

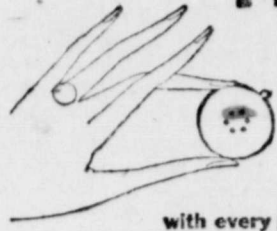
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## DEMONSTRATION CLUB BANQUET HUSBANDS

The members of the Home Demonstration Club entertained their husbands with a banquet on the evening of Friday, April 20, at the Phelps Hotel. At 8 p. m. the club members with their guests assembled in the parlor of the hotel where punch was served thruout the evening, and games and contests whiled away time until the President of the Club, Mrs. Bridges, announced that dinner was served. Guests were then ushered into the dining room where striking decorative effects were carried out in favors, place cards and beautiful floral center pieces at tables laid for about forty five persons.

Mrs. Bridges as toastmistress assured the guests that the banquet had been planned with great care and forethought for the purpose of convincing recreant husbands that club work, especially the branch connected with the A & M College of Texas, was a most important interpolation in the business of living. Indeed they were assured

"We may live without magazines, papers and books. But civilized man cannot live without cooks."

From all appearances the husbands showed themselves quite contented with that department of club work that pertained to cooking, and did their best to do justice to the good things placed before when the following menu was served: Fruit jello salad, cheese snack, creamed potatoes, sweet pickles, buttered peas, celery, ham, dressing, deviled eggs, lettuce, hot rolls, coffee, ice cream, angel cake, mints and salted peanuts.

Mrs. O. R. Culwell gave the welcome address in her own pleasant way, and Mr. W. I. Rains responded with remarks calculated to show his own and other guests' appreciation of the spirit of the occasion. Mrs. S. G. Adamson and Mrs. Roy Jewell gave readings, inspirational in tone; and Miss Eula Key, Home Demonstration Agent, gave an interesting address on the subject of Missions as connected with club work.

After dinner the guests once more assembled in parlors where the club band entertained for a while with musical selections. Beside club members and their husbands, the club had as guests Mr. Isaac Rains, Grandma Rains, Mrs. Eula Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jonsson, and Miss Eula Key. At about 11:30 club members suddenly remembered babies left at home, wondering where mother could be and, for the moment, forgetting that husbands were guests and to be treated accordingly, unceremoniously hustled them out on the homeward way; but not too late to receive the unanimous vote of the guests as to the intrinsic value of home demonstration work, and an expressed hope that the club would continue to live up to its name and keep on "demonstrating."

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## FIDDLERS CONTEST IS GREAT SUCCESS

The Fiddlers Contest and Entertainment at the school auditorium Monday night, benefit of Hedley Fire Department, was a grand success in all respects, netting the Department \$127.10.

We wish to express our gratitude to each individual for their hearty co-operation: To all who showed by their presence their appreciation of the Fire Department; To the School for the fine program rendered; To Fields Bros for their splendid entertainment; To the business men of the town for their presents, which were given as prizes. We got a present from every business house in town.

And we want to thank the fiddlers for their part in the entertainment. Those entering the contest were: Ralph Davis, D. C. Spier, Jess Stiles, Slim Holcomb, Q. W. Walling, Goldston, Bob Simmons, W. M. Spier, W. E. Walling, Lelia Lake, Adrian Davis, Cowboy Shorty, W. C. Reeves, Lelia Lake, W. J. David, and Snowball.

Judges were J. Manley Head, Frank Simmons, T. L. Hunicutt. The judges awarded to D. C. Spier the first prize, \$25.00 in gold given by the Department. Mr. Spier did some sure enough fiddling. He had to do it to win over that big bunch of dandy fiddlers.

It was a great event, and the \$127.10 will enable us to buy some needed equipment. Again we thank all of you.

Hedley Fire Department,  
J. Les Hawkins, Chief.  
W. W. Holland, Sec. Treas.

## MEMPHIS BREAD

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement on last page of the City Bakery at Memphis. They make a very superior quality Bread and it is delivered fresh in Hedley every day. Try it.

## PATMAN-SIMMONS

Miss Lorraine Simmons of this city and Mr. James Patman of Clarendon were united in marriage Saturday, April 21, at high noon in the First Baptist church at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Patman is manager of the dry goods department of the Tims & Tidrow store of this city. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Simmons of Hedley, a charming and gracious young lady whose friends are legion.

Mr. Patman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Patman of Clarendon. He is a graduate of A & M. College, and a young man of highest character and splendid ability. He is now with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Mrs. Patman will continue her work here for a few weeks, and then join her husband in Fort Worth, where they will make their home. The Informer joins their many friends in heartiest good wishes to this fine couple.

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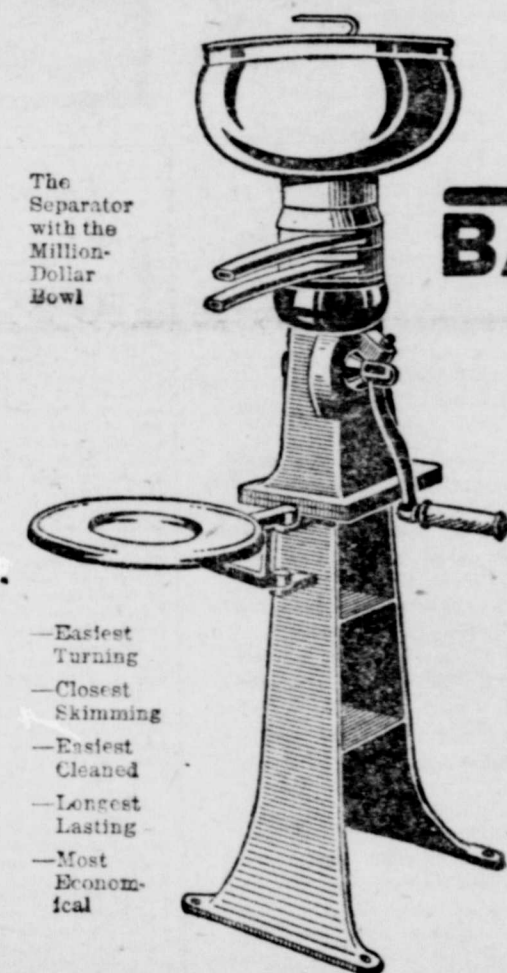
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# American Forest Week, 1928

Observe It if You Would Help Save This → from Becoming This →

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

**T**HE week of April 22 to 28 has been designated as American Forest week in a proclamation by President Coolidge, and all Americans are urged to do their share in a proper observance of this week. It is noteworthy that among all the multifarious "weeks," set aside for special observance by this group or that organization which has a special interest in having their particular week "observed," American Forest week is the only one to which the federal government has given recognition and support. For it is not a tool for advancing the views or serving the purposes of any special group or organization. It does not identify itself with any particular program, but seeks to make better known certain essential facts about the forestry situation in this country and to promote discussion of this problem from every angle. Being strictly educational in plan and purpose and seeking to serve the best interests of the whole people, it is one "week" which every American citizen can "observe" conscientiously and should observe as a part of his civic duty.

The idea of devoting seven days in the year to public education on forestry matters originated on the Pacific coast eight years ago. In 1921 President Harding issued the first proclamation which brought the influence of the government behind the idea. When Calvin Coolidge became President he also gave his sanction to the plan and he has issued a proclamation for American Forest week every year since that time. Many governors have also issued similar proclamations so that the movement is truly a nationwide one.

At first the week was called Forest Protection week, but because of the magnitude of the forest problem, President Coolidge in 1925 enlarged the scope of the educational program and the more inclusive name of American Forest week was chosen. In recognition of the international scope of the forestry problem the authorities of the United States and Canada in 1926 jointly agreed that the week should be celebrated concurrently in the two countries. The Canadians call theirs "Save the Forests week," but its purpose and its observance is essentially the same as our American Forest week. The joint observance of the week was continued last year, and, as President Coolidge points out in this year's proclamation, our Canadian cousins have the dates April 22 to 28 marked in red on their calendars.

American Forest week is an annual call to all citizens, young and old, to take part in bringing about better forest conditions. Its purpose is to give opportunity for every form of interest in trees and forests to find expression, each in its own way, and its aim is that the general welfare of the nation in respect to forestry may be promoted by the taking of common counsel, the formation of intelligent public opinion and the stimulation of action, individual and collective, under the impulse given by observance of the week. General supervision of plans for the week is under the direction of the American Forest week committee of which Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, is general chairman, and this committee is composed of representatives from nearly 100 organizations, representing every conceivable form of interest—the federal government, state governments, outdoor, wild life and recreational interests, foresters and forestry associations, the lumber industry, large consumers of forest products, organized labor, groups interested in the preservation of water resources, scientific and civic organizations, women's organizations and a host of others. Outstanding among these in carrying on forestry educational work not only during the seven days of American Forest week, but during the 365 days of the year is the American Tree association, of which the veteran worker for forest preservation Charles Lathrop Pack, is president.

Although the forestry problem is so extensive in all its ramifications and there are so many angles to the question of how best to preserve this great natural resource and make it increasingly valuable to the nation, the prime necessity, as President Coolidge emphasizes in this year's proclamation, is the suppression of the fire hazard and the preservation of the forests which we already have even before steps can be taken for planning for the forests that are to be. Prevention of forest fires, especially unnecessary fires, is the one virtually important plank in the national forestry platform. While it is true that the original forest resources of this continent were sadly depleted by wasteful lumbering meth-



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## Forst Week Proclamation

**F**OR several years a special week has been set apart for public discussion of our forests and of what must be done to safeguard and restore them. Among the agencies making for progress in this direction, American Forest Week has proved its usefulness, and I am glad to proclaim it again and to announce that Canada is again concurrently observing a similar week.

The rehabilitation of our forests demands first of all that the forest fire evil be suppressed. Many of our forested states, with the cooperation of timberland owners, have undertaken organized protection against forest fires; and in recent years, under the Clarke-McNary law, the federal government has given its support to the movement. This great cooperative enterprise must be extended and strengthened until every forested county in the United States is safeguarded against forest fires.

But we are still far from the goal of complete protection. Every year, on the average, 80,000 fires scourge our woodlands, steadily undermining their vitality. For this bad situation, the blame falls equally on us all. Public agencies rarely provide adequate protection against fire, the timberland owner is too often indifferent to his property, the forest worker is too often careless with fire in the woods. We must all gain such respect for the forest that its destruction through indifference or carelessness shall be unthinkable.

We cannot permanently abuse our forests with impunity. The soil is the ultimate source of all our wealth and of life itself. One-fourth of our American soil is best suited for forests. Much of this land is already idle. More of it is being made idle by destructive logging and fire. Yet we cannot safely permit our forest land to lie fallow and useless any more than we can permit our farms and factories to lie idle.

To make our vast empire of forest land fully productive of continuous crops of timber will have momentous consequences in our national life. It will give agriculture the advantage of a new valuable crop. It will afford permanent employment to millions of men in the forest industries. It will provide raw materials for many industries. It will furnish traffic for our railroads. It will maintain foreign and domestic commerce. It will restore our forests as conservers of soil and water, and as givers of health and pleasure to our people.

We already have made a beginning in forest renewal; the task is stupendous, and we should permit no satisfaction over what has been done to blind us to the magnitude of what remains to be done.

Now, therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate and set aside as American Forest Week the week beginning April 22 and ending April 28, in this year of 1928. I recommend to the governors of the various states that they also designate this week for special observance by all our people; and that where practicable and not in conflict with law or custom, Arbor Day be observed during the course of the same week. I urge that during that week all citizens and appropriate organizations—including public officials, legislators, business organizations, educators, editors, clergymen, landowners, and others—give thought to the preservation and wise use of our forests, to the end that energetic forest policies will be adopted in all communities.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

In the past, foresters estimate that more timber has fallen before the flames than before the ax. Modern lumbering methods, based upon an intelligent understanding of future as well as present needs, have replaced the old extravagance, but the fire demon still exacts his dreadful toll and the acreage of forest land each year swept by forest fire is about twice the area cut over by logging operations.

For this situation, for the 80,000 fires which, in the words of the President, "scourge our woodlands, steadily undermining their vitality," the blame rests, as he says, upon every one of us, insofar as we are indifferent to our individual responsibility in improving conditions which will lessen the fire hazard. But most of all it rests upon the careless citizen who has the least right to go into the woods.

But, important as prevention of forest fires is, it is not the only forestry need which the educational program of American Forest week points out. Another highly important one is the necessity to replace the forests which have been destroyed by fire or logging operations with new forests and the way to fill this need is summed up in the simple watchword of "Plant trees!" Of all the organizations united in promoting American Forest week, few have done more in furthering this constructive work than the American Tree association. As before stated, this association is on the job with its educational work every day in the year.

Two years ago the association, to mark the semi-centennial of the first step in forestry taken by the United States government, issued 100,000 copies of a Forestry Primer, a plain statement of

the forestry situation in this country, which was distributed to schools throughout the country. Since that time the demand for the primer has so increased that new more than two million copies have been distributed to schools, organizations, scout leaders and women's clubs and it forms the basis for most of the American Forest week programs and special exercises. The association has also encouraged the planting of memorial groves and memorial trees along highways, dedicated to the memory of men who lost their lives in the World war. It has established a national honor roll in which such plantings are registered, as are trees planted in honor of various distinguished Americans. It has encouraged the planting of trees as a part of "city beautiful projects" of many municipalities and in many other ways has shown the individual citizen how he can have a part in this important undertaking of replacing our dwindling forests.

But the esthetic and sentimental aspects of tree planting are not the only ones which the American Tree association has fostered. It has had its share, too, along with such agencies as the United States forestry service, state and city forestry departments and the schools of forestry in our universities, in taking into account the economic factor in forest conservation. It has encouraged the planting of trees as a producing and profitable crop which should be added to our national agriculture. It was this economic angle of the situation which President Coolidge refers to in his proclamation when he says, "To make our vast empire of forest land fully productive of continuous crops of timber will have momentous consequences in our national life. It will give agriculture the advantage of a new valuable crop. It will afford permanent employment to millions of men in the forest industries. It will provide raw materials for many industries. It will furnish traffic for our railroads. It will maintain foreign and domestic commerce. It will restore our forests as conservers of soil and water, and as givers of health and pleasure to our people."

In that last sentence the President touched upon one vitally important point in the forestry program—the planting of trees as conservers of soil and water and factors in flood control. The necessity for such control is more apparent now than ever before in view of the disastrous floods which swept the Mississippi valley and New England last year. How the planting of trees will help solve the problem is summed up by President Pack of the American Tree association in the following words:

Flood waters of the Mississippi have directed the thought of the nation to means for preventing a similar disaster in the future. One of the agencies to that end is planting of the headwaters land of all streams flowing into this agricultural backbone of the nation to trees.

But there is another flood menace that bears directly on the future economic leadership of the United States and that is the flood of population. The experts give figures showing our population is increasing at the rate of a million a year. This means a constantly increasing call on the forests for lumber. Forest products are the cornerstone of industry so let us do a twofold job in putting our millions of idle acres to work growing trees. They will help hold the water back and at the same time provide forests for the future. Planting of forests is the only phase of flood relief that will produce a revenue. All other measures will cost the taxpayers millions. Let us grow trees for a growing people.

So in the light of all these facts it is apparent that American Forest week is one of the most important of the whole 52 in this year 1928. Time was when the average American citizen was aware of such a thing as tree planting only on Arbor day and then only because he happened to hear his children talking, about the Arbor day exercises in their schools. Arbor day is still an important day in our national calendar, but since its aim is essentially the same as that of American Forest week its observance is gradually becoming—and appropriately so—merged in the observance of American Forest week.

## EASY LESSONS IN AUCTION BRIDGE

By PAUL H. SEYMOUR  
Author of "Highlights on Auction Bridge"  
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Article Thirty One.

### Unblocking in Dummy

**B**id and play the following hand as you think should be done and then compare it with what follows:

♠	10, 7, 6, 5, 4		
♣	—		
♦	A, K		
♥	K, J, 9, 7, 4, 3		
♠	K, Q, 1, 9, 8		♠ 5, 2
♣	10, 7, 5, 4		♣ J, 9, 8, 6, 3, 2
♦	8, 7, 5, 2		♦ 6, 4
♥	—		♥ A, Q, 10
			♣ A
			♣ A, K, Q
			♣ Q, J, 10, 9, 6
			♣ 8, 6, 5, 2

South deals and bids one no trump. West passes. North having a two-sulter, should take out his partner's no trump with his higher suit. Therefore he bids two spades. East passes, and South, considering a major take-out to be from strength, bids two no trump. West passes again. When the holder of a two-sulter takes out his partner's no trump and his partner rebids, a second take-out with the other suit should be made; therefore North says three clubs. East passes and South decides to go on with his no trump in spite of his partner's two-sulter, because of his singleton in spades and the fact that his partner's other suit is a minor. He has four sure tricks and his diamond suit is such that it seems certain of establishment and good for three tricks.

He bids three no trump and all pass. West leads the King of spades, dummy is spread on the table and declarer examines the hands. Dummy's Ace and King of diamonds block that suit in his own hand, and if he leads diamonds at trick 2 he cannot get the lead back to his own hand because dummy is void of hearts and the commanding clubs and spades of the adversaries would prevent his making his contract. He discovers a way of overcoming the difficulty and plays the hand as follows:

	W	N	E	S
1	SK	SA	SA	SA
2	H4	DK	H2	HA
3	H5	DA	H3	HK
4	D2	S5	D4	DQ
5	D8	C3	D6	DJ
6	D7	C4	H6	D10
7	D8	C7	H8	D9
8	H7	C9	H9	D6
9	H10	CJ	HJ	HQ
10	S8	CK	CA	C2
11	S9	S6	CQ	C3
12	SJ	S7	C10	C6
13	SQ	S10	S3	C8

Declarer wins three odd tricks.

This is a rather remarkable hand as far as discarding is concerned. Not only does declarer make the unusual discards of an Ace and King, but he governs his later play by watching the discards of his adversaries. He retains his Queen of hearts until he has run his five diamonds, hoping that it may seem safe to put the adversaries in the lead with clubs, and wait for them to come back in hearts. If East had thrown away his small spade, hoping to make his hearts this scheme would have worked, but East knew that declarer still held the Queen of hearts and also that he, East, must hold a spade to lead to his partner.

Discarding on these diamond tricks really did more harm to declarer than to the adversaries. He could not keep sufficient protection for the spades in dummy without reducing his club holding to the King, Jack, and to have led clubs then would have given the adversaries all of their remaining clubs; thus at trick 9 declarer saw that he must take his Queen of hearts or lose his contract and game. Any attempt to play this hand without discarding the two high diamonds will give adversaries five tricks and prevent declarer going game.

One particular situation where instruction regarding discarding seems to be necessary is where an adversary is compelled to discard upon leads from dummy at no trump. This adversary has, for instance, the Ace and two small hearts and a number of small clubs and diamonds which are not good cards, and declarer is leading spades from dummy where in addition to spades there are only hearts—the King, Queen and several small ones. It would seem to be self-evident that this adversary should discard small hearts and keep anything else, because if he discards his clubs and diamonds he will be compelled, when dummy leads a heart to win the trick and lead right back to the high hearts which are on the table.

To put this into the form of a rule: "When holding Ace and others of a suit where King and perhaps Queen also are in dummy, if you have an opportunity to discard, throw away all of that suit except the Ace, so that when your ace wins you will not be obliged to lead right back in the same suit."

### Can't Kill Stuffed Bird

The Snake Meadow club near Danvers, Conn., has a lifelike stuffed heron mounted on a clump of alders on the club's hunting grounds. Members get the price of their membership back every time they watch visiting sportsmen shoot at that stuffed bird. Spying the spurious heron the visitor crouches all aflutter to get out of sight. Then he sneaks up within gun range, blazes away and makes a dash for his game. The look on his face when he sees the bird still on its perch provokes loud guffaws from his hosts hiding behind nearby bushes. That clears up the mystery.—*Casper's Weekly.*

## How the Useful Plants Came to Mankind

By T. E. STEWARD  
WIND SERVICE

### The Turnip

**W**ITH the turnip we come again to a plant native to the temperate regions, growing wild in one of its several forms in Sweden, England, Germany, Holland, Finland, Denmark and, probably, in Siberia.

Cabbages, cultivated for their leaves; cauliflower, for its flower stalk, and rape, which is grown for the oil that can be extracted from its seeds, are all species of the same genus as the turnip. When the root or lower part of the stem is fleshy, as is true of turnips, the seed is not abundant nor worth the trouble of pressing for oil. On the other hand, the slender-rooted varieties produce large quantities of seed. Thus the shape of the root determines the economic use of the plant.

Ancient European languages all have names for the turnip, while all of the names applied to it in India, China, and Japan have the modern ring and only add to the evidence that in Asia the plant has been introduced. Old works on botany in China and India contain no mention or picture of the turnip in cultivation or wild.

De Candolle gives four conclusions regarding the Brassica or turnip species, as follows: 1. The brassica with fleshy roots were originally natives of temperate Europe; 2. their cultivation was diffused in Europe before, but in Asia, after the Aryan invasion of Europe; 3. the primitive, slender-rooted form of brassica napus, called brassica campestris, or of the field, had from the beginning a more extended range, from the Scandinavian peninsula towards Siberia and the Caucasus. Its cultivation was, perhaps, introduced into China and Japan, through Siberia, at an epoch which appears not to be much earlier than the Graeco-Roman civilization. In the last place, he says, turnips spread into southwestern Asia at a period later than that of the Hebrew civilization, as this vegetable seems to have been known among the Hebrews.

The turnip has a name of its own in practically all of the old European tongues. The turnip is cultivated so easily and spreads so readily that it may be found in a semi-wild state almost anywhere in Europe today in spots where it has escaped from cultivation. There is abundant evidence, however, that it also grows in an actually wild state in the many regions already-mentioned and is a true European, especially in the fleshy stemmed variety, which is of most importance to mankind as a food.

### Rice

**R**ICE, the principal food of the teeming Eastern peoples, is native to China and to other warm, damp, regions in the eastern and southern parts of Asia, including many parts of India. As a cultivated grain, however, it is the gift of China to the world. For many centuries before Christ it was cultivated in China, Siam and India, and much more recently it spread into the Near East, and thence into Egypt. At the time of Alexander's Expeditions into India, about 400 B. C., rice-growing had reached Mesopotamia, but probably not Egypt.

In the annual ceremony of planting instituted by the Chinese emperor, Chin-nong, in 2800 B. C., rice plays the principal part among the five food plants sown, which are rice, wheat, sorghum, millet and the soy bean. All of these were presumed by Chin-nong to be native to China. Certainly rice was, as was the soy bean.

In a treatise on the origin of rice, Dr. Candolle reports that, "The Old Testament does not mention rice, but a careful and judicious writer, Herriar, has remarked several passages in the Talmud which relate to its cultivation. These facts lead us to suppose that the Indians cultivated rice after the Chinese and that it spread later toward the Euphrates, earlier, however, than the Aryan invasion into India. A thousand years elapsed between the existence of rice cultivation in Babylonia and its transportation into Syria, whence it was introduced into Egypt only after the interval of two or three centuries more. There is no trace of rice among the grain remains in tombs, or any depletion of it in the paintings of ancient Egypt.

A wild rice that belongs to the true family grows abundantly in certain districts of the northern United States. Wild rice also grows abundantly in some parts of India.

It was inevitable, however, that a country so well adapted to agriculture conducted by irrigation as Egypt was, should eventually adopt rice. It was carried into Spain by the Arabs during the Moorish domination of the Iberian peninsula, but was not cultivated in Italy until 1468. About the middle of the last century it was brought to America as a field crop and planted in Louisiana, where it now flourishes, as it does on some of the adjacent lands in southern Texas, along the Gulf coast.

The Sanskrit name for rice was *arunya*, the ancient Greek, *arizon*, the Arab name, *rouz* or *arous*, from which came the Spanish *arroz*. It can be seen that the English word bears a close relationship to these.

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**BOYS DEBATING TEAM  
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The boys debating team went to the District Meet at Chillicothe Friday and Saturday of last week defeating Wheeler in the preliminaries, meeting Chillicothe in semi-finals, and were defeated by the team which won the district meet.

James Webb and Joe Everett were the Hedley team. These boys have worked hard, and won at the County Meet this year by a three to nothing decision. James is a Freshman in High School, while Joe is a Sophomore, this being his second year in debating. These boys are going to make a splendid team.

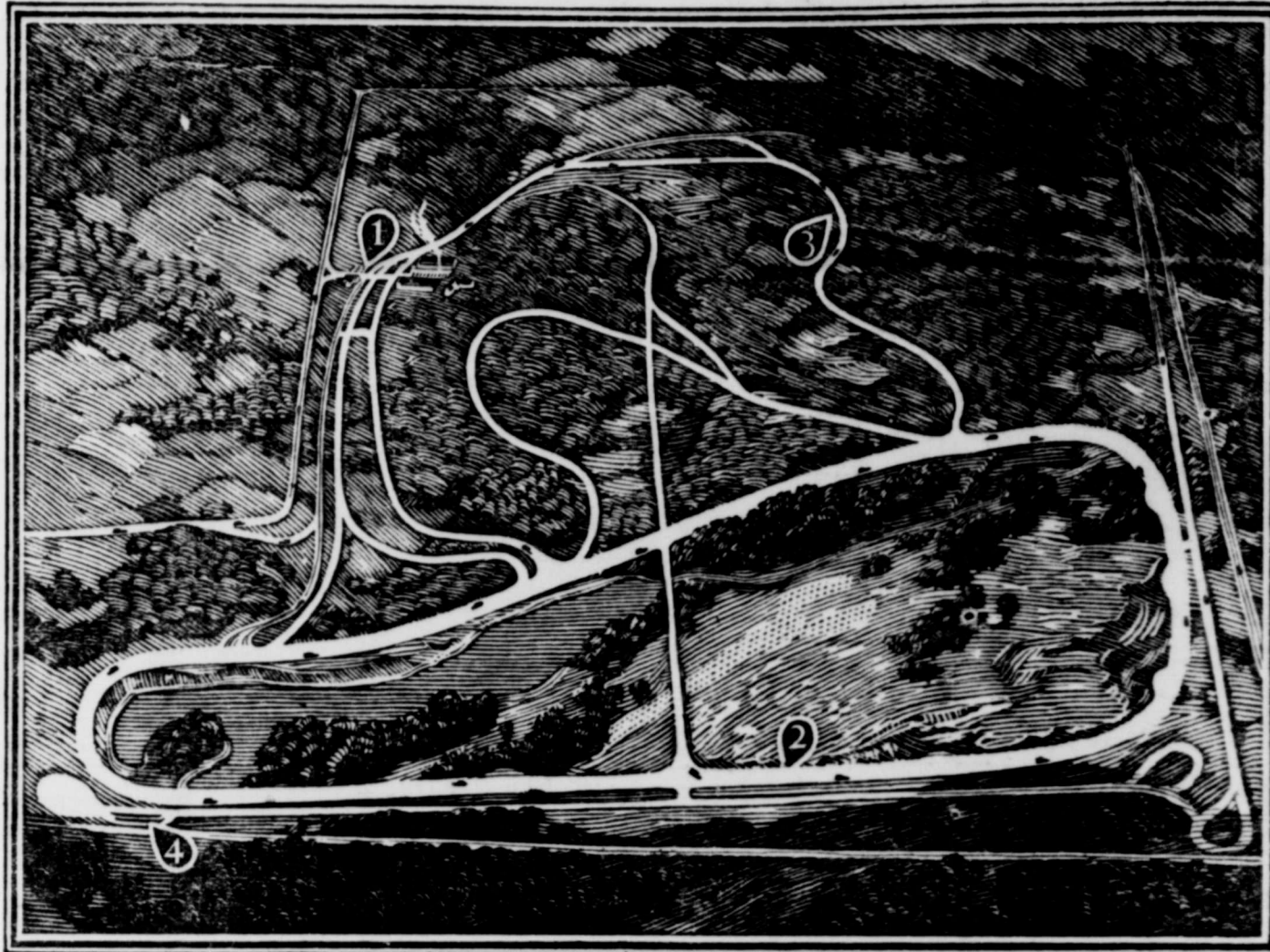
The debating has been coached the past two years by Miss Fanny McWhorter, and both years the girls and boys teams have won over Clarendon in the county meet. This is quite an honor for a Class B school to win over a Class A school. Hedley was the only Class B school represented in the district meet at Chillicothe.

Remember, the boys and girls of today make the men and women of tomorrow. There is no greater training than teaching the young boy and girl to reason and think,—to be able to be a good winner, also a good loser.  
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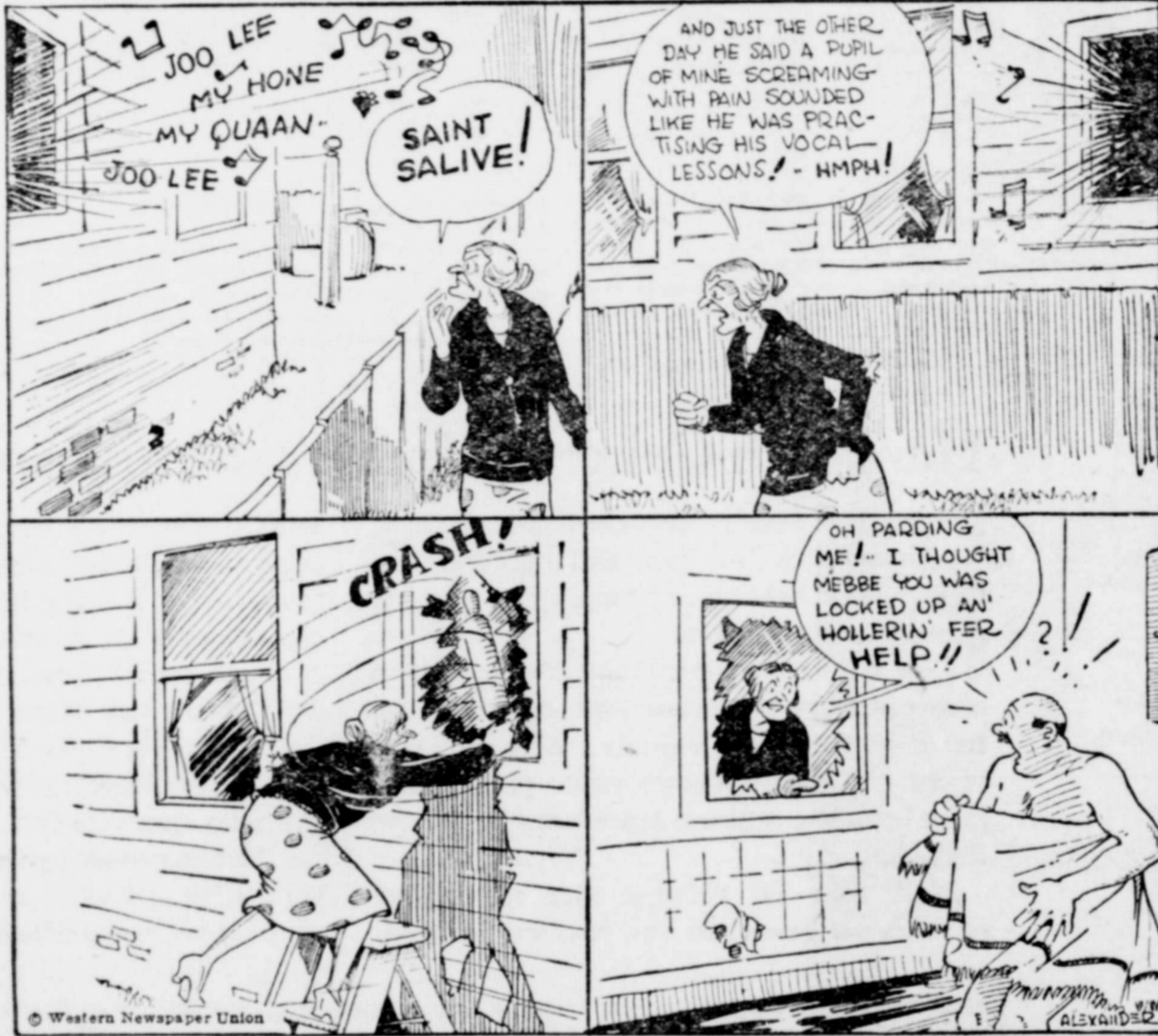
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## CHAPTER XI—Continued

Bailey swung in through the window, panting a little from his exertions.

"The man Lizzie saw drop from the skylight undoubtedly got to the roof from this window," he said. "It's quite easy."

Dale explained the situation to Jack.

"Aunt Cornelia thinks the money's still here."

Miss Cornelia snorted.

"I know it's here." She started to open the closets, one after the other, beginning at the left. Bailey saw what she was doing and began to help her.

Miss Cornelia rattled the knob of a high closet by the other wall.

"This one is locked—and the key's gone," she announced. A new flicker of interest grew in the eyes of the Unknown. Lizzie glanced away from him, terrified.

Miss Cornelia pondered.

"It may be locked from the inside—I'll soon find out." She took a wire hairpin from her hair and pushed it through the keyhole. But there was no key on the other side; the hairpin went through without obstruction.

Repeated efforts to jerk the door open failed. And finally Miss Cornelia brought herself of a key from the other closet doors.

Dale and Lizzie on one side—Bailey on the other—collected the keys of the other closets from their locks while Miss Cornelia stared at the one whose doors were closed as if she would force its secret from it with her eyes. The Unknown had been so quiet during the last few minutes, that, unconsciously, the others had ceased to pay much attention to him, except the casual attention one devotes to a piece of furniture. Even Lizzie's eyes were now fixed on the locked closet. And the Unknown himself was the first to notice this.

At once his expression altered to one of cunning—cautiously, with infinite patience, he began to inch his chair over toward the wicker clothes-hamper.

At last, he was within reach of the revolver. His hand shot out in one swift sinuous thrust—clutched the weapon—withdraw. He then concealed the revolver among his tattered garments as best he could and, cautiously as before, inched his chair back again to its original position.

"There—that unlocked it!" cried Miss Cornelia, triumphantly, at last, as the key to one of the other closet doors slid smoothly into the lock and she heard the click that meant victory.

She was about to throw open the closet door. But Bailey motioned her back.

"I'd keep back a little," he cautioned. "You don't know what may be inside."

"Mercy sakes, who wants to know?" shivered Lizzie. Dale and Miss Cornelia, too, stepped aside involuntarily as Bailey took the candle and prepared, with a good deal of caution, to open the closet door.

The door swung open at last. He could look in. He did so—and stared appalled at what he saw, while goose-flesh crawled on his spine and the hairs of his head stood up.

After a moment he closed the door of the closet again, and turned back, white-faced, to the others.

"What is it?" said Dale, aghast.

"What did you see?"

Bailey found himself unable to answer for a moment. Then he pulled himself together. He turned to Miss Van Gorder.

"Miss Cornelia, I think we have found the ghost the Jap butler saw," he said slowly. "How are your nerves?"

Miss Cornelia extended a hand that did not tremble.

"Give me the candle."

He did so. She went to the closet and opened the door.

Huddled on the floor of the closet was the body of a man. So crudely had he been crammed into this hiding-place that he lay twisted and bent.

Miss Cornelia's voice sounded strange to her own ears when finally she spoke.

"But who is it?"

"It is—or was—Courtleigh Fleming," said Bailey dully.

"But how can it be? Mr. Fleming died two weeks ago. I—"

"He died in this house, sometime tonight. The body is still warm."

"But who killed him? The Bat?"

"Isn't it likely that the doctor did it? The man who has been his accomplice all along? Who probably bought a cadaver out West and buried it with honors here not long ago?"

But Miss Cornelia's face was still thoughtful, and he went on:

"Isn't it clear, Miss Van Gorder?" he queried, with a smile. "The doctor and old Mr. Fleming formed a conspiracy—both needed money—lots of it. Fleming was to rob the bank and hide the money here. Wells' part was to issue a false death certificate in the West, and bury a substitute body, secured God knows how. It was easy—it kept the name of the president

of the Union bank free from suspicion—and it put the blame on me."

He paused, thinking it out.

"Only they slipped up in one place. Dick Fleming leased the house to you and they couldn't get it back."

"Then you are sure," said Miss Cornelia quickly, "that tonight Courtleigh Fleming broke in, with the doctor's assistance—and that he killed Dick, his own nephew, from the staircase?"

"Aren't you?" asked Bailey, surprised. "The more he thought of it, the less clearly could he visualize it any other way."

Miss Cornelia shook her head decidedly.

"No."

"Wells tried to get out of the house tonight with that blue-print. Why? Because he knew the moment we got it, we'd come up here—and Fleming was here."

"Perfectly true," nodded Miss Cornelia. "And then?"

"Old Fleming killed Dick and Wells killed Fleming," said Bailey succinctly. "You can't get away from it."

But Miss Cornelia still shook her head.

"No," she said. "No. The doctor isn't a murderer. He's as puzzled as we are about some things. He and Courtleigh Fleming were working together—but remember this—Doctor Wells was locked in the living room with us. He'd been trying to get up the stairs all evening—and failed every time."

But Bailey was as convinced of the truth of his theory as she of hers.

"He was here—ten minutes ago—locked in this room," he said with a glance at the window-ladder up which the doctor had ascended.

"I'll grant you that," said Miss Cornelia. "But—"

"But at the same time an Unknown Masked Man was locked in that mantel room with Dale. The doctor put out the candle when you opened that hidden room. Why? Because he thought Courtleigh Fleming was hiding there?"

Now the missing pieces of her puzzle were falling into their places with a vengeance. "But at this moment," she continued, "the doctor believes that Fleming has made his escape! No—we haven't solved the mystery yet—there's another element—an unknown element," her eyes rested for a moment upon the Unknown.

"And that element is—the Bat?"

She paused, impressively. The others stared at her—no longer able to deny the sinister plausibility of her theory. But this new tangling of the mystery, just when the black threads seemed unraveled out at last, was almost too much for Dale.

"Oh, call the detective!" she stammered, on the verge of hysterical tears.

"Let's get through with this thing! I can't bear any more!"

But Miss Cornelia did not even hear her. Her mind, strung now to concert pitch, had harked back to the point it had reached some time ago, and which all the recent distractions had momentarily obliterated.

Had the money been taken out of the house, or had it not? In that mad rush for escape of the man hidden with Dale in the recess back of the mantel, had he carried with him his booty, or left it behind? It was not in the hidden room, that was certain.

Yet she was so hopeless by that time that her first search was purely perfunctory.

It was when Bailey finally opened the lid of a clothes-hamper that they stumbled on their first clue.

"Nothing here but some clothes and books," he said, glancing inside.

"Books?" said Miss Cornelia dubiously. "I left no books in that hamper."

Bailey picked up one of the cheap paper novels and read its title aloud, with a wry smile.

"Little Rosebud's Lover, or the Cruel Revenge, by Laura Jean—"

"That's mine!" said Lizzie promptly. "Oh, Miss Nelly, I tell you this house is haunted. I left that book in my satchel, along with 'Wedded but No Wife' and now—"

"Isn't that your satchel, Lizzie?" asked Miss Cornelia, indicating a battered bag in a dark corner of shadows above the window.

Lizzie approached it gingerly.

"Yes'm," she admitted. But she did not dare approach very close to the recovered bag. It might bite her!"

Miss Cornelia started for the satchel. Then she remembered. She turned to Bailey.

"You open it," she said graciously. "If the money's there—you're the one who ought to find it."

Bailey gave her a look of gratitude. Then, smiling at Dale encouragingly, he crossed over to the satchel, Dale at his heels. Miss Cornelia watched him fumble at the catch of the bag—even Lizzie drew closer. For a moment even the Unknown was forgotten.

Bailey gave a triumphant cry.

"The money's here!"

"Oh, thank God!" sobbed Dale.

It was an emotional moment. It seemed to have penetrated even through the haze enveloping the injured man in his chair. Slowly he got up, like a man who has been waiting

for his moment, and now that it had come was in no hurry about it. With equal deliberation he drew the revolver and took a step forward. And at that instant a red glare appeared outside the open window, and overhead could be heard the feet of searchers, running.

"Fire!" screamed Lizzie, pointing to the window, even as Beresford's voice from the roof rang out in a shout. "The garage is burning!"

They turned toward the door, to escape, but a strange and menacing figure blocked the way.

It was the Unknown—no longer the bewildered stranger who had stumbled in through the living room door—but a man with every faculty of mind and body alert and the light of a deadly purpose in his eyes. He covered the group with Miss Cornelia's revolver.

"This door is locked and the key is in my pocket!" he said in a savage voice, as the red light at the window grew more vivid yet and muffled cries and trappings from overhead betokened universal confusion and alarm.

## CHAPTER XII

### "He Is—the Bat!"

Lizzie opened her mouth to scream. But for once she did not carry out her purpose.

"Not a sound out of you!" warned the Unknown, brutally, almost jabbing the revolver into her ribs. He wheeled on Bailey.

"Close that satchel," he commanded. "and put it back where you found it!"

Bailey's fist closed. He took a step toward his captor.

"You—" he began in a furious voice. But the steely glint in the eyes of the



Bailey Picked Up One of the Cheap Paper Novels.

Unknown was enough to give any man pause.

"Jack!" pleaded Dale. Bailey halted.

"Do what he tells you!" Miss Cornelia insisted, her voice shaking.

A brave man may be willing to fight with odds a hundred to one—but only a fool will rush on certain death. Reluctantly, dejectedly, Bailey obeyed—stuffed the money back in the satchel and replaced the latter in its corner of shadows near the window.

He watched the Unknown intently. One moment of relaxed vigilance and—

But though the Unknown was unlocking the door with his left hand—the revolver in his right hand was as steady as a rock. He seemed to listen for a moment at the crack of the door.

"Not a sound, if you value your

## French Dandies First to Sport the Cravat

One of the few words of Slavonic origin that does not retain its exotic flavor is cravat. The linen scarfs worn around their necks by Croatian merchants captivated the fancy of the fashionable French, who adopted the French word for Croatian to designate this kind of neckwear. Thus "croate" became "cravate" or "cravat," from whence our word "cravat."

The word was adopted in France in 1638 and appears in English about 1700. Its synonym, necktie, is of later origin, its first use as cited by the Oxford dictionary being 1838.

Cravats when first introduced were not exclusively an article of men's apparel, but some, which were laced and tied in a bow with flowing ends, were worn by women. "Cravat-

## Bird Has Multiplied

The English sparrow was brought to the United States from England in 1850 by Nicholas Pike and other directors of the Brooklyn Institute, when eight pairs were liberated in Brooklyn, N. Y. The motive was to free the shade trees of devastating caterpillars, which at that time were especially numerous and annoying throughout the eastern states.

lives!" he warned again. He shep-herded them away from the direction of the window with his revolver.

"In a moment or two," he said in a hushed, taunt voice, "a man will come into this room, either through the door or by that window—the man who started the fire to draw you out of this house."

Bailey threw aside all pride in his concern for Dale's safety.

"For God's sake, don't keep these women here!" he pleaded, in low, tense tones.

The Unknown seemed to tower above him like a destroying angel.

"Keep them here where we can watch them!" he whispered with fierce impetuosity. "Don't you understand? There's a killer loose!"

And so for a moment they stood there, waiting for they knew not what. So swift had been the transition from joy to deadly terror, and now to suspense, that only Miss Cornelia's agile brain seemed able to respond. And at first it did even that very slowly.

"I begin to understand," she said in a low tone. "The man who struck you down and fled you in the garage—the man who killed Dick Fleming and stabbed that poor wretch in the closet—the man who locked us in, downstairs, and removed the money from that safe—the man who started that fire outside—is—"

"Sssh!" warned the Unknown, imperatively, as a sound from the direction of the window seemed to reach his ears. He ran quickly back to the corridor door and locked it.

"Stand back out of that light! The ladder!"

The top of the extension-ladder began to tremble. A black bulk stood clearly outlined against the dimming red glow—the Bat, masked and sinister, on his last foray!

There was no sound as the killer stepped into the room. He waited for a second that seemed a year—still no sound. Then he turned cautiously toward the place where he had left the satchel—the beam of his flashlight picked it out.

In an instant the Unknown and Bailey were upon him. There was a short, ferocious struggle in the darkness—a gasp of laboring lungs—the thud of fighting bodies clenched in a death-grapple.

"Get his gun!" muttered the Unknown hoarsely to Bailey, as he tore the Bat's lean hands away from his throat. "Get it?"

"Yes," gasped Bailey. He jabbed the muzzle against a straining back. The Bat ceased to struggle. Bailey stepped a little away.

"I've still got you covered!" he said fiercely. The Bat made no sound.

"Hold out your hands, Bat, while I put on the bracelets," commanded the Unknown in tones of terse triumph. He snapped the steel cuffs on the wrists of the murderous convict.

"Sometimes even the cleverest Bat comes through a window at night and is caught. Double murder—burglary—and arson! That's a good night's work even for you, Bat!"

He switched his flashlight on the Bat's masked face. As he did so the house lights came on—the electric light company had at last remembered its duties. All blinked for an instant in the sudden illumination.

"Take off that handkerchief!" barked the Unknown, motioning at the black silk handkerchief that still hid the face of the Bat from recognition. Bailey stripped it from the bag-gard, desperate features with a quick movement—and stood appalled.

A simultaneous gasp went up from Dale and Miss Cornelia.

It was Anderson, the detective! And he was—the Bat!

"It's Mr. Anderson!" stuttered Dale, aghast at the discovery.

The Unknown gloated over his captive.

"Tim Anderson," he said. "This man has been impersonating me. You're a good actor, Bat, for a fellow that's such a bad actor!" he taunted. "How did you get the dope on this case? Did you tap the wires to headquarters?"

The Bat allowed himself a little sardonic smile.

"I'll tell you that when I—" he began, then, suddenly, made his last bid for freedom. With one swift, desperate movement, in spite of his handcuffs, he jerked the real Anderson's revolver from him by the barrel, then wheeling with lightning rapidity on Bailey, brought the butt of Anderson's revolver down on his wrist.

Bailey's revolver fell to the floor with a clatter. The Bat swung toward the door. Again the tables were turned!

"Hands up, everybody!" he ordered, menacing the party with the stolen pistol. "Hands up—you!" as Miss Cornelia kept her hands at her sides.

It was the greatest moment of Miss Cornelia's life.

She smiled, sweetly, and came toward the Bat as if the pistol aimed at her heart were as innocuous as a toothbrush.

"Why?" she queried mildly. "I took the bullets out of that revolver two hours ago."

The Bat flung the revolver toward her with a curse. The real Anderson instantly snatched up the gun that Bailey had dropped and covered him.

"Don't move!" he warned, "or I'll fill you full of lead!" He smiled out of the corner of his mouth at Miss Cornelia, who was primly picking up the revolver that the Bat had flung at her—her own revolver.

"You see—you never know what a woman will do," he continued.

Miss Cornelia smiled. She broke open the revolver—five loaded shells fell from it to the floor. The Bat stared at her—then stared incredulously at the bullets.

"You see," she said, "I, too, have a little imagination!"

## CHAPTER XIII

### Quite a Collection.

An hour or so later, in the living room whose terrors had departed, Miss Cornelia, her niece and Jack Bailey were gathered before a roaring fire. The local police had come and gone; the bodies of Courtleigh Fleming and his nephew had been removed to the mortuary; Beresford had returned to his home, though under summons as a material witness; the Bat, under heavy guard, had gone off under charge of the detective. As for Doctor Wells, he, too, was under arrest, and a broken man though, considering the fact that Courtleigh Fleming had been throughout the prime mover in the conspiracy, he might escape with a comparatively light sentence.

Calmly and dispassionately Miss Cornelia worked out the cross-word puzzle of the evening and announced her results.

"It is all clear," she said. "Of course, the doctor had the blue-print. And the Bat tried to get it from him. Then when the doctor had stunned him and locked him in the billiard room, the Bat still had the key and unlocked his own handcuffs. After that he had only to get out of a window and shut us in here."

And again:

"He had probably trailed the real detective all the way from town and attacked him where Mr. Beresford found the watch."

Once, too, she harked back to the anonymous letters.

"It must have been a blow to the doctor and Courtleigh Fleming, when they found me settled in the house!" She smiled grimly. "And when their letters failed to dislodge me."

But it was the Bat who held her interest; his daring assumption of the detective's identity, his searching of the house, ostensibly for their safety but in reality for the treasure, and that one moment of irresolution when he did not shoot the doctor at the top of the ladder. And thereafter lost his chance.

It somehow weakened her terrified admiration for him, but she had nothing but acclaim for the escape he had made from the hidden room itself.

"That took brains," she said. "Cold, hard brains. To dash out of that room and down the stairs, pull off his mask and pick up a candle, and then to come calmly back to the trunk room again and accuse the doctor—that took real ability. But I dread to think what would have happened when he asked us all to go out and leave him alone with the real Anderson!"

When Lizzie came at last to coax and scold her into bed, she was sitting happily at the table, surrounded by divers small articles which she was handling with an almost childlike zest. A clipping about the Bat from the evening newspaper; a piece of paper on which was a well-defined finger-print; a revolver and a heap of five shells; a small, very dead, bat; the anonymous warnings, including the stone in which the last one had been wrapped; a battered and broken watch, somehow left behind; a dried and broken dinner roll, and the box of sedative powders brought by Doctor Wells.

Lizzie came over to the table and surveyed her grimly.

"You see, Lizzie, it's quite a collection. I'm going to take them and—"

But Lizzie bent over the table and picked up the box of powders.

"No, ma'am," she said, with extreme finality. "You are not. You are going to take these and go to bed!"

And Miss Cornelia did.

[THE END.]

## BETTER COLOR IN HER FACE

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Don't mix a mess of mustard, flour and water when you can relieve pain, soreness or stiffness with a little clean, white Musterole.

Musterole is made of pure oil of mustard and other helpful ingredients, and takes the place of mustard plasters.

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**MUSTEROLE**

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Friday Evening, May fourth, eight o'clock  
High School Auditorium

### Everyone Invited

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Cabin Dance.....	Krug
Deilla Hansard.....	
On the Deep Sea.....	Steinheimer
Vera Laurence.....	
Minuet in G.....	Beethoven
Ladell Latimer.....	
Song of Spring.....	Spaulding
Ann Ruth Mitchell.....	
Gondellied.....	Oesten
Lou Ellen Burdine.....	

#### DUETS

Comrades Waltz.....	Rolfe
Evelyn Alexander, Dean Curtis.....	
Little Indian Chief.....	Strickland
Vera Laurence, Snow Tollett.....	

#### TWO-PIANO NUMBERS

Gavotte.....	Brown
Verda Gilliam, Dean Curtis.....	
Source Argentine.....	Wachs
Radell Latimer, Verda Gilliam.....	
On the Race Course.....	Blake
Dean Curtis, Pauline Caldwell, Madge Richerson, Miss Rasco.....	

#### THREE-PIANO NUMBERS

Camp of Glory March.....	Holst
Madge Richerson, Miss Rasco, Pauline Caldwell.....	
Ding Dong Bell.....	Spaulding
Billie Louise Burnett, Lella Ruth Watt, Jennette Clarke, Anne Ruth Mitchell, Vera Laurence, Snow Tollett.....	
Valse, Op. 106, No. 1.....	Streabhog
Verda Gilliam, Snow Tollett, Dean Curtis, Loyd Richerson, Lou Ellen Burdine, Radell Latimer, Deilla Hansard, Vera Laurence, Madge Richerson.....	
Swing Song.....	Hartford
Primary Room.....	
Spring Song.....	Hamblen
Second Grade.....	
Musical Reading.....	Johnson
Evelyn Alexander.....	
Drill.....	Second Grade

## SENIORS BANQUETED

One of the outstanding social events of the season occurred on Tuesday evening of last week when the members of the Faculty entertained the Seniors with a buffet luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Snider.

The decorations were in rose and grey, carrying out the Senior Class color scheme. Each table had a lovely bouquet of flowers. The luncheon consisted of sandwiches, potato chips, salad, pickles, olives, ice tea, cream and cake. After the luncheon, the remainder of the evening was spent in playing forty-two.

Those present were: Seniors Blanche Culwell, Gladys Webb, Marian Hicks, Madge Richerson, Eleanor Brooks, Vera Laurence, Hazel Cooper, Floyd Long, L. J. Bardine, Ruby Moffitt, Esther Rosenfeldt, and Faye Dickson; Mrs. Aiva Simmons, the Class "mother," Mr. Aiva Simmons and the Faculty.

## HEADQUARTERS

for Mother's Day Candies and Greetings.

Adams Dry Goods & Notions.

A number of dishes are at our home, belonging to the ladies who recently sent the good dinner to us. Since we do not know to whom they belong, we request that the owners identify them so they may be returned.

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E. H. Watt of Giles attended to business in Hedley Monday.

RED TOP CANE SEED for sale. See S. G. Adams.

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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100th Judicial District  
**A. J. FIRES**

For District Attorney  
100 Judicial District  
**JAS. C. (Jimmie) MABAN**

For District Clerk  
**MRS. FLORA G. WHITE**  
**O. T. SMITH**  
**A. H. BAKER**

For County Judge  
**CURTIS E. THOMPSON**  
**J. J. ALEXANDER**

For County Clerk  
**H. M. (Kenny) LANE**  
**MRS. WILLIE GOLDSTON**  
**MRS. B. G. SMITH**  
**W. G. WORD**

For Tax Assessor  
**MISS EULA NAYLOR**  
**W. A. ARMSTRONG**

For Sheriff and Tax Collector  
**W. A. PIERCE**  
**S. C. BELL**  
**D. A. (Dave) KELLY**  
**M. W. MOSLEY**  
**J. H. RUTHERFORD**

For County Attorney  
**R. Y. KING**

For County Treasurer  
**MRS. LINNIE CAUTEN**

For County Commissioner  
Precinct 3  
**J. F. STILES**

For Public Weigher at Hedley  
**J. LES HAWKINS**

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To the Sheriff or Any Constable  
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You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the county of Donley, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice of Application for Letters  
— Estates of Decedents

The State of Texas.

To All Persons Interested in the  
Estate of Erasmus Otto Mc  
Canne, Deceased:

Mrs. Charlotte M. McCanne has filed in the County Court of Donley county, Texas, an application for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said Erasmus Otto McCanne, Deceased, said last Will and Testament of the said Erasmus Otto McCanne having been filed with said Application, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in May, A. D. 1928, the same being the 7th day of May, A. D. 1928, at the court house thereof, in Clarendon, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Clarendon, Texas, this 23rd day of April, A. D. 1928.

Little E. Lane,  
[Seal] Clerk County Court,  
Donley County, Texas



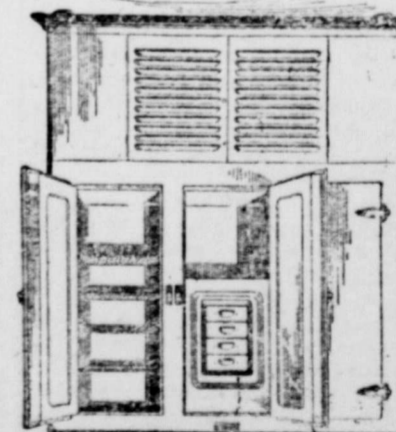
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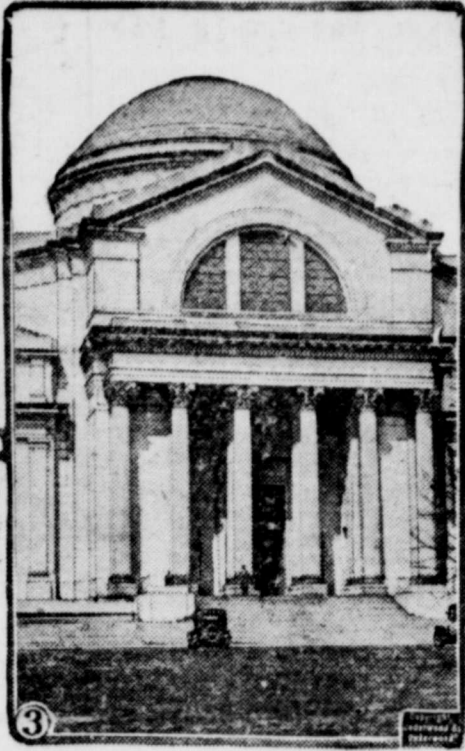


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**NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**Chicago Disgraced by War of Politicians and Criminal Gangs.**

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

WARFARE between Republican factions in Chicago has reached such a stage of virulence that the nation is not only interested but amazed and shocked. Leaders of both sides, most of them candidates for nomination in the approaching primaries, profess lofty motives and personal uprightness, but the evident truth is that all of them are making use of the lowest criminal elements in the great city. It is a war of gangs and whatever may be said of the candidates, there is nothing to choose between the two crews of vicious thugs that are employed. Last week a long series of bomb outrages was climaxed by the bombing of the homes of Senator Charles S. Deneen, leader of the faction opposing the Small-Thompson-Crowe crowd, and of Judge Swanson, running against Crowe for the state's attorneyship nomination. Each faction blamed the other for this affair, and the authorities up to the time of writing have failed to find the perpetrators despite offers of reward totaling \$65,000 and complete immunity. Unprejudiced observers are convinced that the struggle between rival gangs of "risky" dealers and bootleggers is closely connected with the political conflict as well as being responsible for the numerous murders and bombings; and the gamblers and others engaged in organized crime also are deeply interested.

SENATOR Frank B. Willis' sudden death in his home town, Delaware, Ohio, changed the Republican pre-convention campaign startlingly. He had been carrying on a strong fight against Hoover for the Ohio delegation and Lowden had not entered the state. The demise of Willis seemed to leave the secretary of commerce unopposed there, but it was pointed out that 34 of the 51 Willis candidates had named Lowden as their second choice, and others had given Curtis or Watson second place in their preference. Ohio members of congress said it would be impossible to drop the name of Willis from the primary ballot.

It is assumed that Governor Donahy of Ohio, a Democrat, will appoint a member of his party to fill out the unexpired term of Willis, and the prediction is made that he will select Altee Pomerene.

Lowden was endorsed by the Missouri state convention, and was assured of 21 of Minnesota's 27 votes; while Hoover was pledged the support of the Maine delegation. Watson's fight on Hoover in Indiana was becoming very lively, the senator especially attacking the secretary's attitude on international issues. It had been believed Hoover would be unopposed in New Jersey, but Lowden has now entered the primaries in that state. Hoover's board of strategy has estimated that the secretary lacks only 60 votes to insure his nomination, and if that is true it is apparent that Mellon, controlling the Pennsylvania delegation, controls the situation.

On the Democratic side the California primaries attract attention, for the fight there is three-sided, Smith, Walsh and Reed all being contenders. It had been hoped there would be a clean-cut contest between Smith and Walsh in South Dakota, but the state Democratic leaders, for local reasons, have prevented this. Dry Democrats of the South assert that the only southern delegations that Smith can get in southern states are those of Arkansas and Louisiana. In Arizona the state central committee appointed twelve delegates, unopposed but it was said they were favorable to the Smith candidacy.

WITHOUT a dissenting vote the senate passed the revised Jones bill authorizing the expenditure of \$225,000,000 for flood control on the lower Mississippi river. The measure does not entirely meet the views of President Coolidge. While it declares

for the retention of the principle of local contribution for flood works, it expressly relieves local interests of further contributions toward this particular project. Neither is there any mention of an economic commission to study the financial condition of the people along the lower Mississippi, as recommended by the President. In all other respects Mr. Coolidge likes it better than the Reed plan approved by the house committee.

The Jones bill, as passed by the senate, recognizes the principle of local contributions as sound, but asserts that the previous expenditure of \$292,000,000 by local interests in the Mississippi valley represents a full compliance with this principle. Instead of creating a new commission, it provides that the work shall be in immediate charge of the present Mississippi river commission under the direction of the secretary of war and the supervision of the chief of engineers. This represents a continuation of present policies and is a feature which has been insisted upon by the administration. It also provides that the Jadwin plan, as recommended to the congress by President Coolidge shall be the basis of the flood control scheme. Provision is made for a board to reconcile engineering differences between the Jadwin plan and the Mississippi river commission plan.

It is expected that the construction of the flood control works will require a period of eight or ten years and that the appropriation for the first year will be from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

ANOTHER big measure was passed unanimously by the house—the naval appropriation bill carrying \$300,000,000. The total of \$48,000,000 is provided for continuing construction of eight 10,000-ton cruisers and two fleet submarines, \$6,575,000 is carried for modernization work and gun elevation work on two battleships, and an additional \$31,315,000 goes for naval aviation.

When the marine corps appropriations came up the Democrats attempted to ascertain the cost of maintaining marines in Nicaragua. When this failed Representative Abernethy (Dem., N. C.), criticized the sending of American marines to Nicaragua to oversee elections.

BY A vote of 15 to 6, the house committee on agriculture approved a revised McNary-Haugen farm relief bill. The Ketcham export debenture plan was rejected by a vote of 13 to 8. The measure is similar to the revised plan offered by Senator McNary, chairman on agriculture, and reported favorably by that committee. It provides for marketing agreements with co-operatives for the handling of surplus crops and the payment of losses by means of an equalization fee assessed upon the entire production only when price stabilization is not obtained through the use of government loans. Like the McNary bill the house measure also eliminates restrictions upon the appointment of members of the proposed farm board and otherwise seeks to meet objections raised when President Coolidge vetoed the McNary-Haugen plan in the last congress.

CAPTAIN KOEHL, Baron von Huenefeld and Arthur Spindler, German aviators, secretly left Berlin on a projected flight across the North Atlantic, and made the first stage of the journey, to Baldonnel airdrome near Dublin, in safety. There, at this writing, they still are awaiting favorable weather for the transoceanic part of the flight. They are using the single-motored Junkers plane Bremen in which Captain Koehl attempted a similar flight last year. The aviators asserted their plans were scientifically formed and that if they encountered cold winds and rain they would head direct for New York to avoid danger of ice formation on the wings.

Colonel Lindbergh, after his week in Washington giving rides to senators, representatives, diplomats and other personages, announced that he was ready to withdraw from public life for the time being, and soon after quietly departed for Lexington, Ky., in his famous plane. From there he went on westward, his destination being presumably San Diego. In Washington there were reports that he was considering making a round the-world trip under the auspices of the State department. In San Diego

a new plane is being built for Lindbergh, similar to the Spirit of St. Louis but larger and more completely equipped.

BECAUSE Albert B. Fall is too ill to travel to Washington, Altee Pomerene, representing the government, went to Fall's home in El Paso, Texas, to take his testimony in the Teapot Dome conspiracy case. Regular court procedure was followed, defense attorneys questioning Fall and Pomerene conducting the cross-examination. The former secretary of the interior still contended that the Teapot Dome leases were executed for the best interests of the government and that the bond transaction with Sinclair was perfectly legitimate and was executed in payment of a third interest in the Fall ranch at Three Rivers, N. M.

Henry M. Blackmer, missing witness in the oil lease case, has resigned as a director of the Midwest Refining company, which concern is owned by the Standard Oil of Indiana. It was believed in Washington that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., had brought pressure to bear on Blackmer to quit.

NEW oil regulations issued by the Mexican government appear to have settled the controversy between that government and the United States, and Ambassador Morrow is being credited with great skill in handling the negotiations. The regulations give evidence of Mexico's determination to recognize the rights held by foreigners in oil properties prior to the adoption of the Constitution of 1917. Those who take confirmatory concessions under the amended law get a confirmation of their old rights rather than a new grant of rights. The government at Washington is satisfied with the settlement, and if the oil men are not they will probably have to fight alone hereafter.

HENRY FORD is to be summoned before the senate interstate commerce committee, which is investigating the coal situation, to explain how he can pay labor in his nonunion mines in West Virginia and Kentucky oil wages or more. Neither the miners nor the operators are eager to have Ford explain his system, for he is against the union and he puts the other operators to shame.

Illinois mine operators declined to hold further wage parleys with the union until the latter agrees to arbitrate for a wage scale less than that provided for in the Jacksonville agreement, which meant that most of the mines in the state would close down. Strip-mine operators of the Indiana district signed a contract with the United Mine Workers to continue operations under the Jacksonville wage scale until March 31, 1929.

SECRETARY OF LABOR DAVIS reported to the senate that the number of persons in the country actually employed at wages or salaries in January was 1,874,050 less than in 1925. Among the things that have brought about this slump in employment he listed the floods in the Mississippi valley and New England, the Florida tornado and the long-continued disturbance in the bituminous coal fields. The report precipitated a lively debate in the senate, the Democrats questioning its accuracy and asserting the number of unemployed was nearer four or five millions.

MARSHAL PILSUDSKI, dictator of Poland, found himself up against a bunch of hard-bolted Communists when the new parliament opened, and the disturbances were such that the police were called in and the sitting was soon suspended. When the diet reassembled the opposition succeeded in electing its candidate for speaker, Dabinski, by a vote of 206 to 140 for Pilsudski's candidate, Bartels.

POPE PIUS made a speech strongly criticizing the Fascist training of youth and rebuking the Catholic Centralists. In reply Premier Mussolini's council of ministers announced that a decree law soon will be passed prohibiting the Catholic organization of boys called "Catholic Scouts." The decree will make the Balilla, which is a Fascist children's organization, the only one permitted in Italy. This means the Italian government will take full charge of the training of the nation's youth.

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Friend—Has he any special aptitude for that profession?

Fond Mother—Oh, yes. He can go three days without eating.—Boston Post.

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Reading.....	Home Stephen Milner
Piano Duet.....	Qui Vive Gertrude Rasco, Kathryn Brooks
Reading.....	The Hay Mow Jack Battle
Monologue.....	The Busy Body Eula Curd
Reading.....	A Noffle Dream Wren Vinyard
Reading.....	Watchin' the Sparkin' Zona Adamson
Vocal Solo.....	Sweet Heart of Sigma Chi J. Manley Head
Monologue.....	Yiddish Love Eleanor Brooks
Reading.....	Johnnie's Bed Time Story Wendell Armstrong
Monologue.....	A Sad Lover C. F. Simmons
Piano Solo.....	Faust Waltz Kathryn Brooks
Reading.....	The Weaker Sex Olena Hickerson
Monologue.....	The Rural Aide Society Lou Ellen Burdine
Reading.....	Jimnie and the Bran New Baby James Everett
Violin Solo.....	Serenade Eleanor Brooks
Reading.....	Going of the White Swan Fanny McWhorter
Reading.....	The Boys Clothing Glenn Jackson
Reading.....	A Study in Hats on Bargain Day Mary Lee Garland

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A band of workers from the Wayland Baptist College, Plainview passed thru Hedley Saturday en route to Wellington where they conducted services Sunday. They passed thru again Monday returning to Plainview. Misses Birdie Stogner and Allie Mae Caldwell were in the party, and stopped over here for a visit with home folks.

The Men and Boys Store—  
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Mesdames F. M. Aord, W. P. Johnson, C. L. Goin and M. W. Mosley and Miss Gertrude Rasco attended the annual convention of the Amarillo district Womens Missionary Union, which was held at Panhandle the past week.

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J. K. Caldwell is getting about on crutches as the result of an accident between his foot and a double tree. J. K. tells us the double tree was not damaged.

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### RUTHERFORD FOR SHERIFF

J. H. Rutherford is a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector. His announcement reaches us too late for comment this week. Look for it next week.

Mrs. T. R. Moreman and son Ray, have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Shults at Crowell.

W. S. Snoddy and Glenn Burnett of Benjamin visited the Dr. J. C. Coffey family Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Kinslow and Mrs. J. H. Richey attended the convention of the Seventh District Federation of Women's Clubs at Dalhart this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pirtle made a trip to Oklahoma City the past week. They drove back a new Ford and a Buick.

Mrs. E. E. Bailey and daughter, Nina Mae, of Olton, visited here several days this week. Mrs. Bailey is now in Amarillo with her husband, who is in a sanitarium there.

Luke Hart is on the sick list this week and will probably go to Dallas today for treatment.

H. O. Strickland has returned from Wichita Falls where he has been under treatment of a specialist a couple of weeks.

Miss Ruth Coffey came down from Amarillo and spent the week end with her parents.

C. O. Cooper attended to business in Clarendon Wednesday.

### MAY BE AN OIL MAN YET

The following is taken from last Saturday's Amarillo News:

M. L. Raney, pioneer citizen of Hedley and Confederate veteran, believes he is going to be an oil man some day.

He was in Amarillo yesterday, after "checking up" on oil conditions in Chaves county, N. Mex., where owns 800 acres of land. "I'll be an oil man yet," he said.

Captain Raney, as he is known to hundreds of Panhandle people, came to Texas in 1869 from Tennessee. He settled first in Collin county.

He moved to Quanah in 1888 and later to Memphis. He has been living at Hedley for a number of years. He has a son in Amarillo, Carl Raney, head butcher for the M Stores on North Fillmore street.

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John W. Bond of Canyon visited and attended to business in Hedley this week.

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