam having the final say.

A good share of the Cardinal organization personnel switched to Flatbush with B. R.

The Cardinals have been coasting with Rickey-uncovered talent, but there was an abrupt falling off in the farm crops. There was a certain sign of this a year ago, when the Cards drafted 33 athletes at a cost of \$75,000. A lot of baseball men couldn't believe their ears when they heard this.

When Eddie Dyer was so desperately in need of help last summer, there was no one in the minors worthy of being called up. In the past all Red Bird managers in that situation had to do was press a button.

Rickey transplanted the balance of National League power from Sportsman's Park to Ebbets Field in three years.

For a time it appeared that Bredon, 72, wanted to keep the Cardinals for his nephew and assistant, Bill Walsingham.

But Bredon is much too smart not to sell while a rising market is still on the rise.

The National League and the game loses a constructive baseball man.

Bob Hannegan and associates will have to step lively to match the feats performed in St. Louis by Branch Rickey and Sam Bredon.

# MURDER AT MY HOUSE

By Rene Ryerson Mart

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IT WAS a beautiful weapon, dainty, exquisite, created for pleasure; one would never think of it in connection with death. At least, Bob Leiphan and I didn't. I remember the first time I saw it—and the last, the day I found it in Marie Maloney's room. And finding it there suddenly knew how death had come to three people and why it threatened me. I knew, too, the desperate chance I had to take to uncover the real murderer and save my own life.

Bob Leiphan, lately of Army Intelligence and now of the Los Angeles City Police Homicide Squad, insists upon giving me all the credit for breaking what is so far his most famous—or infamous—case.

He's wrong, however. I didn't solve anything. I just stumbled upon one thing which was important, and remembered some other things because as a writer I have learned to remember little things about people—all sorts of little things. A habit which gives me a mind like a dustbin, insanitary but sometimes convenient.

Eventually in this particular case the likeness between two women, the look on a face in an unguarded moment, and a few other apparently unrelated incidents, dug belatedly out of the dustbin, added up to a weird motive for murder. Finally there was my finding of the weapon itself. And that was sheer luck, because we weren't looking for a weapon.

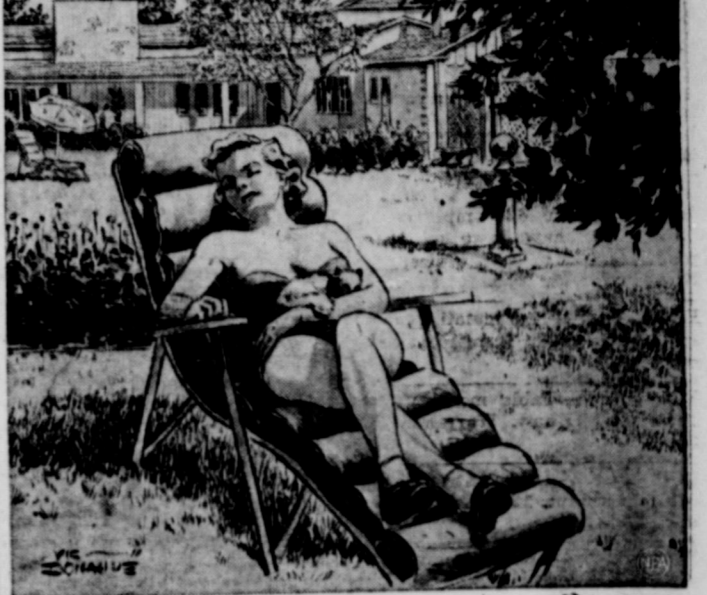
To tell this story coherently, I had better begin with the day before the first two deaths. Arrows throw in a little data which accounts for me being in the middle when things began to happen.

I had been in Hollywood for three months; writing a movie script from one of my own books. The script had finally been approved by Ben Morgan who was going to produce it, and by Jeff Haverson who was going to direct it; and the shooting of the first scenes was scheduled to start the next morning. It was my first movie script and I was feeling smart—pants over its reception.

Any satisfaction I was enjoying, however, belonged by rights to my long-suffering literary agent, Max Hoster. Max had hauled me out of that sanitarium back in Ohio and had plunked me down in a murder bungalow in the Hollywood Hills—quite literally a murder bungalow, although the crime committed there had passed into the limbo of forgotten things by the time I arrived—with the ultimatum that it was time for me to quit acting like a darned fool and go to work again.

Of course, no one but an author's agent, wacky from reading too many bad mystery manuscripts, would ever have conceived the idea of shocking a defeated woman back to life by throwing her to the Hollywood wolves.

But wacky or not the idea had worked. I hadn't had a moment in which to think of my personal problems, much less grow morbid over them, since I'd stepped off the train in the Los Angeles station. And on the afternoon on which I shall begin my story, I was stretched out in a deck chair in the patio of my murder house



I stretched my body to a new angle of comfort in the deck chair and closed my eyes. I was relaxed and somnolent. Then in the house the telephone began to ring.

taking a sun bath, with no macabre reflections whatever on murder done or murder yet to come. Just lying there feeling well pleased with life in general and my own life in particular again.

It was a nice spot to feel well pleased in. A bougainvillea vine splashed clusters of purple flowers over the yellow wall of the kitchen that formed one side of the patio. Giant geraniums lifted petaled blooms before the windows of the maid's room on the other side.

Across the rectangle of blue sky overhead arched the delicate foliage of a pepper tree.

I stretched my body to a new angle of comfort in the deck chair, glanced idly at my brown bare legs, wriggled my toes against the rope soles of kelly green clogs and closed my eyes. I was as relaxed and somnolent as Tom, the big yellow Persian cat curled in the curve of my left arm.

In the house the telephone began to ring. It rang six times and quit. After an interval it began to ring again. Ten rings that time. I have no maid. The studio had been able to furnish me a house largely because the Army had excused a priority on a male script writer who had been my predecessor in both house and job. But even the movie moguls hadn't been able to produce a full time maid.

When the telephone began to ring for the third time, I decided I might as well answer it. I bounced the cat to the ground with an affectionate "Scat," reached for my robe, belted it on and took the call on the extension in the kitchen.

"Hello, Holly," I said. "Holly Donn speaking."

"Hello, Holly." It was the nice voice of Jeff Haverson, who was going to direct my picture. "Doing anything this evening?"

"No."

"What about having dinner with me, then? We could drive over to the Steak House in Burbank."

It was a far more enticing prospect than cooking my own dinner and eating it alone. I told him.

He said, "Thanks." And that he'd pick me up in about an hour.

I felt as if I'd just had a shot of adrenalin as I climbed the stairs to my bedroom to dress.

Of all the people I had met in Hollywood, Jeff Haverson was the one I enjoyed being with most. Without the baseball cap that he always affected when he was shooting a picture, he looked like any other successful young American business man. A little heavy around the waist, but with well-carried shoulders, a clean, wholesome skin darkened from its natural blondness by the California sun and light hair beginning to thin a little at the crown and grow back at the temples.

Jeff Haverson looked, in fact, like what my well-meaning agent must have had in mind when he said the only way I'd ever get over Oscar Craig would be to fall in love with another man.

I wondered a little bit about that while I showered and got into a neat shepherd check suit with a white wool jersey blouse and finished the outfit with a big black hat that made an interesting frame for my face.

I put lipstick on carefully, blotting it and putting on some more and dusting a little dark powder over that, and made a mental note to see Ravella, the studio make-up woman, the next day. Ravella specialized in creating individual lipstick colors for the Massive stars—and for anyone else foolish enough to pay her price. I had been promising myself a ravishing Ravella lipstick ever since I came to Hollywood.

I was just finishing my lips when the door chimed sounded and I tripped blithely up the semi-circular pair of steps that led from my bedroom to the upper hall—the same two steps that later were to save my life—and went along the hall to the foyer to let Jeff in.

(To Be Continued)

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## 19 Years Ago Today

From the Files of the Telegram of December 10, 1928.  
 A poem by Rotarian "Doc" Cheaney dealing with the attendance record of the members of the Eastland Rotary Club, was a feature of the meeting today. Mrs. Joseph M. Leonard rendered a vocal number playing her own accompaniment. The meeting was presided over by President Joseph M. Weaver. Visitors included: Dr. T. T. Roberts and F. D. Wright of the Cisco Club; Joe Dennis and B. F. Peacock of the Ranger Club and Horace Condeley of the Eastland Lions' club.

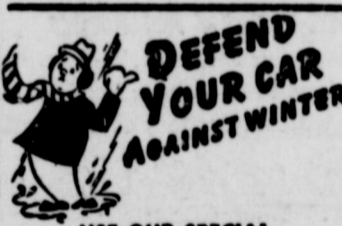
G. S. Patterson, 76, father of County Agent J. C. Patterson of Eastland, died at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at his home in Waxahachie.

The Light Eternal (Petrie) cantata, will be presented Sunday morning at the First Baptist church under the direction of Mrs. A. J. Campbell. Solo parts will be taken by Mrs. G. M. Stephenson of Cisco; Mrs. Byron Hayes, A. M. Hearn, Homer White, Gussie Trimble of Carbon, Miss Hixie Beth Green, Miss Opal Hunt and John M. Knox, Jr.

The First Methodist church choir, under the direction of Miss Wilda Drago, talented Eastland violinist, will present the cantata "Prince of Peace," (Ashford) at the church Sunday night at 7:30. More than 40 voices will take part in the musical presentation. Soloists will be Mrs. R. S. Loventhal and Mrs. Grace Hayes, soprano; Mrs. Grady Pipkin, contralto; and violin obligato soloist; B. M. Collier, baritone; R. S. Loventhal, bass and Mr. Herrin, tenor.

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## A FRIGHTENED CHILD



An unidentified youngster writhes in pain and terror as she receives treatment for minor burns after the bus on which she was riding collided with an automobile and burst into flames. Seventeen children were riding on the bus and all but two were released after treatment. (NEA Telephoto).

piece of farm equipment this fall in even of a good crop year. The drought, however, stopped this and the contemplated purchases have been put off until next year.

More than 90 per cent of the farmers and ranchmen who sold cattle down to the present low number plan to restock next spring when grass comes out. Many are buying breeding stock now, on the strength of a grass comeback after the late fall rains this year, although most seem inclined to wait until spring before restocking.

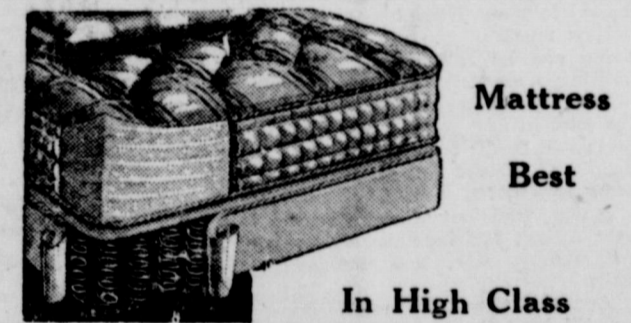
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## Calls to Arms



Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, above, secretary-general of the Arab League, speaking at a Cairo rally, implored Egypt's youth to enlist as soldiers and fight the partition of Palestine. The league has been a bitter opponent of partition since it was first suggested.

Translucent plastic covers have been designed for the protection of electric fans against dust during storage.

**Notice To Stockholders**  
 A regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastland National Bank, Eastland, Texas, will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. on the 13th day of January, 1948, being the second Tuesday in said month, for the purpose of electing directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the stockholders meeting.  
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## Foreign Prince Wants To Borrow Carnival Title

EL PASO, Tex. (UP)—El Paso's annual Sun Carnival may soon have a foreign counterpart. The El Paso chamber of commerce, promoter of the Sun Carnival, said it had received a letter from a Nigerian prince who wanted to borrow the name.

Prince Badrul I. Rabin, whose father is king of Lagos, Nigeria, wrote to ask permission to begin a Sun carnival and Sunland club in his home country.

"I await with the profoundest anxiety an answer to this letter," wrote the prince.

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SOCIETY

SUNBEAMS DO MISSIONARY WORK MONDAY

The Sunbeams of the First Baptist Church met Monday afternoon for home mission work, with Mrs. E. M. Pritchard and Mrs. A. J. Blevins, Jr., assisting the group.

The Negro Baptist Church was visited where Christmas carols were sung. From there they went to the Eastland hospital where they carried flowers and magazines for the sick.

The last mission was at the postoffice where they mailed testaments to Maybell Taylor, who is a missionary, and will be leaving soon for her work. Fifteen were in attendance.

Present were: Bobbie Barber, Julia Inzer, Judith Blevins, Jimmie Waller, Martha Lee Freese, Billy Howard Upchurch, Max Chapman, Brenda Butler, Larry Allen, Allen Neal Pritchard, David Byers, Shirley Dodson and Charles Rushing.

MISS WILLIAMSON, CPL. EMFINGER WILL BE WED IN DECEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Williamson of Morton Valley announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Darrell,

of Morton Valley, to Cpl. Bobbie Lee Emfinger of Ranger, some time in December. The wedding date depends on his army activities, and his arrival Friday from Fort Ord, California. The couple are both graduates of Morton Valley High School the past year.

WMU HAD CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY

Mrs. Pat Crawford, 509 South Mulberry hosted the annual Christmas party for the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church Monday at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Crawford was in charge of the program which opened with a prayer by Mrs. C. M. Brown, of Palacios. Mrs. A. J. Blevins, Sr., gave the devotional, which was followed by violin solos of Christmas Hymns by Mrs. A. E. Smith.

Mrs. W. G. Womack gave a reading, "The Three Kings", followed by group singing of Silent Night, and Joy to the World.

Mrs. W. D. R. Owen gave a very interesting reading of Christmas poems. The program closed with a prayer by Mrs. F. A. Hollis.

Mrs. L. M. Chapman presided at the silver tea service. Christmas cookies and mints were served from the table laid in lace with a Christmas centerpiece of red candles and greenery.

Attending were: Mmes. Jennie Self, A. E. Smith, W. D. R. Owen, W. H. Upchurch, John Alexander, Charles Butler, Don Allen, John Barber, W. G. Garza, A. O. Cook, H. F. Hodges, L. M. Chapman, J. P. McWilliams, Lewis Barber, F. A. Hollis, J. L. Ward, Jess Seibert, J. L. Waller, Arther Merrell, Ben Hammer, W. C. Robinson, L. C. Inzer, A. J. Blevins, Sr., J. C. Allison, W. G. Womack, Frank Lovett, E. T. Spence, C. N. Brown, Miss Susie Naylor, and hostess Mrs. Crawford.

G.A.'s TO HONOR MOTHERS

Mrs. H. T. Weaver and the G. A.'s of the First Baptist Church are preparing to have a Christmas Tea Sunday at 3:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Weaver, 803 South Seaman, for Mothers.

Mrs. Weaver met with the girls Monday afternoon at the church and prepared a play, "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day", which will be given at the Tea Sunday afternoon.

SURPRISE SHOWER TUESDAY HONORS MRS. FIDLER

Mrs. Frank Fidler was honored with a surprise handkerchief shower and farewell party at her home, 605 South Green Street, Tuesday afternoon.

Refreshments of cake and coffee was served to Mmes. Marvin Hutto, Travis Hilliard and daughter Carol June, Joe Gray, Carl Butler, Raymond Berry, E. I. Talley and W. E. Matlock of Olden.

Mr. and Mrs. Fidler are moving to Alice where he has been transferred.

Arraign Four In Counterfeiting Ring Smash-Up



Covering their faces with handkerchiefs, left to right, Vito D'Agostino, 32, Minas Aretos, 43, John Brennan, 47, and Peter K likas, 47, are led by a U. S. marshal into Chicago's Federal Building where they were arraigned on counterfeiting charges. The four men pleaded innocent, and the case was continued until Dec. 19. The ring, which was exposed when a distrustful Des Plaines, Ill., farmer was paid in bogus money for a Thanksgiving turkey, is said to have printed more than \$600,000 in fake 5, 10 and 20-dollar bills in the largest counterfeit plot since 1934. (NEA Telephoto).

Personals

Buck Wood, brother of E. E. Wood, is here on a visit to his brother and other relatives. He formerly resided in Oklahoma, but recently has been residing in East Texas.

M. J. Smith, Gorman attorney, was transacting business in Eastland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Herring, Sr., were in Graham Sunday visiting their son, M. P., Jr., and his family. Junior is manager of the A & P Store there.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cornelius are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brandenburg of Grand Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Boggie Evans have moved from Ranger to Eastland. He is with a local grocery store.

Brooks Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Herring, South Sea-

man, is employed as assistant manager of the Ranger A & P store. Herring is a senior student in dental engineering at the Houston University, he is completing his course by correspondence.

Heartsease by Elsie Glenn

TRADE IN VALUE What's the trade in value of a human being?

Of late, I've been dickering with various car dealers, trying to get what I consider a decent trade in value for my old car on a new one. And I started wondering: what's the trade-in value of a human being?

Are some of us worth more than others?

What's our trade in value? How much are our old dreams, disillusionments, worn out philosophies, mistakes, worth in the market for new shining moments of renewed belief, hope, faith, love, and all of the things that make life worth living?

How much of the old way of living can be salvaged toward building a new life?

Is the paint job still good . . . the look in our eyes? Are the parts still there: the courage, the ambition? What's left over that could be used?

Is the chassis out of shape from over eating, self indulgence . . . fat, flabby, sick, not working well?

Are the tires still good? Do we still have the youthful spring in our step? Is the steering wheel still working: those guiding principles we've lived by?

And how's the motor: our heart. Does it still have joyousness, a happiness or is it running pretty

Awaits His Cue



Hardly ladylike is the pose of this pocket billiard player, but then Emery Niles, of Baltimore, Md., is hardly a lady. He's pictured in costume he'll wear as a member of the cast of Harvard University's 100th annual Hasty Pudding Club show.

Meet the Grand Champ



Owner Robert D. Snavelly, a doctor from Hagerstown, Md., holds the winner's cup which his Senior and Grand Champion Percheron stallion, Rem Degas, won at the International Livestock Show in Chicago. The 2100-pound, 6-year-old beauty has been winner in his class in every competition he has entered.

attention of a New York woman through an article in the National Geographic magazine.

Mrs. Ralph Gress of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., wrote the chamber of commerce here that she had read in the magazine article about "your beautiful city," and that it made her want to live there.

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ant. When Wherzog opened the can, he saw a piece of crumpled paper in with the soup. As he was about to throw the can away, he detected printing which said: "Payroll Savings Plan, National Bank and Trust Co. of New Jersey."

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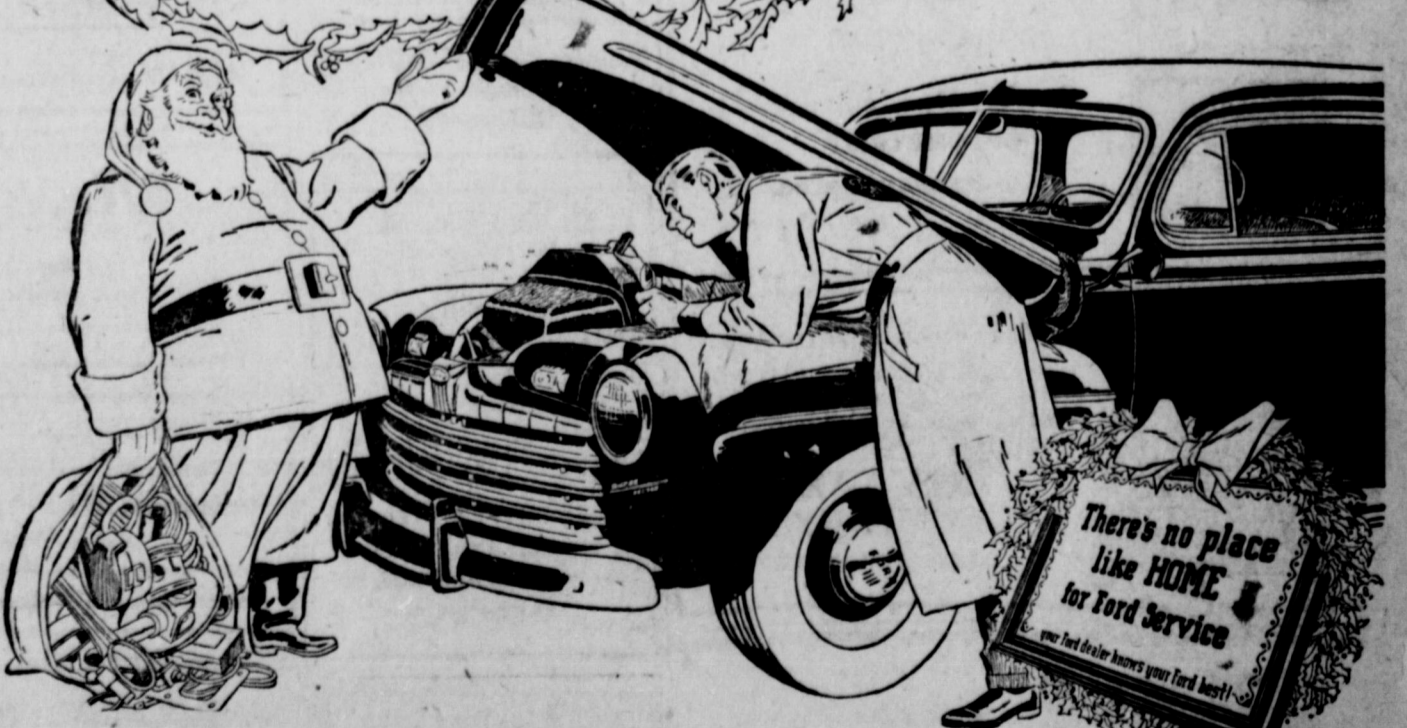


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