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Communist Defeat Of ERP Fails, Says Report

REPORT SHOWS GAINS IN WESTERN EUROPE DESPITE POWERFUL ATTACK

Team Members to Start 1949 Drive

The Comanche Trail Council representing eight counties will launch their 1949 drive for operating expenses tomorrow throughout the area. The campaign gains impetus in Eastland with a kick-off breakfast at the Connellee Hotel at 7 A. M.

Six teams, each of ten members, will contact Eastland citizens and business houses to help raise the \$21,000 that the Council needs for the year's budget. Eastland finance chairman is George I. Lane with W. B. Pickens acting as vice-chairman.

Teams and captains are as follows: Rotary Team No. 1, Joe Stephens, Captain, Ben Hamner, Walter Payne, Earl Stephens, Bob Clinton, Dr. Caton, Jack Muirhead, Jim Murphy, T. L. Fagg and W. D. R. Owen. Rotary Team No. 2, Bill J. Collins, Captain, A. L. Murrell, David McKee, Pat Miller, Sam Gamble, Frank Sayre, Pearson Grimes, Dr. Kenneth Cowan, Rev. Chapman, and Bill Atwood; Lions Team No. 1, W. B. Harris, Captain, G. P. Poe, Milburn Long, Everett Plowman, Bob Nelson, H. L. King, F. W. Graham, Bob Osborn, and W. B. Pickens, Lions Team No. 2, R. D. Vaughn, Captain, Theo Lamb, J. Over Smith, Neil Day, Lewis Crossley, James Reid, Herb Weaver, G. A. Plummer and Bill Frost; American Legion Team No. 1, H. J. Tanner, Captain; Jerry Lullman, Dave Flensy, Milton Gains, Percy Harris, Ray Laney, John Ernst, Bill Coppock, Ed Layton, and C. T. Stinchcomb, Jr., American Legion Team No. 2, A. Van Hoy, Captain, E. E. Freyschlag, Dan Parker, Pat Murphy, John D. Harvey, Charles Lucas, Milton Gains, Donald Kinnaird, W. Q. Verner and Morris Keasler.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(UP)— Communist efforts to defeat the European Recovery Program, although "well backed with talent and money," are failing, President Truman told Congress today in an optimistic report.

A report of recovery operations of the Economic Cooperation Administration for the second quarter ending Sept. 30, 1948, noted:

"The Communist propaganda drive is powerful, constant and well-backed with talent and money. There are signs, however, that the anti-recovery efforts of the Communists, including their propaganda campaign, have not come up to expectations."

As the report reached the House and Senate, committees of both were considering legislation to authorize the recovery agency \$5,580,000,000 (B) for operations during the 15-month period ending June 30, 1950.

The president's report said that Western Europe must earn its own way, but not at the cost of disease and unrest among its citizens.

"The primary objective of the European Recovery Program is to enable Western Europe to achieve as soon as possible a satisfactory level of economic activity independent of extraordinary outside assistance," the report said.

"... Western Europe must earn its own way, but without reducing its citizens to levels of deprivation that would engender disease and unrest. Per capita consumption must be raised to pre-war levels, which for most countries were much below those of the United States."

The report, four months behind current recovery operations, nevertheless reflects the gains made in Western Europe since the Marshall Plan began last April.

For example: "Total output of factories and mines in the third quarter of 1948 was 10 per cent above the previous year and nearly equal to the 1938 (base) rate."

"Excluding the depressed steel output of western Germany, steel operations were well above the 1938 rate and equal to the high year of 1937."

"Total electric power production in the participating countries excluding Germany is 50 per cent above pre-war and railway traffic is up about one-third."

"Agricultural production in Europe has shown impressive gains over the last year, though aggregate output is still below pre-war."

"The supply of food and clothing, although greater than last year, has not returned to pre-war levels."

As regards the European labor supply and productivity, the report noted that there must be "more effective distribution of labor" and an increase in the productivity level.

"Absenteeism in industries has been a problem in many countries where consumer goods are in short supply," the report said, "since urban workers have taken off time to search for needed commodities, especially food."

The report noted that "in spite of American aid, the economic situation in non-Communist China continued to deteriorate during the third quarter of 1948."

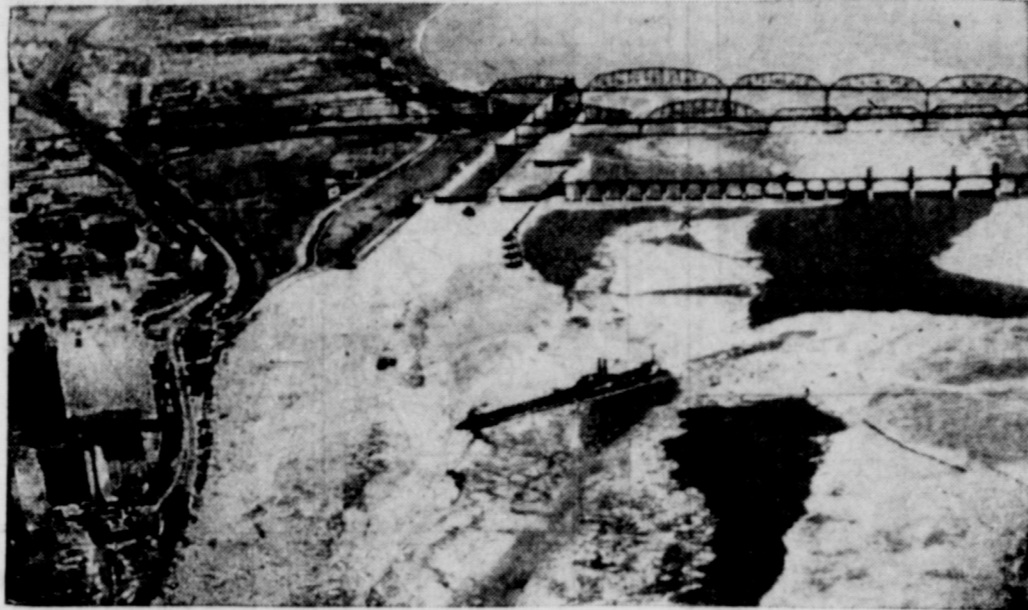
(Present aid to China is only a trickle. ECA has not yet asked Congress for new funds for the China aid program, and officials say that it will not do so until the situation there is clarified.)

THE WEATHER

East Texas— Occasional rain in north portion, freezing rain in extreme northwest, and partly cloudy skies in South portion this afternoon and tonight. Not so cold in northwest and extreme north portion tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy, warmer in north portion. Fresh to strong southerly winds on the coast.

West Texas— Occasional rain in South Plains and from the upper Pecos Valley eastward, some freezing rain in the Panhandle, and partly cloudy skies elsewhere this afternoon and tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy, not so cold in the Panhandle, South Plains and from the upper Pecos Valley eastward tonight and Tuesday.

ICE JAM HAMPERS MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAFFIC



At Alton, Ill., just north of St. Louis, Mo., on the Mississippi River, the towboat Cairo, equipped with an ice plow, battles to free itself from the ice floes jamming the river. The boat finally struggled clear and made its way to the free water above the bridges. This aerial view shows how the river is blocked by the ice. (NEA Telephoto)

NEW PEACE ATTEMPT FOR CHINA HOLDS LITTLE HOPE

NANKING, Feb. 14 (UP)— Communist leaders said goodbye to one Nationalist peace mission and prepared to meet another in Peiping today, but the goal of a final settlement in China was still far beyond the horizon.

A five-man group of elder statesmen flew from Shanghai, hoping they could see No. 2 Communist Chou En-Lai and arrange a full-scale, top-level peace conference.

The unofficial delegation included the veteran diplomat Dr. W. W. Yen and Shao Li-Tze, head of the official but so-far idle peace mission named after Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's withdrawal last month.

Meanwhile, a delegation of professors returned to Nanking, where their leader, Wu Yu-Huo, reported that the Communists had promised to "consider" a revision of their demands against Nationalist "war criminals."

Wu also reported to Acting President Li Tsung-Jen that the Communists would "consider" changing the term "war criminals" to "reactionary and corrupt elements" and would "consider" the formation of an interim coalition government of Nationalists and Communists.

According to Wu, the acting president said he would do the utmost to meet Red requisites for peace talks. An informed source said these included a demand

for cessation of Nationalist war preparations.

In Peiping, however, Mayor Yeh told a crowd of 300,000 persons massed at the gate of heavenly peace that the arrest of war criminals and dissolution of Kuomintang splinter elements were the first objectives of the new "people's Democratic" regime in the ancient Manchu capital.

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Frightened Ecuadorians jammed Quito's streets during and after the broadcast, screaming "down with the radio" because of the public scare it had created. They set fire to the building, which also housed the morning newspaper "El Comercio" on the afternoon paper "Ultimas Noticias."

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Infuriated Radio Listeners Storm Ecuador Station

QUITO, ECUADOR, Feb. 14 (UP)—Police said today that the program director of radio Quito was responsible for a weekend radio dramatization of a Martian invasion which so frightened and infuriated listeners they burned down the station, killing six persons.

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Army To Offer Language Course

Opportunity to enlist in the U. S. Regular Army for training at the Army Language School Monterey, California was announced today by S-Sgt. James Hendrick, NCO in charge of the Eastland Recruiting Station.

Courses of study are designed to give men an extensive course in Japanese, Korean and Russian languages and to give competent personnel training in certain technical subjects specializing in duties in the occupation forces.

Graduates will have acquired a working knowledge of the language, oral and written, including military and civil affairs terms, and to have received a general background knowledge of Japanese, Korean or Russian history, geography, racial characteristics, customs, and social institutions. The course may be of 9, or 12 months duration depending on the students' proficiency.

Enlistments are for periods of 3 or more years in the Regular Army unassigned, and applications will be accepted from both veterans and non-veterans, providing screening qualifications are met.

Large Turnout Urged For Report

H. J. Tanner, Chamber of Commerce manager is urging all county business men and officials to attend tomorrow's economic survey meeting at the county courthouse, 8th district courtroom at 10 P. M.

According to Tanner the meeting may be the start of a drive to set up new improved industries in the county. A year long survey report as prepared by the Bureau of Business Research and sponsored by the Texas and Pacific Railroad and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be presented by leading economists.

Among officials attending the meeting will be J. J. Finegan, assistant to the president of T & P Dr. Robert A. French of the Bureau of Business Research and D. A. Bandeen and Max Bentley of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

WCTU Prepared To Fight Liquor

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 14 (UP)— Texas Drys, attacking a proposed liquor-by-the-drink bill, today laid down a seven-point program of tightened liquor regulations.

Mrs. Claude Devan Watts, president of the Texas Women's Christian Temperance Union, launched the counter-attack with an announcement her forces were rallying "all Christian people" in opposition to the "disguised saloon bill."

Seven proposals, she said, will be sponsored by the WCTU in the current session of the Legislature.

They will include laws: To make it illegal to "have or possess in any motor vehicle on any public highway or street . . . any flask, bottle, jug, can or other container of intoxicating liquor . . . on which the original seal has been broken."

"We believe," Mrs. Watts said, "that such a measure will greatly reduce the driving and drinking menace. In some 30 per cent of the fatal traffic accidents in Texas as in 1947, drinking was found to have been a factor, according to statistics of the Texas Department of Public Safety."

She said this meant that "nearly 600 lives were lost in accidents in which drinking figures."

Another proposal would make it illegal to serve or sell for consumption off the premises any liquor container on which the original seal has been broken. Mrs. Watts said this measure was designed to "eliminate drinking in automobiles outside taverns and beer parlors."

It would be illegal to sell intoxicants within 300 feet in any direction from a filling station, stopping, the WCTU President said, "a great deal of liquor buying and drinking by automobile owners."

Cisco Officer Named Director

Colonel John C. Kilborn, of Cisco, has been appointed Director of the Joint Operations Center, Tactical Air Command, at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, according to an announcement made by Maj. Gen. Robert M. Lee, Commanding General.

A command pilot, Col. Kilborn is a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy class of 1930. During the past war, he served 37 months overseas in the European Theatre.

Colonel Kilborn has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Bronze Star, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, and the Luxembourg Croix de Guerre.

POPE SAYS CONFESSION OF CARDINAL FORCED

ROME, Feb. 14. (UP)— Pope Pius XII told an extraordinary secret consistory of Cardinals today that Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary had been forced to make a confession and called his trial "artificial and captious."

The pontiff told the assemblers of the church that "the principle aim of the entire (Cardinal Mindszenty) sentence was that of upsetting the Catholic Church in Hungary."

Cardinal Mindszenty was sentenced to life imprisonment on charges of treason by a peoples court in Budapest after a three-day trial. Six co-defendants also were found guilty and sentenced to prison.

"However, in spite of the insufficiency and the lack of security of information, we cannot omit mentioning the opinion which the civilized world has given about this judgment," the Pope said. "Above all, about the excessive and suspect rapidity of the procedure, the artificial and captious construction of the accusations, the physical condition of the Cardinal—which is inexplicable without unexplainable influences—the condition which suddenly made of a man, who un-

GROSS UNDERSTATEMENTS BY MARVIN GROSS

This is a hectic schedule lined up for some of our local officials on the morrow. The agenda is crammed tight from dawn until wee hours. Starting at 7 the Comanche Trail Council will send their drive into high gear amid snow and eggs at the Connellee. . . . expected sometime before noon is the construction executive, W. O. Pendry from Fort Worth to wind up last minute details on the building project. Then at 10 the survey report of the T & P Railway and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be revealed to local lights. Finally the torrid tactics are ended with a Chamber of Commerce directors meeting in the evening—that's trying to squeeze 32 hours into 24.

The almost long lost art of walking is experiencing a revival in the city of the not so Brotherly Love—Philadelphia. For the second time in three years the transportation unions have decided to give the two million citizens a little exercise. Of course it's a situation somewhat on the critical side but it does test one's ingenuity and ambition. Whether tis nobler to stay home from the job and blame the lack of a ride or go bravely forth on foot.

So it is to advantage to live in a trolleyless and bus-less community such as good old Eastland. Strikes and stuff of the Philadelphia variety can't touch we lucky ones.

Final tabulations of the concluded March of Dimes campaign should make county residents beam with pride. County director Joe Collins hasn't the final figures available as yet but the figure should zoom well above that of last year—continued proof of the commendable charitable spirit of Eastland County.

With the court season just about concluded here, and a not too successful one at that, the athletic picture takes on quite a aspect for the next few weeks. Coach Seibert will start prepping a handful of track luminaries for district competition. Seibert is expecting a barrelful of victories from sprinter Jim Smith—one of the best in the conference. And he is still hoping to make that trip to the Border Olympics down at Agordo shortly.

Storm warnings are out again. Our final consensus is that to get used to Texas weather is one of the few impossible things in life. We have tried—tried hard but finally acceded to the adage of "What is so rare as a week of similar weather in Texas." But California can't say a word in defense of their climes either.

Says Unemployment Is On Decline

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (UP)—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin said today that the rise in unemployment "appears to have slackened."

But he cautioned that the situation "should be closely watched" to tide workers through a current period of industrial readjustment "and to head off a recession should one begin to threaten."

In a statement prepared for delivery before the joint congressional economic committee Tobin said production and employment, "despite the leveling off" are both "very high for this time of year."

"While unemployment continued to rise in January and probably in February," Tobin said, "the rate of increase appears to have slackened. Re-employment has taken place at the same time that lay-offs are occurring."

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★ WASHINGTON COLUMN ★

Pan-Am's Proposal of Merger Puts CAB Squarely on Spot

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON—(NEA)—The old rule of "When you can't lick 'em, join 'em" seems to have guided Pan American Airways' proposal to buy out the European business of American Overseas Airlines. But it puts some very tough questions before CAB—Civil Aeronautics Board—which must approve the deal before it can become effective.

For years Pan-Am's founder and president, Juan Trippe, has been advocating that a single U. S. flag airline should have a monopoly on America's international civil air traffic. Trippe's main argument has been that it was the only way this country would be able to compete with the government-subsidized airlines of the British, French, Dutch, Belgians, Swedes and Latin-Americans.

Democratic Sen. Pat McCarran of Nevada and Republican Owen Brewster of Maine backed the Trippe proposal. But their American flag airline bills to set up one "chosen instrument" international airline never got past committee, in spite of weeks of testimony.

In a flying fight that lasted over five years, Trippe was licked. Through CAB, the U. S. government decided that the public interest lay in having more than one U. S. company in international air.

SINCE this decision was handed down in July 1945, Pan-Am, AOA, TWA, Braniff, Eastern, Northwest, United and others have been fighting it out among themselves and with foreign carriers for whatever business has been available. It has not been smooth flying.

The iron curtain has made it impossible to do business in Eastern Europe. Dollar shortages in foreign countries have held back travel. Tourist business has been limited by lack of accommodations.

In Washington, the proposed deal whereby Pan-Am is to take over AOA has met with mixed reactions. One of the first conclusions was that Juan Trippe had at last given up his fight to get a law passed creating the single chosen instrument airline. With a Republican administration in Washington, he might have had a chance. With the Democratic administration staying in control, little prospect is seen for a change in aviation policy.

In trying to buy up his competition, however, Trippe might be working towards the same end, with only a slight difference. Pan-Am can now contend it is not seeking a monopoly. By Pan-Am's own figures, its aviation business on all routes to Europe, Africa, Asia, the Southwest Pacific and around the world amounts to 58 per cent of all the foreign air traffic carried by U. S. airlines. The American Overseas Airlines' share is estimated at 2 per cent. If the merger were approved, Pan-Am would have 58 per cent of the total. The question is whether that's a monopoly.

CAB's position is not clear. CAB Chairman J. J. O'Connell, Jr., has said that the law gives the board no alternative to promoting and maintaining regulated competition. But he has also urged U. S. airlines to consider mergers that would strengthen them.

So far, there have been only two mergers approved by CAB. Under one, United took over a single route from Western Air. In the other Northeast bought out the defunct Mayflower airline.

Another case now before CAB concerns a possible break-up of National Airlines. The proposal is that Eastern or Delta take over the National's Miami-Havana route, Delta to take over the New Orleans-Miami route, Pan-Am to take over the New York-Miami route.

This last would make Pan-Am a domestic carrier—a right which Pan-Am has claimed ever since CAB started giving foreign routes to the U. S. domestic airlines. Whether approval of Pan-Am's application to buy out AOA would prejudice its application for domestic routes to link up its foreign routes is another puzzler.

Lawyers are still arguing about whether the White House will have to give final approval on whatever finding CAB makes in the Pan-Am and AOA merger proposal. But it is probable that the President will have the final word.

Beware of Romance

By Roberta Courtland

THE STORY: When sixteen-year-old Merry Carson learns that her dashing father, Kin, has asked her selfish mother to divorce him, her whole world turns topsy-turvy. Kin leaves home and Susan goes to pieces. Aunt Jane comes to look after things. The doctor tells Merry her mother needs a change and suggests they take her to St. Vincent's, an island resort. At the hotel in St. Vincent's, Susan keeps up her merry attitude. Aunt Jane decides that nothing would sooth her mother's nerves as a change of scene. She suggests that Merry and Susan should go to the island with her. Mr. Bagby, a real estate agent, is in the house when Susan and she leave it. He shows them a house he owns and is forced to sell. To everyone's surprise, Susan says she'll buy it.

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BEFORE the end of the week, the big Cadillac was in the two-car garage at the back of the beautiful rambling white house and Andrew and Lizzie were installed in the apartment upstairs. And Susan was racing gaily back and forth to Jacksonville, or to Savannah, in quest of "exactly the right thing" for the new house.

There were frequent consultations with Mr. Bagby about the selection of furniture since, as Susan put it, "the place meant so much to him"; and gradually Aunt Jane and Merry, finding themselves brushed aside, gave up any attempt to be of help. Merry began her studies with Miss Hutchens; and Aunt Jane went happily back to her fishing.

Merry made friends among Miss Hutchens' students and through them met others. Mr. Bagby brought a few friends to call at the hotel and he and Susan found among them two devout bridge players, and spent long evenings in happy absorption over a table set up in a corner of the lounge.

Merry's heart grew lighter than she had dared to hope it would ever be again. Eventually, when they moved into the new house, she loved every inch of it. The months slid by, and she told

herself that she had forgotten Marshallville. But she couldn't let her heart slip and not forget Tip nor would she ever forget him. He was too much a part of her very life, of her heart itself. However, she schooled herself not to think of him, not to remember too deeply.

TWO things about that summer always stood out in her memory in after years. The first was, of course, her 17th birthday. For a 17th birthday is of tremendous importance to a girl. It is the year when she feels that she is no longer a child, not even an adolescent, but on the verge of becoming a young woman.

Aunt Jane superintended the 17th birthday party, with Susan dithering and being charmingly vague and pleasantly abstracted. All of which Aunt Jane noticed, with secret misgivings, but which Merry, absorbed in her own affairs and thoughts, seemed to ignore.

By now Carter Bagby was very much a part of the scheme of things at Cleito Lindo, which was Susan's name for the new house. He came to dinner twice a week; his presence at Sunday morning "brunch" was taken for granted; and often he squired Susan gallantly to entertainments of various kinds about the two islands, or even down to Jacksonville or up to Savannah for some outstanding musical event.

The second red-letter event of that summer for Merry was seeing Kin again. On the morning of her birthday, a glorious early June morning with school days behind her and her mind not yet made up about college in the fall, the telephone rang and Aunt Jane called Merry.

"Long distance, pet. New York is calling."

Merry raced to the telephone, her eyes bright and eager, while Susan, startled, dropped the petit

From the Heart



Paul and Jane Ann are both cerebral palsy patients at the Illinois Children's Hospital in Chicago. But that doesn't stop them from enjoying St. Valentine's Day. Paul is all set to give a handmade card to the woman of his choice.

Buttin' Buttin'



The ball is meant for a teammate, of course, but Sheffield United's outside left, Jones, left, and Arsenal's right back, Barnes, appear to be battling it back and forth during course of English football game played before a huge crowd in London.

Reconstructs Beachey Plane

CLEVELAND (UP)—A 49-year-old aviation enthusiast is building his own airplane, patterned after the one flown by his boyhood hero. In the basement of his home, Bert Dudek is fashioning an exact replica of the famous old biplane which Lincoln Beachey flew in 1915.

No Trouble at All



Bushel, Citation's English bulldog buddy, sees that the champion has strict privacy in his stall at Florida's Hialeah Park. The popped osslet in the wonder horse's left foreankle is healing.



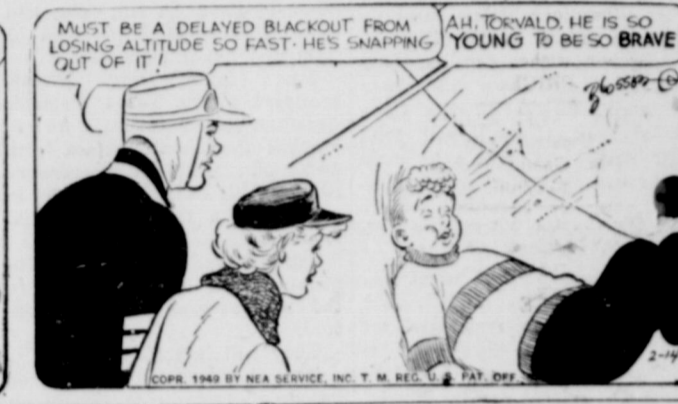
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WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

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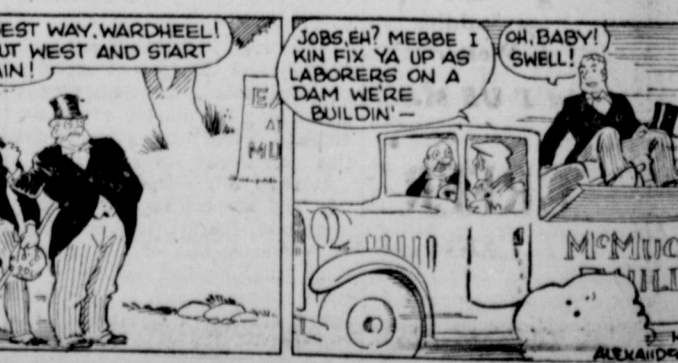
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Exeter, N. H. (UP)—A 100,000 theater may be built at Phillips Exeter Academy in honor of one of its noted alumni, the late humorist Robert Benchley. Friends of the class of 1908 graduates have begun a nationwide drive for funds for the theater, designed to seat 1,200.

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Area OIL News

February 11th, 1949.

W. G. Skelley No. B-Thomas have drilled to 4050 feet into the Mississippi. They have been taking numerous side wall cores recently—one was taken at 4020 and another at the present depth of 4050 feet. They will probably set pipe Friday or Saturday for the show is good apparently from the tests.

The above lease is the same on which R. H. Patterson is doing a workover job for Skelley. The tests there are still going on and the hole is being thoroughly cleared of all debris before deciding definitely if they have gone through the messed up pipe.

T. W. Eaglestone No. 1 Cheney are drilling at 1485 feet. This is an operation about 11 miles northwest of Cisco. B. F. Gilchrist is the contractor for the job. Mr. Eaglestone is from Roscoe, Texas. He is another operator who has known the game from both sides of the desk, having handled the iron as the men were talking in the lobby this morning. They were remarking that they knew him way back when he was known as "Blondie" and was one of the rough necks on the job. So many of the operators came up that way, and that is one reason, we guess, that we are so glad for one of that type when does strike something good.

Lackey No. 1 White perforated 8 feet of their Marble Falls formation. Some oil rose in the hole almost immediately and they are running tubing today—Friday.

Commercial Production Co., acidized their No. 1 R. S. Sanders using 3000 gallons of acid. The response was really quite good. They are preparing to take potential and get test figures to me as soon as they are available. Their show was in the 2800 foot lime—Marble Falls—and there was a good 20 to 30 feet. Several operators and scouts have been heard to remark that they wished that they had a well just as good as that is looking.

Commercial Production Co., is moving to their No. 2 location on the R. S. Sanders lease Langford Drilling Co., out of Wichita Falls will drill this next location, too. Huntley & Gillam No. 1 N. D. Gallagher is pretty certain to be called a dry hole from all indications. They treated the Ellenburger—no dice. They treated the

Mississippi same results. They came back up the line to the Duffer. Treated it—still no results. Their only chance now seems to be the Lake Sand and whether they will treat that is a moot question. Dalport officials were in town today looking over their holdings in the Kirk Field.

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Predicts 13,000 Oil Wells In '49

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 14 (UP)—Texas oil activity will spiral with some 13,000 new wells in 1949, publisher Ray L. Dudley predicted today.

Dudley, in this month's edition of his magazine, "World Oil," estimated 13,303 wells would be drilled in the state this year. It would represent, he said, a boost of 10.5 percent over the 12,039 new holes last year.

The state increase will be a part of the national picture, with more wells and more footage drilled this year than in any year in the history of the oil industry, Dudley stated.

He estimated that the demand for oil in this country will be up 7.5 percent over last year, and that the daily average production of crude will be some 5,626,000 barrels.

Pyramid Club Showdown Due In Dallas Area

DALLAS, Feb. 14 (UP)—Pyramid Club members pointed for a showdown today with District Attorney Will Wilson, who warned they were violating lottery statutes by taking part in the fast-growing get-rich-quick scheme.

An estimated 1,500 to 2,000 Pyramids met in Kiest Park yesterday ignoring a chill wind and drizzle, to denounce Wilson. A park policeman ran them out on orders of the City Administration. They moved into a muddy farm pasture nearby and hired two attorneys and raising a \$250 war chest on the spot.

Pyramid Clubs, born on the west coast, have swept the Dallas-Grand Prairie area like a prairie fire. The theory is that \$1 will get you, maybe, \$1,000 or more. Several persons here, by newspaper accounts, have taken in

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UNCERTAINTY OF CONDITIONS WATCHED BY SPECIALISTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (UP)—Are prices, business and employment undergoing just a healthy readjustment, or is something starting that could become a full-fledged recession?

That's a question that has Washington uneasy today.

Government economists, watching every change in their charts with unusual attention, say it's too early to give the answer. The administration continues to make plans to combat inflation in some fields, deflation in others.

The experts agree that we have seen the end constant new highs in every part of the economy, and that the peak of prosperity for farmers seems definitely past. But they don't agree on how far the general downturn is likely to go—or how far it should go for the nation's own good.

So far, drops in prices, production and employment have not approached temporary setbacks of June, 1947, and February 1948. The pattern is the same,

more than \$700 from their club activities. Pyramid clubs operate on the principle of the chain letter, except the money \$1 bills in this era of inflation rather than times which were the most popular in the chain letter age) is passed up the chain by hand instead of mail.

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however, and experts agree that it cannot all be blamed on seasonal declines.

Many economic indexes stand near or slightly below those of one year ago. A few are considerably lower. But others, such as certain retail prices, rents and wages are still climbing.

Therefore, government economists say, you can prepare good arguments to prove we are headed for a full-fledged recession, and you can think up equally good reasons why we have nothing to worry about. It all depends on which figures you use and how to use them.

The government spokesmen say a one-month drop in a few economic factors can serve only as a signal to watch the future more closely.

Typical of the contradictory events in recent weeks are department store sales. The federal reserve board makes a study of sales in each of its districts across the nation each week. The latest reports indicate sales are 231 per cent of the average from 1935 to 1939. The week before that they were 218 per cent. But

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a year ago they were 240 per cent of the 1935-39 average.

In other words, they dropped sharply one week and jumped back almost as quickly the next week.

Another example is unemployment. Numerically the change from December to January was big, but percentage-wise it was small. In December, the census bureau estimated 1,950,000 persons were unemployed. In January, 1948, was 2,050,000.

Until indicators such as those establish a definite trend in one direction or another, government officials are not going to express any alarm publicly.

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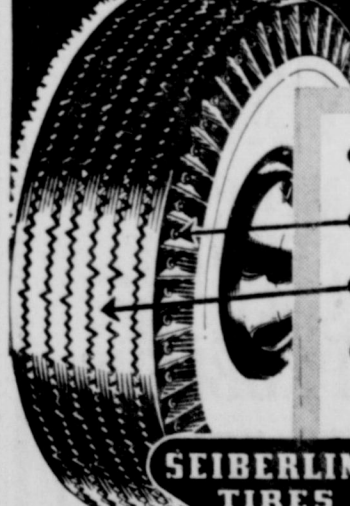


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Following the club exchanged "Secret Pal" gifts with several useful gifts passing hands. Delicious coconut cake and coffee were served to the following members: Mmes. M. Foote, G. Tate, M. Keith, Bob Koonce, Doyd Johnson, Buddy Stacy and John Ryan.

Art For The Masses

Gulfport, England (UP)—Art is coming cheap for the residents of this London suburb. The town council started a lending library in reproductions of the world's most famous paintings at half a crown a month (50 cents) per painting.

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Mrs. D. Estes and Mrs. Pat Miller honored Mrs. Jack Gourley who is moving to Shamrock, with a finger breakfast Saturday morning at 8:30 in the home of Mrs. Pat Miller on West Commerce. The members of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, of which Mrs. Gourley is a member, were invited.

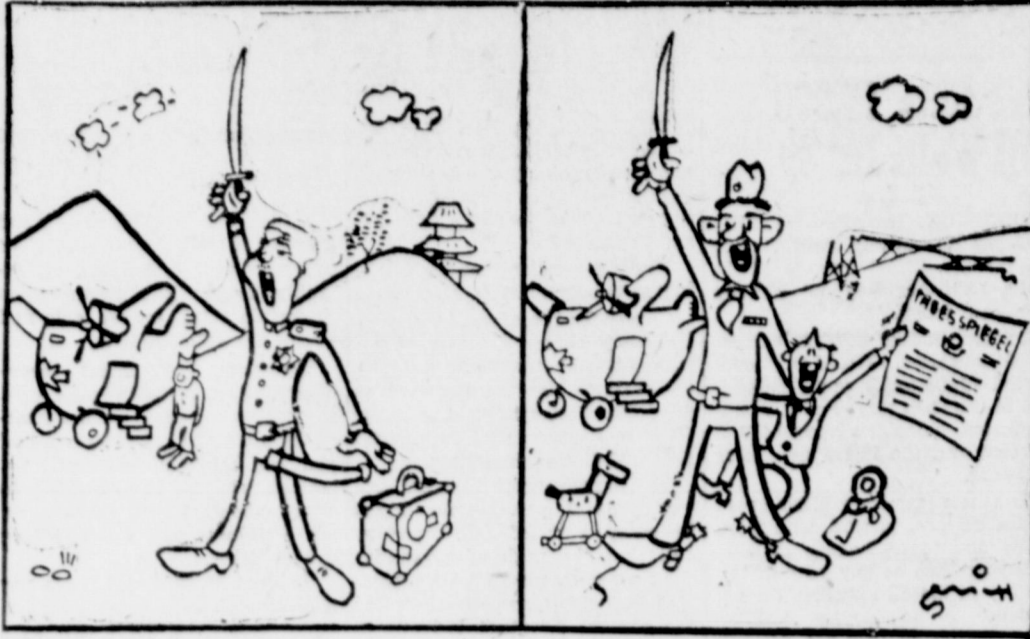
The valentine motif was carried out throughout the serving and the decorations. After the breakfast, Mrs. Gourley was presented with gifts from the hostesses, Mrs. Estes and Mrs. Miller, from the Sorority, and from their sponsor, Mrs. Art Johnson. Later, a social hour was enjoyed.

Personals

Miss Joyce Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris of South Halbryan, has accepted a position in a law office in Pampa. She will make her home with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Scurlock in Pampa. Joyce is a graduate of Eastland High School and has been attending Cisco Junior College.

Set. E. E. Blair Jr. and family of San Francisco, Calif. are visiting Mr. Blair's sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Guy Robinson, and his father, E. E. Blair who has been ill.

Berlin Reds Use This 'Paper' Bullet in Cold War



Chiang Kai-shek
End of 1948: "We will fight still another eight years."

Howley
End of 1948: "It is unthinkable that we will leave Berlin."

1949: Fled
1949: ???
A pro-Soviet political cartoonist, drawing for the Soviet-licensed Berlin newspaper, Berliner Zeitung, sees a parallel between China's retiring president, Chiang Kai-shek, and Colonel Frank L. Howley, the United States commandant in Berlin. Chiang and Howley are pictured in an identical pose, with an airplane in the background ready to take them away. Howley is shown holding an American-sponsored newspaper.

Billie Joe Blair of the U. S. Navy, and family have been visiting in Eastland with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Robinson and family, with his father, E. E. Blair, and with a sister in Dublin. Mrs. T. H. Kloster.

Mrs. Roy C. Jones and son, Loyd, visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. White in Monahan last week. Mrs. White and baby, Ronald Mack returned home with them and will visit in Eastland this week. Mrs. White will be remembered as the former Juarice Jones.

Robert Childress and Wife of

Abilene visited their parents in Eastland over the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Childress and Mrs. K. F. Page.

How To Remove Warts

Chicago, (UP)—The best way to remove warts is to freeze them off. Dr. Herman V. Allington of Oakland, Calif., told a group of doctors here that the warts can be removed by simply swabbing them with liquid nitrogen. There is little pain and no scarring, Dr. Allington said. The warts disappear in about three weeks.

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J. B. Shores, director of public and employe relations, said at T&P headquarters in Dallas that the question-and-answer pamphlet was being handed out with pay checks. "We asked the questions frankly, are having them tabulated by an impartial agency," Shores said, "and I have no doubt that we will get the same kind of answers. That's what we want—the bickbats and bouquets delivered with the employe knowing his answers will neither help nor hurt him personally."

The 59 questions make specific inquiries on nine broad subjects—company, job, wages, hours, fellow employes, profits, caliber of management, employe information, company publications. The 59th question probably will hit the jackpot with most employes. It reads: "If you were President, what changes would you make on the T&P that would improve its services and make it a better railroad"

The questionnaires, prepared in two colors and entitled "Here's What I Think," are to be returned unsigned, Shores said. T&P president has an introductory message on page one. Self-addressed envelopes route the completed booklets to Do. Arthur Smith, head of Southern Methodist University's economics department. Here answers will be tabulated, analyzed and summarized impartially. Then results will be put in booklet form and mailed back to T&P employes.

For about six weeks prior to today's issuance of the questionnaires, the T&P posted teaser placards in the shops and offices everywhere on the line to arouse employe interest and curiosity.

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