

# The Baird Star

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State. But the Get-Up-and-Get That Makes Men Great."

FIFTIETH YEAR

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## ROOSEVELT DEDICATES SELF TO ECONOMICALLY UNFORTUNATE

Franklin D. Roosevelt, standing bare-headed while rain pelted relentlessly into his face, pronounced the presidential oath Wednesday and dedicated his second administration to helping the economically unfortunate.

Thousands of his fellow citizens spread across the capitol plaza, too chilled and soggy for prolonged demonstrations of enthusiasm. Thousands more lined Pennsylvania avenue to see the president pass and watch the parade which followed.

Police estimated that some 150,000 or 200,000 people saw at least portions of the ceremonies.

President Roosevelt said: "I see millions whose daily lives in city and on farm continue under conditions labelled indecent by a so-called polite society half a century ago. I see millions denied education, recreation and the opportunity to better their lot and he lot of their children.

I see millions lacking the means to buy the products of farm and factory and by their poverty denying work and productivity to many other millions. I see one third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished.

"It is not in despair that I paint you that picture. I paint it for you in hope—because the nation, seeing and understanding the injustice in it, proposes to paint it out. x x x The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much. It is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.

## Dan Click, Pioneer, Died In Palo Pinto County Sunday

Dan Click, 83, one of Callahan county's pioneers, died at his home seven miles southwest of Palo Pinto Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ in Palo Pinto at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, funeral rites being conducted by Rev. McVey, Methodist minister, and burial made beside his brother, Bill Click in Palo Pinto cemetery.

Dan Click was born in North Carolina and came to Texas in 1869, driving a wagon a distance of 1300 miles. He located in Lamar county but his health failing he started west again and stopped in Shut-in-Valley, Palo Pinto county in the fall of 1876. He worked in the cedar breaks for sometime and later took up the life of a cowboy and went up the Chisholm trail with Pete Slaughter as boss of the herd of several hundred head of cattle. In the following years he made a number of trips up the trail. In the late 70's he came to Baird where he made his home until a few years ago when he returned to Palo Pinto county to be with his brother, Bill Click, who died a few months later and he continued to make his home with Mrs. Click and his niece, Miss Kate Latimer. Mrs. Click died about a year ago. Uncle Dan and Miss Latimer continued to live at the old home and it was there attended by Miss Latimer and her brother, Jim Latimer of Strawn, that he died.

Uncle Dan was a carpenter by trade and helped to build many of the first houses in Baird. He was a great scholar and read a great many books. He was always well posted on all current events and an interesting conversationalist. He held the office of justice of the peace of Baird for many years. Uncle Dan had many friends in Baird and Callahan county where he spent most of his life who will regret to learn of his death.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bounds and little daughter, Betty Ann and V. G. Haggard attended the funeral.

## Subscription Bargain Days Will Soon Be Over

We wish to remind our subscribers that The Star's Annual Bargain Days are fast coming to a close as all bargain rates will be withdrawn on February 1st, and the regular subscription rates of \$1.50 in Callahan county and \$2.00 outside the county will be in effect from that date.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our subscribers who have renewed their subscription. We made this special offer on subscription as a means of raising money to pay our taxes and other obligations and while the sum collected up to date is not what we had hoped for, we appreciate it, and trust that the coming week—the last week of the bargain days—will bring many more renewals.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish the list of names of subscribers who have renewed their subscription during the campaign. On this list will be found the names of many of the pioneer families of Callahan county, whose names have been on The Star's subscription list since the day it was established by our father, W. E. Gilliland Dec. 8, 1887. Some were on the list of the old Callahan County Clarendon, which was purchased by our father in Nov. 1887 and have been readers of the paper down through the years. It is the friendship of these tried and true friends which make it possible for The Star to come forth each week for near fifty years. True, there are very few of the original names now on the list for most of those who were on that list have passed on with the founder of The Star, leaving their life's work with the younger generation to carry on. Among the first subscribers to The Star and whose names are on the list today is Judge Otis Bowyer, Mayor H. Schwartz, T. E. Powell, Mrs. M. L. Teeple, Mrs. Henry Lambert, Mrs. Than Warren, W. T. Wheeler, H. A. McWhorter, Mrs. J. B. Cutbirth, Mrs. M. J. Gilliland, Mrs. J. E. Gilliland, Mrs. Jasper McCoy of Baird; A. J. (Nuff) Arvin, Cottonwood; Mrs. John Blakely, Belle Plain; Tom Windham, Mrs. H. Windham, Oplin; Mrs. M. A. Brightwell, Burnt Branch; Mrs. H. C. Grantham, Dudley; Mrs. C. C. Edwards, Mrs. Jennie Gilliland, T. B. Holland, Abilene; J. W. Merrick, Clyde; Mrs. W. C. Powell, Dallas; Mrs. R. P. Patty, Fort Stockton and to these tried and true friends we extend greetings and express the sincere wish that as you journey down the Western slope toward the beautiful sunset of life, may you find peace and happiness as a reward for faithful service to all mankind.

The Star travels far each week, copies going from Maine to Florida, Washington, California, to the extreme south-west portion of Texas, also to foreign countries, a copy going to Venezuela, South America and one to Persian Gulf in Arabia.

## Mrs. Hugh Brown's Father Died Mon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brown and son, Wade, returned Tuesday from Eldorado, Okla. where they were called by the sudden death of Mrs. Brown's father, J. M. Estill, 81 year of age, who died from a heart involvement, Monday morning at 4 o'clock.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning and burial made in a local cemetery. Mr. Estill is survived by his wife, three daughters besides Mrs. Brown and four sons.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan, Mrs. Tom Windham and grandson, Robert Windham of Oplin were in town Saturday.

## HONOR ROLL

The following have paid their subscription during the Annual Bargain Days:

Frank P. Carmichael, Sr., Pasadena, California  
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H. W. Jones, Rt. 2, Clyde  
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Mrs. W. A. Sikes, Rt. 2, Clyde  
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O. C. Yarbrough, Baird  
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Dee Young, Baird  
L. L. Nichols, Rt. 2, Abilene  
Virgil Hughes, St. Rt. 2, Baird  
Chas Allen, Rt. 2, Clyde  
S. V. Tarrant, Rt. 1, Clyde  
Mrs. Clark Smith, St. Rt. 1, Jack Gilliland, St. Rt. 2, Baird

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C. A. McIntyre, Oplin  
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Mrs. W. B. Griggs, Baird  
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N. A. Estes, Rt. 5, Abilene  
T. M. Allen, Rt. 2, Clyde  
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B. C. Chrisman, Baird  
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M. D. Farrar, Rt. 1, Clyde  
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Mrs. Nolan Duncan, Rt. 1, Cross Plains

## JAMES V. ALLRED TAKES OATH AS TEXAS GOVERNOR SECOND TIME

### Former Resident Buried Here Wed.

The body of Lonzo Weldon, 50 years of age, former Baird resident, who died Friday, January, 15 at his home in Phoenix, Ariz., arrived in Baird Wednesday morning for burial.

Funeral services were held from held from the Wylie Funeral Home at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon, rites being conducted by Rev. Joe R. Mayes, pastor of the Baptist church.

Burial was made in Ross cemetery.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Nancy Weldon, Baird; four daughters, Mrs. J. C. Haynes and Mrs. Eddie Moore, Pampa; Mrs. Ray Newton, Ft. Davis and Vivian Weldon, Phoenix, Ariz.; three brothers, Doc and Ed Weldon, Oatman, Ariz. and Cale Weldon, Oplin; five sisters, Mrs. George Frazier and Mrs. R. R. Stringer of Baird; Mrs. E. W. Pharis, Guion, Texas and Mrs. John Swinson and Mrs. E. L. Daves of Calif.

### President's Birthday Ball January 30th.

Plans for the celebration of President Roosevelt's 55th birthday on Jan. 30 is being perfected. The dance will be given at Hotel Mae.

Miss Eliza Gilliland, chairman announces that the Women's Business Club and Callahan County Club are sponsoring the dance.

A feature of the dance will be the old-time square dance as well as the modern dances. The hall decorations will be featured in a barn dance theme.

All are cordially invited to attend the dance and help in this worthy cause.

Tickets will be on sale at City Pharmacy, Holmes Drug store and all cafes in Baird.

### Child Popularity Contest

A child popularity contest is being held in connection with the play "Coast to Coast," to be presented Jan. 28 and 29 sponsored by the Pythian Sisters. Following is a list of those already entered and their respective business sponsor:

Bobby Sue Edwards—Quality Cafe; Bill Jones—Holmes Drug Co.; Key Boy Flores—A. & P. Store; Ronald Alexander—B. L. Boydston Hardware; Bernice Ray—Jones Dry Goods Co.; W. L. Bowler, Jr.—W. B. Barrett & Son; Mildred Ann King—Little Onion Shop; Kenneth Jones—Fulton Barber Shop; Sally Gay Corn—City Pharmacy; Mary Frances Price—Home Telephone Co.; Betty Sue Ray—Mayfield's; Patsy Cutbirth—Alexander Motor Co.; Stanley Johnson—Earl Johnson Motor Co.; Dickie Eastham—Ray Motor Company.

These contestants will be presented on the stage Thursday night Jan 28th. The winners will be announced Friday night and a prize will be given to same.

Vote for your favorite!

### 1937 Auto Tags Have Arrived

Olaf Hollingshead, tax assessor-collector, has received the 1937 auto license plates. The plates have cream color numbers on a black background.

Mr. Hollingshead wishes to remind car owners that registration will start February 1 and end April 1st, that date being the dead line. Tags cannot be legally used until April 1st.

Miss Helen Settle returned a few days ago from Louisiana where she spent several months with relatives.

Thirty-seven year old James V. Allred took the oath as governor of Texas for the second time Tuesday amid all the pomp the state could muster.

In the presence of cheering thousands which jammed the hall of the house of representatives, he once more pledged to support the constitution and faithfully perform the duties of his office.

Lieut.-Gov. Walter F. Woodul also re-inaugurated for another term of two years, voiced appreciation of the cooperation of the governor and asked the same cooperation in the future.

Transferred indoors at the last minute because of inclement weather, the ceremony began, in a flag becket setting, with a long procession of state notables, led by Gov. and Mrs. Allred.

Three former governors were in the line of march, James E. Ferguson, Pat M. Neff, now president of Baylor university, and Dan Moody. Others were members of the state higher courts, state officials, representatives of the national guard and the regular army, members of Governor Allred's and Lieut.-Gov. Woodul's families and Speaker Robert W. Calvert.

### Receives Oath

Lieut.-Gov. Woodul was the first to receive the oath from Associate Justice John H. Sharp of the supreme court, officiating in the absence from the state of Chief Justice C. M. Cureton. He smiled when he affirmed that he never fought a duel and never had acted as a second, a part of the official pledge.

A roar of applause then swept the chamber and the crowd came to its feet as Governor Allred placed his hand on the historic Bible of the supreme court brought from a safe every two years for the purpose and also repeated the oath.

### Governor Neff Heard

Former Governor Neff, who when governor started Allred on his successful political career by appointing him a district attorney, introduced the young executive, describing him as a man who had climbed the eminence over many obstacles.

Asserting the occasion was "a definite, challenging call to service," the governor pledged a re-consecration and rededication "in all humility to the tasks that lie ahead."

"These tasks are easy by comparison with those which confronted us two years ago," he continued. "Due to the beneficence of the Almighty and to our own efforts, is far brighter now than then."

### Quotes Constitution

He quoted the clause in the Texas constitution that the faith of the people stands pledged to the preservation of a republican form of government subject only to the limitation the people may alter, reform or abolish such government "in such way as they may think expedient."

"This limitation, providing that the people, in any change they make, stand pledged to the preservation of a republican form of government, was first placed in the constitution in 1876," the governor said.

"Today you and I still stand pledged by the faith of the people to the preservation of our form of government. The aim of that government should be to secure the maximum of human happiness for 6,000,000 people."

"Real principles of government are eternal and everlasting; but with the time new problems arise, testing our ability to apply those principles to the people's needs. More and more, demands are made upon the state government to quickly minister to present needs and provide greater security for the future."

### COUNTY LIBRARY FORMAL OPENING

The County Library, sponsored by the Women's Study Clubs of Callahan county, located in the basement of the courthouse, will be formally opened Feb. 6th.

### NOTICE!

The City of Baird will receive sealed bids for the right of Depositor of City funds for the period Jan. 28, 1937 to July 28, 1937. Said bid to be made in accordance with Title No. 47, No. 3 article, No. 2559 Texas Civil Statutes. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Bids will be open by the City Council at their regular meeting January 27, 1937.

### Lamar Smith, T. & P. Ry. Engineer, Died

Lamar Smith, veteran T. & P. engineer, died suddenly yesterday morning at Big Spring. Mr. Smith was enroute on the switch engine and had reported for work, only a few minutes before stricken and lived only a short time.

### NOTICE!

We call to your attention that 1936 City Taxes are due. We respectfully ask that you make payment before Feb. 1 1937. The office will be kept open every day to the 31st day of this month. Help your City to pay its debts!

February 1st is the deadline on The Star's Bargain Days. Renew your subscription today.

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**MONTAGUE . . . .**

Makes "The Parting Guests" the Subject of This Lively Essay



"I Kinda Liked Him and I Could See From the Nice Way He Had of Smilin' That He Hadn't No Fault to Find With Me."

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE  
"YOU'D be surprised, Mrs. Applegarth, you would so. A person sees all sorts of things runnin' a roomin' house, an' I had my share of sights I guess, but never nothing like this. An' I can't say as I'd like to go through it again, though it did get me shut of them racketeer fellers without there bein' any shootin'." Only I can't say that it wasn't worse than shootin' while it was goin' on.

"This feller came in late one night an' said he wanted the best in the house an' had the money to pay for it, so I give him the big room with the double doors an' he paid a week in advance. He had the expressman carry in a couple of big boxes, not trunks exactly but boxes with iron bands all around them, an' heavy from the way the expressman puffed and huffed when he was carryin' 'em upstairs. He said I needn't have Ophelia come into the room, as he didn't know when he'd be sleepin' or wakin', so I just give him the key, thinkin' I'd see the last of him, for most of the lodgers go an' come without sayin' nothin' to me except to give me a stall about the room rent now an' then.

"I seen him now an' then on the stairs while he was comin' or goin' an' he always give me a polite good mornin' an' I give it back to him. I kinda likes 'em when they're sociable; it's sort of fun to know what their business is and how they're gettin' on in it, but I ain't pushin' an' I don't put no oar into what's none of my business. Still I kinda liked him, an' I could see from the nice way he had of smilin' that he hadn't no faults to find with me.

"It was the third day after he come that the other feller come. He was dressed awful smart for a feller that rooms, an' he was terribly flip with his conversation an' I could smell liquor on him. But the two upstairs rooms was vacant, an' he took 'em both, an' paid a week's rent down just like the other had done. So I didn't ask no questions.

"Well, it wasn't morn' the next day before fellers begin comin' up to see him—slick dressed chaps that talked kinda like actors in plays, the kind that is in rough shows. Every night I could hear 'em through the ceilin', an' every once in a while they'd get into a row an' call each other names, an' say my boarder was holdin' out on them, an' the next thing he knew he'd be makin' big ones out of little one's or takin' a ride. An' he'd talk back an' say that if it wasn't for him they'd all be up the river an' they might land there yet if they didn't lay off of him an' let him run the racket so they'd all be wearin' sparklers.

"Him an' the first feller met on the stairs once or twice, an' the second feller give the first feller a close look, an' when he come down he asked me who he was, an' how long he'd been there. 'He ain't a dick is he?' he says. 'I never ask gentlemen what their names or their business is as long as they pay their rent.' I says, 'an' I don't expect anybody else to.'

"That's the dope, Granma,' he says, an' before I could put him in his place he was walkin' down the front steps. In a minute or two here comes the first feller, smilin' an' polite as usual. 'You got a nice place here, Mrs. Judkins,' he says, 'but them boys in them rooms upstairs don't sound good to me. I got the idea they're a bunch of racketeers from what comes down through the cracks in the ceilin'.'

"Them cracks in the ceilin' don't hurt you none,' I says. 'You can't get one of them tessellated ceilings with what you're payin'.'

"I didn't mean to be flip,' he says, 'only if I was you I'd keep an eye on them boys. It looks to me as if they'd be follered in here some day by a lot of cops, an' it wouldn't be so good if you was to get your place into the crime news. However, it ain't none of my business,' and he walked off. I was pretty mad, but at that he'd set me think-

in'. I didn't like them fellers so much myself, but they was good pay, an' anyway how was I to get 'em out?

"I wondered on that a lot more the next night, for some strangers come in to see 'em, an' after a lot of shoutin' an' swearin' a gun went off, an' by an' by I heard 'em carryin' somethin' down the stairs, somethin' heavy from the way they tromped. Two of 'em come back two hours afterward, and there was a lot of low talkin' which I could hear plain for I'd gone up the stairs an' was just outside their door. I was worse scared from what I heard, for it was pretty plain that somebody had been hurt a good deal, an' the other fellers wasn't so sure the cops wouldn't be after 'em. You can imagine what I was thinkin'. My place might be raided, an' maybe I'd be accused of running one of them hide-outs for yeggs, an' then where would my business be to say nothin' of my reputation.

"I went to bed an' thought and thought, but it didn't get me nowhere, so by an' by when I heard my first roomer feller comin' in I slipped into my dress an' went down to the landin'.

"Listen, Mister,' I says, 'I got somethin' to say to you.'

"Wrong man,' he says. 'I got still a week paid up on the rent.'

"It ain't that,' I says, 'but them fellers up stairs. They're gangsters or somethin' like that, an' I want to git 'em out of here or the police will be around, an' then I can never rent a room again.'

"He thought a while, then he says: 'I'll get 'em out for you.'

"How,' I asks, 'I wouldn't want you to get hurt, an' them is bad boys.'

"I won't get hurt. Just leave it all to me, an' don't pay no attention if they leave in a hurry. You probably wouldn't get no regular rent anyway, an' them ain't the kind of fellers that helps the roomin' house business none. You just go to bed, an' in about an hour you'll hear 'em all goin' away, an' they won't be back neither. Trust little Willie.'

"Well, what was they to do about it? I went to bed but kept awake, an' in about an hour I heard the wildest lot of yellin' an' screechin' overhead, an' then there was a rush of feet on the stairs an' all three of 'em takin' four steps at a jump was makin' for the street. I laid there skeered cold for about a half an hour, an' then nearly jumped out of my skin when I heard a tap on my door.

"Who's that?' I said, but I couldn't talk over a loud whisper.

"Only little me,' says the first feller's voice. 'I want to borrow a broom.'

"What on earth—'

"Better hurry, or they'll get away on me.'

"Who? Them toughs has gone.'

"Yes, I know. An' the snakes will be if I don't get that broom in a hurry.'

"Snakes?'

"Yeah. Just my little performin' troop. There ain't no harm into 'em. Maybe you'd like a look at 'em.'

"Well sir, he had a way of talkin' that made me easy in my mind right away. I got into some clothes an' follered him up the stairs, and peeked into the room through a crack in the door, an' there he was sweepin' about eight or ten mean lookin' snakes into a box, not in a hurry, but just slow an' easy like.

"My performin' troupe,' he says. 'Defanged, an' gentle as kittens. But them boys didn't know that. I left the box in the room so they'd get a welcome when they come home, an' I guess they got it. Anyway they're gone.'

"They was, too, an' they never come back. An' I wouldn't tell anybody but you, Mrs. Applegarth, but me an' him is goin' to be married an' I'm goin' out on the road with him—an' them.

"With who? With him an' the snakes of course. If it wasn't for them there wouldn't be no romance."

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Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for January 24 TWO MIRACLES OF MERCY

LESSON TEXT—John 5:2-9; 6:8-15. GOLDEN TEXT—The same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. John 5:36. PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Feeding Hungry People. JUNIOR TOPIC—A Boy Who Gave Away His Lunch. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Why Did Christ Work Miracles? YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Significance of Christ's Miracles.

The world is looking for supermen, those who can work "miracles," and thus afford an easy solution for the problems of the home and of the nation. Men are ready to marvel at and follow in almost abject submission those who promise riches without labor, food without toil, short cuts to comfort and satisfaction. Often they are content if they only have something over which they may exclaim "Wonderful!" whether it be useful or not.

The miracles of God, through his servants and the Lord Jesus Christ, are not mere marvels or wonders. They are not for the advancement of the cause of any man or for personal glory. They are the mighty signs of an omnipotent God wrought for the good of men, for their spiritual enlightenment and as a testimony to the one true God.

The two miracles of our lesson present Jesus Christ as a Lord of mercy and grace—ready to meet the needs of men. Deep and real was his compassion as his heart yearned over needy humanity.

It is suggested that in the study and teaching of this lesson we vary our plan somewhat and present several seed thoughts found in the two portions assigned. It is also urged that the context in both chapters be read with care.

I. We Are Impotent Folk (John 5:2).

The words well describe not only those who lay helpless about the pool of Bethesda but they fit us as well. Oh, yes, we are strong, capable, fearless, but only until we meet some great elemental problem. Then we see that we are indeed "a great multitude of impotent folk." The gently falling snow stopped the undefeated Napoleon. The silent fog can paralyze a nation. Death, sickness—who can stay their hand?

II. Despair Spells Defeat (v. 7).

Long familiarity with his weakness had bred in the man with the infirmity a sense of despair. Such an attitude invites defeat. It is unbecoming to a Christian. Let us not forget in the darkest hour to "keep looking up."

III. God Answers the Weakest Faith (v. 8).

Jesus evidently saw in the man's despairing reply a spark of faith. He who believes honors the name of God. We may need to cry "I believe, help thou mine unbelief," but if we believe God will gloriously meet even our faltering faith.

IV. God's Command Empowers (vv. 8, 9).

Jesus told the man to "Rise—and walk"—the very thing he could not do for his thirty-eight years of life. But when the Son of God speaks to us he gives the power to respond to his command.

V. Works Follow Faith (v. 9).

The man arose, took up his bed, and walked. Man's faith in God and God's response to faith lead to man's action on God's command. Too many are they in the church today who have never stood up and walked for God.

VI. Look to God, Not at Your Resources (John 6:9).

Humanlike, the disciples counted their money and found it was not enough to supply food for a multitude. And then there was a boy, but he had only five barley crackers and two little fish. It almost sounds like a church-board deciding to close the cross-roads church and let the Devil have the boys and girls, because it costs too much to keep up the work. God help us to trust and go on for him. "Little is much when God is in it."

VII. Followers for Bread Not Wanted (v. 15).

Those who follow Christ because of business advantage and social prestige know nothing of what it means to be a Christian. He is not a bread-making king; he is the bread of life.

Visions of a Better Life

It is well to have visions of a better life than that of every day, but it is the life of every day from which elements of a better life must come.—Maeterlinck.

Success From Work

Experience shows that success is due less to ability than to zeal. The winner is he who gives himself to his work, body and soul.—Charles Buxton.

Diversity of Opinions

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HOW ARE YOU TODAY

DR. JAMES W. BARTON Talks About

Getting Rid of Fat

IT IS hard for some of our overweight friends to understand why fat can cause any harm to the body. To them it is simply a layer of fat lying under the skin which gives the body a nice roundness instead of having bony parts stand out too prominently.

What they forget is that all the fat is not deposited under the skin or even around the organs—kidneys, heart and others—but some fat is actually deposited right within the cells of an organ—not between the cells—and so interferes with the action of the organ.

Now it is not hard to understand that if fat tissue—which does no work—gets into the cell substance it is bound to interfere with the work of the cell.

So if overweights want to keep young in appearance and feeling they would be wise to cut down gradually on their food intake, because every overweight can get rid of some weight (fat and water) if he or she has the will power to cut down on certain kinds of food—fats, starches, and liquids.

It isn't easy to cut down on fat building foods because they are the foods usually liked most. Also it is discouraging to cut down on foods for a week or two and not see much reduction (if any) in weight.

This failing to greatly reduce weight after "starving" themselves one or two weeks has confused and discouraged many overweights who have faithfully followed the reducing diet prescribed by their physician. However, "careful studies have established that water may be retained to an extent that will keep the body weight constant or at the same level when the individual has cut down his food intake by as much as one-third to one-half for as long as sixteen days."

The Water Balance.

Weight, day by day, will give no sign that reduction is being accomplished. This is because what is called the water balance must be established. At the end of the sixteen day period the individual may suddenly lose sufficient water to reduce his weight by the amount expected as judged by the amount of food eaten. Thus instead of losing 2 to 3 pounds each week—the usual rate of loss—there is no loss for sixteen days and then 5 to 7 pounds is lost within a few hours.

Others will cut down on all kinds of foods, fail to eat enough meat or eggs to sustain their strength, and will feel so weak in a few days that they give up the reducing diet in despair.

There are others who would like to try "short cuts" to reduce weight—dinitrophenol, thyroid extract, pituitary extract—which if not taken under proper supervision, often bring misery and ill health. The proper method is to be examined by the family physician and if pronounced "fit" to undergo the diet outlined, then follow it faithfully, reporting at regular intervals to the physician.

Foods That Cause Distress

One of the points one suffering from indigestion must remember is that because a food disagrees with him it doesn't mean that it is not a good food. There is nothing wrong with the food but there is something wrong with the individual in that his digestive apparatus is unable to handle that particular food very well and yet may handle well another food that is actually harder or takes longer to digest.

Dr. Albert H. Rowe, San Francisco, in Southern Medical Journal reports an analysis of 2,000 students at University of California, and also his results in private patients during a period of fifteen years.

Of 270 patients showing stomach and intestine disturbances due to certain foods, 30 per cent were male and 70 per cent female. Of this 270 cases, 232, more than 85 per cent, had food dislikes or disagreements, 80 per cent had stomach disturbances, 60 per cent had pain or soreness and 43 per cent had constipation.

To find out what foods are causing the disturbances may take months or even years and much patience on the part of the physician and the patient. By gradually leaving out these disturbing foods, and getting the patient free from symptoms, the foods known to be the cause are gradually eaten again in very small amounts so that the patient develops a tolerance (ability to eat them without disturbance) for them.

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AN ABUSED AMUSEMENT IS A HARD MASTER



The cheerful little meal and then more cards until six o'clock when Olive went home for an hour's sleep; an abstracted dinner, and a change of costume for the evening game.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

THE anxious face of a handsome young woman looked out from the morning papers a few weeks ago; her photograph was taken in a jail, she had just been sentenced for passing bad checks.

She is the daughter of a distinguished professional man; she had an interesting childhood of travel and unusual contacts; she made a good marriage. It was only when they had been married for several months that her young doctor husband made his first mild protest against her passion for cards.

All this woman wants to do in this life is play cards. Contract bridge is her one interest; she is happy only when she can play it day and night. Her home—the beautiful little country home with a garden that was her father's wedding gift to her—meant nothing to her. Her husband meant nothing; she would not have children. Disorder, dirt, debt, these were the only conditions the husband knew in the three years they were together. Olive never did anything but play bridge.

She slept late every morning; the maid carried in her coffee at ten; at eleven she was dressed and ready for the day. She went then to the house of some friend, and they and two others of their sort played a rubber before lunch. Then the cheerful little meal—the sort of meal that women love—and then more cards until six o'clock, when Olive went home dreamily for an hour's sleep; an abstracted dinner, and a change of costume for the evening game.

The only tragedy she ever knew was when she could not get up a good game. Some sort of game always was possible; sometimes she even coaxed her husband into playing.

After two years of this they rented the house and went to a boarding-house, and Olive went on playing bridge. She took lessons in bridge; she read articles about bridge. When her husband asked for a divorce his plea was that his wife had no other interest in life but the game. He got his divorce, and Olive got \$150 a month.

She lived in a small room, she skimped meals, she went on playing bridge. But save as she would, and gamble as she would, she couldn't make ends meet, so she got a job. The job was in a cafeteria, as cashier, and a few weeks ago Olive cashed a check for an old patron, took a tracing of the signature, and presently forged it on a check for \$160. Now she will spend two years in jail. Her mother died of grief; she was in the court when the sentence was pronounced; went home crushed and heart-broken, and never left her bed again.

It seems incredible that a mere game, an amusement intended to fill an idle hour now and then, could so take possession of a handsome, well-born and well-educated woman; but this is a true story, and not the only one of its kind. There is a certain fever bred of card playing, or of gambling of any sort, that takes possession of apparently sensible folk sometimes, and carries them far away from their moorings, blinds them to all other considerations. No drug ever has its victims in a crueler grip than cards. And women, who have more leisure, and who do everything with swifter force than men, are often natural gamblers. Middle-aged, idle, perhaps bored with the dull routine of respectable middle-class existence, they find a tremendous excitement in card playing, and the more they have of it the more they want it.

For example, Europe has legally banished the roulette wheel. "On the races," they say in France, "a man loses his own money. On the wheel he loses his firm's money."

So roulette, discredited and disgraced, was banished to the south, and set up formally in the tiny principality of Monaco. The Prince permitted it there.

But I don't like Monte Carlo. The air there is positively sickening to me; it is poisoned with human misery.

The residents there are not permitted to gamble. Oh, no, the authorities see to that. Once past the careful inspection and identification at the door you find a dream of amusement and interest inside; a musical entertainment vaudeville, refreshments, deep restful chairs, deep carpets, soft lights.

"Oh, why can't life always be like this, Tom!" I heard one young woman say excitedly, as she and a man came in. "I could sit here forever, listening to the music and watching the types, and drinking cool things!"

Beyond this introductory stage of luxury and beauty are the great saloons where the tables are. Just the familiar green cloth with the number painted on it, and the spinning bowl of the wheel in which the little ivory ball sings and sings and clicks itself silent.

Groups of motionless persons packed about the tables; the heads go forward; discs click against the croupiers' rakes. How quickly, how impersonally they draw it toward them, the precious money that means meals and shoes and freedom for the anxious-faced men and women who watch. A little, very little, is pushed back. The croupiers never comment; they never say, "Ah, too bad!" or "Better luck." They know that the losers will vanish into the darkness and despair of the world's lowest slums and dregs; they know that the winners will come back and back until they lose. The proprietors of a roulette wheel can't lose, no matter what they do. They are gambling on the weakness of human nature, and human nature doesn't change.

All over the world schools, clinics, lectures, teachers, mothers, clubs and associations are trying to build up morality—trying to better the average of human goodness by only the hundredth part of a hundredth part here and there. The gambling tables are on the other side; they are creating misery and moral breakdown, year after year.

"Why, but you're warned," they argue reasonably. "You know what thinking people have decided about gambling. You know it's illegal in well governed communities. You don't have to play."

My little woman who had thought she could live in a Casino was waiting in a chair by the door when I came by three hours later. She was a sick-looking girl then; white-faced and tense. Tom was "arranging something with the cashier." I asked her if she had won.

"At first we did," she said, in that voice one comes to know in Monte Carlo. Tom came to talk to her; they conferred. "Yes, Papa will, Papa'll send it," I heard her say, quickly and nervously. "We can cable him."

Their evening's amusement had cost them seventy-two hundred dollars. Yet they had started in modestly enough with a stake of one hundred francs, about five dollars then, apiece.

No wonder the Casino can supply refreshments, music, chairs. Couldn't any merchant in the world insure you that, if you were like to hand him a profit of seven thousand dollars for four hours of it?

Because I used to know her mother when Olive, whose story starts this article, was a dear little dark-eyed girl, I went to see Olive in jail the other day. She was playing solitaire bridge; she said there wasn't a woman in the place who could play a decent game of bridge. She spoke of Monte Carlo; said that she wished she could go there; she was confident that she could pick up any amount in no time.

There's no cure for her. But there might be a hint in her story for certain other young wives.

Bob Davis Reveals

Greatest Adventurer Is Unaware of Right to Title.

NEVER in history has there been a lack of courageous men; at least, never a shortage of intrepid souls who were willing to break a lance with fate. Theirs are the sagas that survive the ages, to be told wherever men congregate to swap tales of danger and daring.

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Robert Ritchie, a visiting international journalist, called upon to contribute a yarn, had this to say: "Adventure is not necessarily based upon thrilling eventualities. What is adventure to one man may be deadly monotony to another. It resolves itself into a point of view. The greatest adventurer I ever knew was quite unaware of his right to claim such title, and yet, when one takes into consideration the details of his magnificent intrepidity, nothing, in my opinion, compares. His name was Hermann Bland; dead or alive today who knows. I met him on a steamer out of Liverpool, en route to India via the Mediterranean, through the Suez and down the Red sea. Small, wizened and retiring was this man, difficult of approach and, despite my persistent efforts at ice breaking, hard to crack. Not until the second week out did he evince the slightest inclination to fraternize. I had gone out of my way to break through the crust of his retreat. His surrender was complete. This was his story: Born in Hamburg of an English mother and German father, he came to England with his parents, shopkeepers, provisioners, I believe, and got a fairly good education, excelling in draftsmanship, which led to map making.

Fate Tricks Hermann Bland. "At twenty-eight, Bland, orphaned, but reasonably prosperous, married a Welsh girl, who died without issue after twelve years of married life, leaving her husband a parcel of real estate in Cardiff. Twenty years of uneventful life for the map maker followed. Bland, now sixty, with a snug deposit in a savings bank, to which he added 5,800 pounds, by the sale of the Cardiff property, making 11,000 pounds for a grand total, resigned from the map making establishment and made preparations to see some of the world that he had been charting on paper for thirty-two years. Where to go? Why not leave it to chance? That would be an idea worth trying. Fate should decide for him, and in the dark. So, Hermann repaired to his sitting room, switched off the light and groped his way to the center table, upon which lay an atlas. Opening the book at random, he stuck a pin haphazard into the page under his hand. Light! Which way now? The gleaming pin stood upright in the vitals of a small lumber town in northern Michigan. Well, if that was destiny's plan, Hermann Bland would let it ride.

"Within a fortnight, lugging two Gladstone bags and a Burberry duster, Hermann landed in the lumber town, took a room in a depot hotel, and for a period of one month, with never a complaint upon his lips, stayed on at this capital of vast inconvenience, sweltering heat and boredom.

"Three years elapsed before this tourist-minded man took another shot with a pin at the atlas. This time, again in the Stygian dark, he perforated the town of Irkutsk, Siberia, into which, with a trunk and a heavy ulster, he plunged by the shortest possible route. One week was enough.

Patience Rewards Traveler. "And now, gentlemen of the Adventurers' club," said Ritchie, glancing at Hoffman and steadying his voice, "I have brought you to Hermann Bland's third trip out of London in search of the great adventure, which he alone possessed the vision to perceive. 'My friend,' said he to me as we emerged from the Red sea, 'I have given you the truth concerning my travels to Michigan, and my trip to Siberia, the memory of which kept me in England for five years before I decided to resume my travels. This time, still in the darkness, I used a map of the world, turning my face toward the east. Long did I delay, fearing lest destiny desert me for the third time. Finally, with high hopes that the hour had come for me to plant the point, I did so with a firm hand, and then, confidence restored, with faith at high pitch, I turned on the light. Behold! here in India, my pin, on a blue field stood like a sentinel in the very heart of the Vale of Kashmir."

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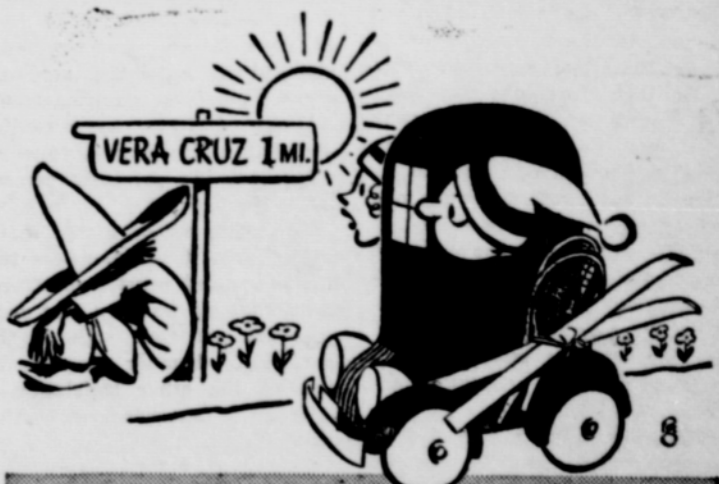
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## \* \* \* \* \* LISTEN FOLKS \* \* \* \* \*

By Jim Ferguson

(Editor's Note: This article is published as a news item, and represents the personal views of Mr. Ferguson only.)

In horse race parlance the 45 Legislature is off. In due and ancient form it duly convened on Tuesday and soon got down to business.

My good friend Gregg Hill, one of the old timers of Austin, told me that he had attended the organization of every legislature for the last forty years. If all good citizens would take this much interest in legislative procedure probably we would not have so many foil laws in the books that ought never have been passed. But of greater importance, if all good citizens would attend the organization of the legislature for the next 40 years we could be relieved of a lot more bad laws which simlin headed legislators may again foist on the people.

The House elected Robert Calvert Speaker by acclamation. Calvert is not a showy statesman, but he is fearless. He did not receive one clap of applause while he was making his speech of acceptance, yet he held his audience almost spell bound by his earnest expression. At 31 he is perhaps the youngest speaker in late years, and his career is a fine example for the young men to study. Reared in an orphan home he has by dint of continuous labor and study raised himself to a position of eminence and distinction. It should be a source of swelling pride that we live in a country where such achievement is possible and permitted.

This legislature has no female members, but it can boast of almost any kind of male you may call for. You will see them dressed in all kinds of clothes and styles and ranging from 22 to 70 years of age and from 108 to 258 pounds in weight. Maybe the size of their hats will increase after they have served in the legislature for a while. I asked one of the old time members if he did not think the many young men in the legislature was a promising looking crowd, and he said: "Hell, yes, they promised everything to get elected." Be that as it may, I am for these young men—they alone must save the country. We old roosters haven't got time to finish the job. If the government will just pay us our pension without so much red tape and objection, we can afford to step aside and mark the account squared.

While the legislature opened in harmony, there may be another story to tell right soon. One of my old friends asked me what is a deficit. I told him the best definition I could give was that it is debt you can't pay now. If the legislature will just remember that the state is now 16 million dollars in debt and can't pay, maybe they will be impressed with the necessity of learning something about governmental economy as their first lesson in statecraft. If we don't go to saving, we will be like the old darky when asked, 'What he would do if somebody gave him a million dollars.' And he replied that he would pay it on his debts as "far" as it would go. Any state or nation that gets to where it can not pay its debts must fall. History records no exception to the rule.

Just a word personal. My column each week is already being published in 22 papers, and the number is growing every day. I am of course gratified because I always appreciate an opportunity

to tell my friends that I still love them and want to let them know what I am doing I will appreciate if my friends will subscribe to their home paper and ask them to print the "Listen Folks" column each week.

I am going to write next week about the inauguration of Gov. Allred and what he says in his message to the legislature. I will also tell the people what new laws and bills are being offered in the legislature, to say the least, will be eventful, and I hope it will be helpful. Listen folks, let me tell you about it.

## \* \* \* \* \* NOBODY'S BUSINESS \* \* \* \* \*

Austin.—Swinging slowly into motion, the 45th legislature during its first week took no hasty action upon the score of highly controversial subjects tossed into its arena by Gov. James V. Allred's message, but manifested a disposition to acclimate itself to the Austin atmosphere, and delay serious business until after the inaugural festivities this week. Reaction to the governor's message was varied. Most members believed the governor showed commendable courage and frankness in outlining the state's need of more than \$12,000,000 a year of additional tax revenue. Some were critical, because Allred had consistently assured the state that there would be no need for new taxes, and only nominal taxes. The governor, quoting Ferguson, "kissed off" these campaign promises by declaring the state's financial situation was more grave than he had previously known, and declaring he would "rather be right than consistent."

### MESSAGE CONFIDENT

He indicated great confidence that this legislature would be more harmonious and more cooperative than the previous one, when he put the solons on notice he would veto any attempt to liberalize the old age pension act; veto any appropriation measures which did not carry with them revenue-raising provisions to meet the expenditure; and veto any public utility regulation act that carried a provision requiring municipalities desiring to establish municipal utility plants, to offer to buy existing privately owned plants first.

His critics, recalling that many of the 73 new house members ran on a liberalized pension platform, expect that his warning that such legislation was "out" right at the start, might hamper progress of some of the other legislation—particularly tax measures—which Allred favors.

### LOBBY IS ACTIVE

The tax recommendations in the message threw the lobbyists into a furor, strongly in contrast to the last special session, when representatives of various special interests accepted the omnibus tax bill without resistance, in the hope that would ward off further revenue demands at this session. The message put them on notice, however, that Allred seeks much more tax revenue, and they immediately began forming their battle lines to keep the taxes down. Many observers here believed the governor has taken a leaf from the book of Roosevelt, the master, and is asking many times more than he hopes or expects to get, on the theory that if he gets a fraction of his "asking" he will achieve more.

### NO TEST YET

The first week brought no test of sentiment in either house, and it is much too early to make any

predictions about final legislative action. Harry Garves, of Georgetown, an administration friend, threw into the hopper a resolution to investigate expenditures for "public relations" by the Texas Gulf Sulphur Co., and Roy Miller, its vice president in charge of public relations, and politician extraordinary. The resolution is said to have the support of many university friends, who resented the abortive "red probe" of the last session, said to have been inspired by resentment of attacks by certain political-minded students on Miller's Democratic political activities. Simultaneously, Allred urged higher tax on sulphur, indicating no truce in his long feud with the sulphur company. And there were many who believed Graves' resolution and Allred's recommendation were purposely timed together.

### OIL PEOPLE WORRIED

Allred's call for more taxes on crude oil caused considerable worry to both independent and major oil spokesmen. They had hoped the increase imposed by the special session to pay pensions would satisfy the governor, but it evidently didn't. They are concerned with re-enactment of the present proration laws, and independent producers are considerably upset because of delay in posting by crude buyers of the expected increase in price. Oil production has become so widely spread in Texas that over half the legislators have some in their districts. Carl Estes, the dynamic East Texas publisher, is here to observe, and aid in re-enacting the proration laws and keeping down petroleum taxes, as a representative of East Texas independents.

### WHAT ALLRED WANTS

Program of the governor for the session includes enabling acts for the constitutional amendments adopted in November; repeal of the racetrack gambling law; regulation of public utilities; promotion of highway safety; tightening of the laws regulating sale of liquor; a humane parole system, including measures for probation of first-offender youths; legislation to aid tenant farmers to acquire land; and laws to qualify Texas to share in the other phases of the federal social security program, including child welfare, aid for the blind, and for mothers. In addition he will seek a reasonable addition to the general revenue fund to recoup the existing deficit, and to provide fire building to house departments now renting quarters. Funds for a much-needed State of

### NO NEW PROGRAM

The program represents little that is new, but for the first time it will be submitted comprehensively, and with the strong leadership of an incumbent administration which apparently has a working majority in both houses. It is too much to hope that it will be enacted in its entirety, but many observers here believe much of the program will go through.

Chief threats were the unknown strength of the "pensions-for-all" bloc, which, in the house includes an undetermined number of the 73 new members who won their seats on this platform. In the senate, the diehard sales tax group led by Senators Holbrook and Small, might combine with the "liberal" pension advocates, in house and senate, and block progress. The administration is firmly committed to the present "deliberated" pension system, which will keep pensioners down to a 90,000 or 100,000 total, and the cost within present financing arrangements—not to mention protecting the federal matching.

In the senate, there is a potent group, led by John Reddit, which would resist all new expenditures. The first few weeks of the session should demonstrate the alignment, and indicate whether the Allred program really has a chance of enactment—as most observers here think it has.

### SMART APPOINTMENT

Comment here in the wake of Allred's appointment of Judge Robert Lee Bobbitt, of San Antonio, as successor to D. K. Martin, as highway commissioner—and the designation of Bobbitt as chairman for the next two years—was unanimously to the effect that the governor had outwitted his political opponents shrewdly. Bobbitt, who resigned as Justice of the San Antonio court of civil appeals, and is a former attorney general, is of such outstanding character and reputation, that he will be confirmed by the senate without debate. If re-organization of the highway department by the majority, Bobbitt and Harry Hines—both Allred appointees—becomes

necessary, there will be much less political repercussion than there might have been had the new chairman been a less outstanding citizen.

### NAMES AND NEWS

Election of Bob Calvert, Hillsboro lawyer, as speaker by unanimous vote, was a real triumph for the American fable of success. Calvert worked his way through Texas U. law school, running an elevator in the capitol, and working as a nightwatchman. Five freshmen solons, all under 28 years old, have prepared an "omnibus natural resource tax bill" with an increase of eight cents per barrel on oil, \$2 a ton on sulphur and 1-2 cent per 1000 on natural gas, and other rates in proportion. Signers are Prescott of Santa Anna; Jones of Lufkin; Beckworth of Gilmer; Holland of Belton and Harris of Archer City. It will cost the state \$2,225,000 a year for its share of teachers' pensions under the enabling act offered by Van Zandt and others. The teachers' bill is backed by a powerful lobby, which also is supporting a minimum \$20 per capita apportionment from state school funds. Bob Callan, of the Kaufman Herald, and Nolle Sewell, of the Midlothian Argus, are two freshmen members recruited by the voters this year from the country newspaper fraternity. As usual with newspapermen, both are doing lots of listening and very little talking. Judge Ben Cathey of Quitman, a former member who is back, brought on the first test on the liberalization of pensions, when he offered a resolution to permit county commissioners courts to help investigate, applicants, and fought vigorously, but unsuccessfully, to keep his resolution from going to committee. "Red" Harris, of Dallas, bravely offered a bill to legalize dog racing, right in the face of the governor's plea for repeal of the horse race-betting law. Harris is reported to have notified horse racing supporters that he will fight horse racing if they jump on his dog-race bill, which they probably will. Herman Jones, of Decatur, came right back with his corposition franchise tax measure, backed this time by Gov. Allred, who made a strong plea for such legislation in his message, citing specific examples of how little tax some large-profit-earning concerns pay to the state for the right to do business here.

Jack Chevigny, coach of Texas university football teams for the last six seasons, was named attorney for the State tax commission this week. He won the admiration of Gov. Allred as a coach, and when blood-thirsty alumni demanded his scalp, Allred promptly gave him a job. He succeeded Albert K. Daniel, former legislature of Crockett, who moved up to succeed his boss, Marvin Hall of Brownsville, as tax commissioner, when Hall was named fire insurance commissioner. Col. E. O. Thompson returned from Washington where he spent a busy week sitting with the Interstate Commerce commission to hear the application of railroads for continued emergency freight rate increases, and conferring with President Roosevelt and the Texas delegation on renewal of the interstate oil compact, and extension of the Conally "hot oil" law, both of which the colonel favors.

### 1,000 Yet To Be Investigated For Pensions In Area

Applications of approximately 1,000 persons in district 13 for old age pensions have not been investigated, J. Owen Shelton, district administrator of Abilene said Tuesday. Work also ahead of the old age assistance commission includes re-investigation of approximately 3,000 applications of persons already on the pension roll. This re-working was made necessary by the deliberalization of the pension law. Some recipients of the pension in district 13 have received notice since January 1 that pensions have definitely been denied, said Shelton. "They are only being rechecked." Eleven investigators are now working in this district.

Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Rumph and Presley Reynolds spent Tuesday in Fort Worth. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Slatten and children, James Hoyt and Linda, daughter and grand children of Dr. and Mrs. Rumph.

## \* \* \* \* \* County Agent's Column \* \* \* \* \*

### Denton And Eula 4-H Organization Meetings

Some thirty boys of the Denton community met with the county agent Tuesday and organized the first 4-H Club ever to be at Denton. They elected for their first president Milton Crawford; vice-pres., Jack Morgan; sec-treas., William Phillips and Edward Dryman, reporter.

Some twenty or more of the boys are planning to choose projects and do full club work for the year of 1937.

Superintendent Baily Johnson said ways would be arranged so that the club boys could attend the Club Rally and picture show to be held at Baird Monday afternoon starting at 1:30 o'clock.

### Eula Club

Under the sponsorship of Professor Clifton Thomas the Eula Club reorganized for the second year of 4-H work. The boys chose as their president, Leonard Farmer vice-pres., Jack Gann; sec-treas., Wendell Farmer, and reporter, Melton Tarrant.

Both clubs are taking a wide variety of projects which includes cotton, corn, maize, hegari, the feeding of poultry, sheep, pigs, beef calves and dairy calves. The Eula club is planning also to come to the Club Show Monday, Jan. 25.

### Oplin Meeting

Fifty boys heard the county agent explain club work there for the first time and many have already returned the cards which means that Oplin will have its first 4-H club this year. The of ficers had not been selected as this goes to press but they will be ready for next week's report.

### Bank Offers Valuable 4-H Prizes

The First National Bank of Baird is offering a list of valuable prizes to 4-H Club boys this year. The boy who builds the best trench silo and returns records and pictures of his achievement will receive a paid trip to the Dallas Pan-American Exposition this summer, and in addition, will be given \$5.00 for spending money. To the boy who keeps the most complete and accurate record of his demonstration this year will be given a prize of \$7.50. Likewise the boy who writes the best news story anytime during this club year will receive a prize of \$2.50.

### Mayfield's Dry Goods Prize

Mr. Dick Mayfield, owner of the Mayfield's Dry Goods Co., announced that he would give the choice of any pair of shoes in his house to the boy who made the best record on a beef calf feeding project for the 1937 season.

### Whole Farm Demonstrations

Probably the most revolutionary undertaking among Extension Agents will be the cooperation this year of some 16 farmers and their families in putting over a "whole farm demonstration." Heretofore the women have had various demonstrations such as pantry, gardens, wardrobes, and various food and die projects and the men have carried on such demonstrations as terracing, poultry improvement, trench silo building, contouring, farm record keeping, and farm water supply improvement but these demonstrations were more or less scattered and probably but one or two would be carried on at the same time on one farm.

This year a number of farmers have signified their intention of cooperating with Home Demonstration Agent, Vida Moore and County Agent Ross B. Jenkins in putting over a "Whole Farm Demonstration." Among the things that will be found on these demonstration farms are: some 16 will build trench silos, terrace or contour their land, keep farm records, landscape their yards and grounds, plant an adequate garden, make improvements on the interior of their houses, refinish and repair furniture, preserve their meats by the new refined oil process, and provide adequate pantry space. Some will add to their clothes closets, improve the quality of their poultry, rearrange their farm buildings, build feed troughs and water troughs, put running water in the home, install farm lights and radio and put in a bathroom. The demonstration farm that were definitely pledged are B. F. McCaw, Steve Tarrant, Evan Bar-

ton, Wallace Johnson, Rufus Whitehorn, Fred Stacy, Steve Foster and W. E. McCollum.

Some five other communities will be contacted by press time next week. The county agents plan that these whole farm demonstrations shall be more or less models of Extension work as planned for every farm in the county. Since there are some 1623 farms in the county it is not possible that in one year every farmer could be made a whole farm demonstrator but by choosing one farmer in each community and helping him to make the demonstrations as stated above the neighbors of these farmers may see how the work is done and from time to time visits will be made and the neighbors will be invited to inspect the work that is being carried on on these demonstration farms.

If the work proves to be as successful as it seems it should for this year then the agents plan that another year will find a different group of farmers who will receive this same kind of instruction and so on until every farmer has had the opportunity of receiving personal supervision from the county agents who are studying every means to develop better farm practices, promote better health, and more enjoyable living conditions on our farms.

## Callahan Co. Club Invites 2 Farmers To Bi-Monthly Meet

The Callahan County Club of Baird which meets on the first and third Thursday of each month held their second meeting of the month Thursday, January 21st. A menu consisting of chicken fried steaks, combination salad, roasted potatoes, and cherry pie with whipped cream was served with the customary cigars to top off the lunch.

Following the introduction of guests a delightful musical score was rendered by Billy Morrow on his Xylophone.

The Club is composed primarily of businessmen, ranchers, and has for its aim the promotion of worthwhile projects helpful to every citizen with whom it comes in contact. On February 4th, Mr. R. P. Stephenson of Eula and Mr. H. W. Plowman of the Bayou community will be guests of the Club and each will give a report of the farming progress in his community.

The Club voted to invite two citizens not yet members of the Club to be present at each meeting and incidentally voted to enlist the membership of every man within a convenient radius of the Club to become a member.

Miss Eliza Gilliland, editor of The Baird Star, was voted a complimentary membership to the club and was asked to be present or send a representative of her staff to each meeting.

Interesting talks were given by Judge B. L. Russell, Sr., Judge L. B. Lewis, Banker Bob Norrell, Insurance Representative Jack Ashlock, Hardware man B. L. Russell, Jr., County Agent Ross B. Jenkins, Ford Dealer Earl Johnson and Chevrolet Dealer Harold Ray.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members and to the businessmen especially in Baird who need the cooperation of this fine club.

The Club will give a ladies night banquet the night of Thursday, February 11th, to honor wives and sweethearts of the Club members.

B. O. Brame was appointed on committee on the President's Birthday Ball.

## Junior Wednesday Club Met Jan. 20th.

The Junior Wednesday Club met January 20th. with Miss Doris Foy. An interesting book review of "The Raven" was given by Mrs. Clark Edwards. The following club officers were elected: Burma Warren, pres.; Miss Green, first vice-pres.; Mrs. Edwards, second vice-president; Mrs. Fabian Bell, recording sec.; Mrs. Roy Cutbirth, corresponding sec.; Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr., treas.; Mrs. P. H. King, reporter; Mrs. Claude Leon, critic; Miss Erma Dell Mitchell, librarian; Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, club counselor.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Scoggins are attending a church-wide meeting in Dallas this week. They will return the last of the week and Brother Scoggins will preach at both hours Sunday.

## U. C. C. Representative To Be In Abilene Next Few Weeks

L. Thurmond Krueger, special representative of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission, will be stationed in Abilene to assist employers of the surrounding district during the next few weeks, Chairman-Director R. B. Anderson announced today.

Krueger's headquarters will be in the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and all employers of that district are urged to go to Krueger for help on problems arising under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, Anderson stated.

The district for which Abilene will be headquarters consists of the following counties: Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stone-wall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Dawson, Gaines, Borden, Scurry, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland, Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Martin, Andrews, Midland, Glascock, Sterling, Coke, Rundell, Coleman, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Concho and McCulloch.

First contributions under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act will be due January 25, and Krueger will be prepared to assist employers in filling out their contribution report forms and in determining their status under the law.

Krueger, a resident of Houston is a former student in the University of Texas Law School. For the past year and a half he has been inspector for the Texas Liquor Control Board, from which position he resigned to join the staff of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission.

## Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club met Jan. 20th. with Mrs. Coats. Nineteen members answered roll call with current events. The following program was presented:

Sketch of Stephen Crane's Life and Works—Mrs. Nunnally.

Chief Marks of the New Realism as found in "The Red Badge of Courage"—Miss Boatwright.

Readings: (1) Alan Seeger's "I have a Rendezvous with Death" (2) Favorite passages from "The Red Badge of Courage"—Mrs. Russell.

## Helpy-Selfy Laundry Opening Here Mon.

J. T. Loper, formerly of Clyde, who has been a salesman with the Maytag Electric Washing Machine Co. for the past eight years, is putting in a Helpy-Selfy Laundry in the Baird Creamery building. The Laundry will be equipped with Maytag Washers, Webb water softener and all conveniences. Mr. Loper and family Mrs. Loper and seven children, occupy the residence just north of the laundry. They have six children who have entered the Baird public schools.

## \* \* \* \* \* Tecumseh News \* \* \* \* \*

There's not much news in our community since the holidays as the flu has been keeping most of us close around home. So far I haven't had any reports of serious sickness. John Stone has been confined to the house and bed for some two weeks but was improved at our last report. We hope for him a speedy recovery. Mr. Lawrence Crawford and family from Dudley moved in our community last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ott Neal moved to Abilene last week. Mr. and Mrs. Rainbolt and family moved on the Neal place. We welcome all these new people in our community. Mr. Jim Price, son, Emmett and daughter, Minnie from Putnam visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Tunnell Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Keel, J. P. Tunnell and Sarah Magill were visitors in Baird Saturday. The young people and some older ones enjoyed a music party in the home of Mrs. Alice Tunnell Friday night. Mrs. Dolph Hodges attended a cooking school Friday and Saturday in Abilene. —Enuff

FOR SALE—Four head of work horses and single row cultivators. J. W. Hardy, Clyde, Rt. 2.

**Pythian Sisters Present Play**

Some reasons why you must see "Coast to Coast" without fail: Jean Bosworth, beautiful owner of the Bosworth Music Store and who will surely lose the store if she can't raise \$1,000 for Titus Pennyback, rich old tightwad, whose only interest in life, aside from pinching pennies, is nephew,

Percival Snell, sissy and general pain in the neck, who writes a very beautiful and sweet love letter to 15 year old

Lizzie Lullerlittle, country lass ready for her first shoes and although she looks like something escaped from the circus, has been described to Percy as the most beautiful girl in the world by

Fete Perkins, bosom friend of Don Palmer, whose ambition to become a singer and his love for Jean Bosworth lead him to bark like a dog for exercise in order to learn how to breath and to try to win the \$1000 prize offered in the Amateur Contest, sponsored by the Blowhard Instrument Company and its promoters

Jack Skinner and Louie Dicker who wouldn't do anything crooked but have a bad moment after the \$1,000 is awarded and

Colonel Rowes blusters about a "fixed" contest and

Madam Hycenia, the local singing "teachah" needs her smelling salts and

Trixie Trimble quits eating crackers long enough to get Pete to say "yes" and, of course,

Sampson, colored porter, with "dog troubles".

These are 12 good reasons—but there are many more reasons these being beautiful chorus girls who dance and sing themselves into your heart with new and swingy tunes such as 'Imagination,' 'Thousand Dollars For You,' 'Hezekiah and Me,' and several others.

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**Farmers' Day Monday, January 25th.**

All farmers and 4-H Club members are invited to see the show that is being sponsored cooperatively by the Plaza Theater with the county agent which will show "Sciences Marches On" as a courtesy of Texas A. & M. College and a full time show as a courtesy of the management of the Plaza Theater which will contain a comedy, a science strip and feature length comedy that is being shown in all first class theaters now.

Farmers, their wives, and 4-H girls are requested to see the first show beginning at 9:30 in the morning. 4-H boys and 4-H girls will be given preference at the afternoon show beginning at 1:30. Orchard Meet Saturday Jan. 23rd.

All farmers who are interested in buying fruit trees are requested to meet with the county agent at 2:00 Saturday, January 23rd, to discuss varieties and to pool orders for cheaper prices.

**P.-T.A. Program For Jan. 28th Announced**

Program for Parent-Teachers meeting Jan. 28th. is as follows: Group singing, Doxology—Miss Pearce.

Invocation—Rev. Scoggins. What Music Can Give to Children in the Home—Mrs. V. E. Hill. Vocal trio—Misses Mabel, Mary and Virginia Lindley.

What Is Public School Music?—Miss Pearce. Demonstration of Public School Music—pupils of Miss Pearce.

Business Adjournment All members are requested to be present at this meeting.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our friends in Baird for your kindness, many expressions of sympathy in the death of our father, son, and brother, Lonzo Weldon. We especially wish to thank the ladies of the Woodmen Circle and the ladies of the Methodist church for your kindness.

Mrs. Nancy Weldon and family

**Personal**

Dr. Weldon Varner of Abilene was in Baird Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas J. Owens was in from the ranch yesterday.

Mrs. Nolan Duncan of Cross Plains was in Baird the past week end.

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Dr. R. L. Griggs, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr. went down to Ft. Worth Sunday and brought R. L. Griggs, Jr. home. R. L. has been a patient in St. Joseph's hospital for the past two weeks, having undergone a hip joint operation. He is doing well and hopes to be out again soon.

Mrs. Griggs was with her son while in the hospital and returned home with him.

Mrs. V. B. Eoff of Blanket, Texas, a niece of Mrs. Sphia Hill, visited her over the weekend. She will be remembered as Miss Blanch Griffin, daughter of Prof. Griffin a former teacher of Callahan. A. P. Martin of Tulia has also been visiting his sister, Mrs. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hensley and family were pleasantly surprised the past week end to have as visitors Mr. and Mrs. Dees Messers Con and Dilworth, all of Corinth, Miss., the old home town of Mr. and Mrs. Hensley. Mrs. Dees is a niece of Mr. Hensley and is a bride of only a few weeks. The groom and were enroute to Soloes City, N. M. where they will make their home in the future. The young men companions were prospecting in the west.

Mesdames Tex Herring, Fred Short and E. F. Erittan of Putnam were Baird visitors the past week. Mrs. Herring called at The Star office to renew her subscription. Mrs. Herring is a daughter of the late Luke Cathey and wife pioneer ranch people of the Putnam community and were among the first subscribers to The Star when it was established near 50 years ago, many years before Mrs. Herring was born but since the death of her parents she has continued taking the paper.

Mrs. J. R. Williamson of Cross Plains was in Baird n business Monday. Mrs. Williamson is the former Alice Floyd, former resident of Baird. Mrs. Williamson is spending several weeks with her mother and sister, Mrs. Thos. H. Floyd and Miss Willie Floyd of Abilene. Mrs. Floyd was among the early residents of Belle Plain where the family lived for many years, later moving to Baird where they lived for some years before moving to Abilene where Miss Willie Floyd is a teacher in the Abilene public schools which position she has held for several year. Mrs. Floyd is nearing her 91st. year and enjoys fairly good health. Her husband, the late Thos. H. Floyd, served Callahan county as surveyor for many years.

Helpy-Selfy Laundry will open in the old Baird Creamery building across street east of court house Monday. Plant equipped with Maytag machinery and water softener. All persons registering next week will receive one free wash each.

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**WITH BAIRD BAPTISTS**

Last Sunday was a good one with us. A splendid crowd and fine spirit. We observed the Lord's Supper and is usually the case, it was a high hour.

Next Sunday we will hope to have another good attendance and I will promise to do my best with the sermon. It is mighty helpful to have a good audience to preach to, so come on friends, be in the Sunday School, stay for the preaching service, be back to the B.T.U. at 6:15 and stay for the evening sermon.

I will preach at Dudley Sunday afternoon if the Lord is willing. I hope to have a large crowd out at that service.

The W. M. S. had a very splendid meeting last Monday afternoon. It was a missionary program and was most interesting. 15 were present and I am sure each one had a good time.

Our workers meeting at Cottonwood Tuesday was quite splendid. 9 of our 16 churches were represented. The program was of a high order and the Cottonwood people did credit to themselves in the entertainment. It seems that our work is getting along fine. We are making some progress along several lines and the prospects for greater growth is good.

We are to go to Scranton next time and down there we all will have a glorious time. Let's pray for the Lord's blessings to be on us and that we may have good

**EULA H. D. CLUB**

The Eula H. D. Club met Jan. 12 in the home of Mrs. J. O. Hallmark. There were six members present. Miss Moore met with us and we discussed and planned a beautification program for the school grounds in the near future, we hope.

The Club is young but going nicely and hope we can work out some of our plans for this year.

**WILLING WORKERS**

The Home Demonstration Club will meet Feb. 1 in the home of Mrs. B. M. Allen at 2:00 p. m.

The purpose of this meeting will be the discussion of flowers and planning a yard.

The recent meeting of the Willing Workers met with Mrs. Smith at 2:00 p. m. Jan. 18, Miss Moore being present.

Miss Moore gave a very interesting talk on the New Year's work. First was explanation on year book and second was the importance of keeping a family account record.

Ten members were present, one new member, Miss Catheline Allen and three visitors, Mrs. Alice Tunnell, Mrs. Jim Chattman and Mrs. Swan.

Mrs. Jim Tunnell was appointed leader for the next meeting. Refreshments of cake and hot chocolate was served.

**JOE R. MAYES**

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**Griggs Hospital News**

The 10 months old baby of John Ables of Admiral was able to be carried home after a serious attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Ernest Windham was a tonsilectomy patient Saturday.

Doc Franklin of Iona was a patient for treatment received in a car wreck Sunday night. He was injured about the back but X-ray showed no fractures.

C. T. Horton, living southwest of Clyde, was a patient for X-ray and adjustment of a broken leg.

Mrs. H. C. Samples was able to leave the hospital Friday following an illness with pneumonia.

Don Phillips, 10 year old son of Floyd Phillips of McCamey, was able to leave the hospital Saturday following an attack of pneumonia.

W. C. Tollett's baby girl, Shirley Ann, was able to be moved home Tuesday following a serious illness.

Mrs. Ernest Franke was moved to her home Monday following an illness with lobar pneumonia.

Mrs. Frank Johnson, surgical patient, is improving nicely.

The 10 months old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Berry is seriously ill with double pneumonia. Mrs. W. B. Griggs, who has been a patient for some weeks is able to set up some.

**Mrs. J. H. Burkett Has 90th Birthday**

Mrs. J. H. Burkett of Clyde Saturday celebrated her ninetieth birthday at her home on the western outskirts of Clyde.

Two of her seven children spent the day with her. They were Mrs. G. H. Joiner of Hamlin and Mrs. Iru Jackson of Clyde. The Burkett home was all day with friends who came to congratulate Mrs. Burkett.

She is the wife of J. H. Burkett, originator of the Burket paper shell pecan and one of Texas' best known horticulturalists. Mrs. Burkett was born in Smith county and has lived in Clyde for 29 years.

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APARTMENT—Three room apartment for rent. Adults only. Everything furnished. C. L. Dickey.

**BAIRD HATCHERY OPENS**

Baird Chick Hatchery will be open for business Saturday Jan. 30. Custom hatching \$2.00 per tray. Trays hold about 116 eggs. Your patronage will be appreciated.

**MONUMENTS**

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**DON'T GIVE A COLD AN EVEN BREAK!**



Reports from health authorities warn against the danger of the common cold. It is an illness that should be regarded with utmost seriousness. With the warning comes the startling information that fifty per cent of all disabling diseases start with a common cold. If you do catch cold consult your family doctor before it has an opportunity to undermine your health.

If your home is inadequately heated . . . if you "huddle" in one or two rooms . . . if some rooms are kept warm while others remain cold, your family cannot avoid sudden temperature changes as they go from room to room. Quick changes of temperature within the home make it easy for the cold germ to attack. Therefore, don't give a common cold an even break. Take the important precaution of providing adequate heat and proper ventilation of fresh air in every room of the home during the treacherous weeks ahead.

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# News Review of Current Events the World Over

## Truce Is Called in the General Motors Strike—President's Reorganization Program Criticized—Kidnaped Tacoma Boy Is Found Murdered.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD  
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THROUGH the efforts of Governor Murphy of Michigan a truce in the General Motors strike was arranged, and the prospects for peaceful settlement of the trouble were bright. The governor persuaded Executive Vice President William S. Knudsen of the corporation and President Homer Martin of the United Automobile Workers union to meet in his office in Lansing. The conference lasted more than 15 hours and at its conclusion the truce was announced.

The essence of the agreement was that the union would at once withdraw the sit-down strikers from the General Motors plants in Flint, Detroit and Anderson, Ind., and that the corporation would not remove from the plant any machinery or dies and would not attempt to resume production in those plants for at least 15 days from the date of commencement of negotiations. The joint conferences for a final settlement of the points at issue were to begin in Detroit January 18.

Mr. Knudsen said "Negotiations will be conducted frankly and every effort will be made to bring about a speedy settlement."

Mr. Martin asserted "The union will in good faith endeavor to arrive at a speedy settlement."

Governor Murphy announced that National Guardsmen now in Flint, following an outbreak of rioting at a General Motors plant there, would remain temporarily "but I can't consider this necessary."

The agreement on the armistice came as good news to thousands of idle automotive workers, and other thousands threatened with temporary loss of jobs. At least 115,000 men are now idle, and that many more faced the same situation.

SOME 400 representatives of the five railroad brotherhoods gathered in Chicago to discuss plans for obtaining increases of wages. A committee recommended that formal demands for higher pay be made, but said it had not yet decided on the procedure or the amount of increase to be asked.

J. A. Phillips, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, said that while the committee had agreed that a wage increase should be sought, there had been no consideration of hours of work, pensions or any other matter.

The other four unions represented at the meeting were the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers, Railroad Trainmen, Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and the Switchmen's Union of North America. The five groups, which represent the train service classifications of railway employees, are acting independently of the other 16 standard railroad brotherhoods.

PLANS for reorganizing the administrative branch of the government were laid before congress by President Roosevelt, and many Democrats as well as the few Republican members were quick to express their disapproval of parts of the scheme. It would greatly enhance the power of the executive, would abolish no federal agencies and would not result in any considerable economy of expenditures. Special committees of both houses were to begin drafting a bill to carry out the President's desires, but it was freely predicted that not all of them would go through.

Louis Brownlow, Prof. Luther Gulick and Prof. Charles Merriam constituted the committee that evolved the reorganization plan for the President. The major changes they recommended are:

Creation of two new departments headed by cabinet members—a department of social welfare and a department of public works—and delegation to the President of authority to "overhaul the 100 independent agencies, administrations, authorities, boards, and commissions and place them by executive order" in the ten existing and two proposed additional departments.

Expansion of the White House staff, chiefly by the creation of six "assistants to the President," who would relieve him of much of the routine executive work.

Abolition of the office of controller general with his power to disallow administrative expenditures in advance as violative of law, and creation instead of an auditor general with power limited to reporting annually to congress illegal and wasteful expenditures by the executive branch.

Extension of the merit system to "cover practically all non-policy determining posts," replacement of the civil service commission by a civil service administrator with a "citizen board to serve as the watch dog of the merit system," and increase of salaries to key positions to attract superior ability to a career service.

Development of the "managerial agencies of the government," particularly the budget bureau and agencies engaged in efficiency research, personnel questions, and long range planning of the use of land, water, and other natural resources.

Opposition to the first, third and fourth of these sections was pronounced and it seems certain that introduction of the bill will start a long and stubborn fight in congress.

TEN-year-old Charles Mattson, kidnaped from his home in Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 27 and held for ransom, was found beaten to death in snow covered woods near Everett. The body was nude and cruelly battered. State and city police and department of justice agents, who had been held back to give the lad's father a chance to pay the ransom and save his son, immediately began an intensive manhunt.

One suspect was arrested in San Francisco and others were being traced. A car in which it was believed the lad's body was carried was found.

President Roosevelt expressed the horror of the nation over this brutal crime and authorized a reward of \$10,000 for the capture of the kidnaper and murderer. Bernar McFadden added \$1,000 to this amount.

THE latest general European war scare has subsided. It was caused by France's announced determination to stop, by force if necessary, the alleged infiltration of German troops into Spanish Morocco, and Great Britain was ready to support the French with its fleet. But Hitler and his ambassador to France were able to convince the nations that the stories were false and that Germany has no intention of trying to grab any Spanish territory. Paris cooled down at once, and to add to the peace atmosphere, negotiations were started for a trade treaty between France and Germany.

Then, too, Col. Gen. Hermann Wilhelm Goering, respresent first minister of the German reich, went on an official visit to Rome and was informed by Mussolini that the recently signed Italo-British Mediterranean agreement does not change Italy's friendship for Germany or its collaboration with the reich on the major problems of Europe. Goering and Mussolini were supposed to get together on the future course of their governments concerning the Spanish civil war.

LOSING the radio beam in foggy weather, Pilot W. W. Lewis panicked his Western Air Express plane with a crash on a hill near Burbank, Calif., and two of his passengers were killed. Everyone else on the plane, eleven in number, was injured. The dead are Martin Johnson, famo explorer, and James A. Braden of Cleveland. Mrs. Osa Johnson, who accompanied her husband on his adventurous expeditions in Africa and Borneo, was among those most seriously hurt.

There will be searching inquiries into this and other recent air disasters. Senator Copeland of New York blames the Department of Commerce. Airline operators have long complained that certain radio beam stations in the Far West are inadequate. Officials of the bureau of air navigation deny this, asserting: "Radio beams sometimes play queer pranks in certain areas and in certain mountainous territories. Every pilot knows these peculiarities."

Down in Mexico there were three airplane crashes within a week, and it was believed eleven persons had lost their lives.

IT IS pleasant to turn from politics, strikes and war and record the fact that Charles Hayden, New York banker who died recently, left about \$45,000,000 to establish a foundation for the education of needy boys and young men, "especially in the advancement of their moral, mental and physical well-being." Mr. Hayden, who was a bachelor, also gave \$1,000,000 to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$2,000,000 in trust to his brother and nearly \$2,000,000 to friends and employees.



William S. Knudsen



Gen. Goering



Louis Brownlow

# UNCOMMON AMERICANS

By Elmo Scott Watson  
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Sam Hawken, Riflemaker

WHAT a Stradivarius is to violinists, a Hawken rifle is to those who love fine firearms. For a genuine example of the workmanship of "Old Sam" Hawken of St. Louis is one of the rarest, weapons in existence. So far as is known, there are only five.

But it is not alone the rarity of these rifles which makes them interesting. It's a case of "the man behind the gun" as well. He was Samuel Hawken born of Pennsylvania Dutch stock in Maryland in 1782. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and after his return from it he began practicing the trade of gunsmith.

In 1822 he moved to St. Louis where his brother, Jacob Hawken, was already engaged in making guns. That was the golden era of the fur trade and the fame of the rifles which Samuel and Jacob Hawken were making soon spread all along the frontier because they were the most accurate and finest pieces of workmanship available, not even excepting the famous Kentucky "long rifles."

The demand for Hawken's product was limited only by the supply, which was small. For Hawken made every rifle by hand, welding like barrels out of strips of iron which he got from an iron furnace on the Meramec river in Missouri. These strips were hammered into five-inch lengths and welded around a steel mandrel, thus making the tube which was bored out with a rifling tool afterwards. It was a tedious and thoroughgoing job of work, unusual even in those days of careful and honest craftsmanship.

But what was even more unusual was the fact that Hawken had one price for his rifles. That was \$25—no more, no less. He could have had twice or three times that price, so great was the demand, but he refused to charge more because he believed that one price brought him trade.

Jacob Hawken died during the cholera epidemic of 1849 in St. Louis and Samuel Hawken continued in the business until 1859 when he sold out to an apprentice, John P. Gemmer who was running the Hawken shop when Samuel Hawken returned to St. Louis in 1861 to spend his declining years. "Old Sam" became a regular habitue of the shop so long as he lived and could scarcely keep his hands off the tools, so greatly did he love the work. Once Gemmer allowed him to don an apron and make a rifle complete as he had done in years gone by and this rifle, probably the last which "Old Sam," honest workman, ever made, is one of the two Hawken rifles now owned by the Missouri Historical society.

\$50,000 Signature

THERE'S no doubt that John D. Rockefeller's signature, or that of J. P. Morgan, would be worth \$50,000—if it were on a check! But the only American whose written name (not on a check) has ever been worth that amount was Button Gwinnett.

Gwinnett was born in England in 1732. Despite that fact, he can be listed as an American because he came to America in 1770, was chosen as a delegate from Georgia to the Continental congress and was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

The next year he was an unsuccessful candidate for governor and he was also defeated as candidate for brigadier-general of the Georgia militia by Gen. Lachlin McIntosh. As a result of a quarrel, Gwinnett challenged McIntosh to a duel which was fought with pistols at 12 feet. He was mortally wounded and died on May 27, 1777.

Most of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence lived for many years after that historic event, wrote many letters or signed many documents. But with Gwinnett's career cut off in less than a year after he joined that company of immortals, he left few examples of his handwriting. So his autograph is the rarest of all the signers and it is that rarity which gives it such great value.

In 1926 Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbad, the noted collector, paid \$22,500 for a will which was signed by Gwinnett as a witness. That was an unheard-of price for an autograph. But it was only the beginning of a "boom in Button Gwinnetts." Later in the year this same collector bought another—this time a signature on a promissory note and it cost him \$28,500.

In 1927 an all-time record for autograph prices was reached when Dr. Rosenbad paid \$51,000 for a letter signed by Button Gwinnett and four other signers of the Declaration who were serving on the marine committee of the Continental congress. Aside from the Declaration it is the only known document dealing with national affairs which this Georgian signed.

# Want Roosevelt to Stop Fight Europe Believes He Can Prevent World War; No Meddling With Constitution

By EARL GODWIN.

WASHINGTON. — Europe wants President Roosevelt to step in and stop that row over there!

European dictators, arming themselves to the teeth on money they could better use to pay off their debt to us in the last war have blustered themselves to the point where they have just got to fight—and how they hate it!

Our State Department knows this from inside sources; and I understand our diplomats have been telling the President that Europe looks to him to prevent a World War which will drag this country into it. The stories we hear show that Europe is apparently scared of itself. Militaristic dictators of these increasingly warlike countries appear to be something like drunken rowdies who have forced themselves into a fight—and then look around for some friend to hold them back.

Most of the European troubles can be traced back to the division of spoils at the Versailles treaty after the World war; Germany was a stripped of its colonies, and there were other rearrangements of the map. Germany would like its colonies back and American information is that if a World war can be stopped by returning Germany its colonies—this could be accomplished if someone like Roosevelt would suggest it. What is needed is someone who can make these peaceful suggestions without interfering with the prestige of some of the European leaders.

Some time ago it was hinted broadly that the President planned to step in and suggest a friendly talk with Stalin of Russia, Hitler of Germany, Mussolini of Italy all present. At that time, early in the summer, the suggestion was met with varying reactions.

Mr. Roosevelt never completely denied the implications in the published news stories at the time I mentioned; for it involved tremendous and dangerous matters—but the situation has reached a point where Europe may make the suggestion. In which case everyone here believes the President would acquiesce and do what he could to bring peace to the Old World just as he has been working to insure peace in the western world.

CONSTITUTION IS O. K.

All thoughts of amending the Constitution to conform to New Deal ideas have been abandoned in administration ranks since the President himself has said there is nothing the matter with the Constitution—it's the courts that need attention! The President passes upon what he has learned this past year—that there is general feeling that "there is little fault to be found with the Constitution."

Several Presidents have criticized the courts; among them was William Howard Taft, himself; who was later Chief Justice of the United States; but memory fails to recall one who, prior to Roosevelt, told congress that the election was a mandate for a legislative program—the reactionary members of the Supreme court, notwithstanding. Those crude words will not be found in the text of the President's first communication to the 75th congress—but they are to be found by those who know how to read between the lines.

The President actually never had any right to make such a statement before he went before congress, because the issue had not been decided by the voters; before election he had his own ideas on the subject, and his ideas became a part of the campaign issue—after election he appeared to have the people's backing to ask all three branches of government—executive, legislative and judicial to keep step in a liberal program.

The President took his text from the Constitution itself; the preamble which is the fountain source of all "general welfare" legislation and Article I which gives to the congress "all" legislative power. When he inferentially questioned the propriety of the Supreme court knocking out the laws made by a congress of peoples' representatives he was not introducing a new idea, for this has been a debated subject for many years. It is a red hot question whenever a law is rendered unconstitutional by a five to four vote, because that seems too close a margin, giving one man on the court too much fateful power. The President has had a long time in which to gauge the sentiment of the country since he told his newspaper friends that the court's narrow attitude toward NRA put us back to the horse and buggy days. The court, too, has had several experiences with other New Deal legislation and in the famous AAA case, the minority members of the court criticized the majority in a bitter opinion written by Justice Stone. In that, the minority, Justices Brandeis, Stone and Cardozo, reminded the rest of the court that there were

other branches of the government capable of carrying on. At the time the President made his "horse and buggy" remark, I received the impression that he believed that sooner or later the people of the United States would demand a changed Constitution to guarantee the utilization of the full federal powers in social, economic and agricultural problems. That time may arrive; but apparently the President believes the first step should be a liberal view of the Constitution as it stands.

In other days Theodore Roosevelt was looked upon as a radical when he advocated popular recall of judicial decisions; and that first Roosevelt reminded the people that as radical as he might be he was not even abreast of Abraham Lincoln. The great war President, Theodore Roosevelt recalled, said in his inaugural message the first time that "the people will have ceased to be their rulers" if vital questions affecting all the people rested irrevocably on the Supreme court. In contrast, Franklin Roosevelt's suggestion that the courts have "an enlightened view" is straight and bold, but comparatively conservative.

STATES' RIGHTS.

There has grown up the idea that the founding fathers were completely states' rights men in the sense that they wanted to reduce the federal power to a mere trickle in contrast to the sweeping powers of the infant states. This has developed to the size of an overgrown political and legal fiction in the last two decades by the constant hammering of corporation lawyers who have fought against federal regulation of their clients' affairs. Many court opinions have strengthened this view, but despite all this, court opinions are not the Constitution. No interpretation can make it less powerful than it was held to be by the men who made it; and the debates of the constitutional convention have impressed those who think as Mr. Roosevelt thinks, that the founding fathers were stronger for the federal government. In those debates students of the Constitution are again finding that the powers of congress presented no problem to the founders. They believed that the Constitution guaranteed economic justice and the rights of citizenship; they had no idea of a court that would deny these things after congress had found a way to spread them about.

ASKS FIREARMS LAW.

Homer Cummings, attorney general, believes that it will aid law enforcement if the government knows who owns every pistol and rifle in the country, and again asks congress for a law requiring the registration of every such weapon. Cummings puts up a good case for his idea; he has to deal with the kidnapers and other gangsters—but the previous congress was stopped from enacting a federal firearms law by protests from gun makers as well as hunters.

There is a law for the registration of machine guns; and the manufacturers thereof have an understanding, that these weapons are for sale only to the government or to national guard organizations. Gangsters steal them from armories. But pistols and rifles can be freely sold practically without stint—except in such cases as that of New York state which has its Sullivan law prohibiting the ownership of a pistol by a citizen. Opponents of the law say it takes away from the decent citizens the right to arm themselves against the crooks who always manage to have a full arsenal.

JEALOUSY CROPS OUT.

Two sets of government sleuths are fighting for the honor of having put Al Karpis, notorious kidnap and bandit, behind the bars of a federal penitentiary. The jealousy comes to light in the two separate annual reports of the Post Office and the Attorney General's office, and it is an indication of the reason why the President wants to reorganize the government and have fewer overlapping agencies and bureaus.

Karpis kidnaped E. G. Bremer and W. A. Hamm and immediately the famous G-Men of the Department of Justice were on the trail. Karpis disappeared and did not show a trace until one day the Postal Inspectors, sleuthing on the trail of a train robber, turned up evidence that Karpis had done the job and that he was accompanied by a gangster named Campbell also a kidnap. Here, then, were two different crooks being chased for two different crimes by two different sets of government detectives.

Postal inspectors have been chasing bandits for years without the publicity which now attends the famous G-Men; and they have a stand-offish feeling about these kidnap chasers. There was hard feeling in this instance—and some sharp words; but instead of co-operating, two sets of sleuths pursued their quarry along different lines; and at one time both sets of detectives nearly smashed up the whole game; they almost let Karpis et al get away.

Finally the G-Men got both crooks—and they are both serving life sentences. Now the Post Office Department officially claims that its men picked up the scent which led to the eventual incarceration—while the Department of Justice in its annual report claims credit for the imprisonment of the two men.

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# STAR DUST

Movie • Radio

By VIRGINIA VALE

ONE of the trade magazines of the motion picture industry startled the workers in the business recently by publishing a report on the popularity of the screen stars. For months and months, people had been told that Robert Taylor had climbed to the very top; that he got more fan mail than Clark Gable did, that his name above a theater was magic, because it drew so many paying customers that, in short, Mr. Taylor was tops.

But—according to this report, Clark Gable is the screen's most popular actor!

Last year Shirley Temple held that position. This year she is second. Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers as a team come third. Robert Taylor fourth, and William Powell fifth.

In case you're interested, the other leading stars are listed in this order: Myrna Loy, Claudette Colbert, Norma Shearer, Gary Cooper, Frederic March, Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy as a team, Lionel Barrymore.

It is nice to report that James Cagney's new picture, "Great Guy," is one of his best.

It had to be. He made it for Grand National you know, a new organization, and if it hadn't turned out well we might have had no more Cagney on the screen for a while, at least. After all his troubles with studios it is pleasant to know that he is once more on the big time and that his comeback is really a triumph.

Have you listened to that new radio program, "Do You Want to Be an Actor?" If you haven't, do! It's very entertaining. People who are in the audience are given roles in scenes that are done before the microphone, and after each performance the best woman performer and the best man are given movie tests by Warner Brothers. It's quite possible that some of our future stars will be developed in this way.

If the radio programs given by "Myrt and Marge" for so long were among your favorites, you'll be glad to know that a new series done by that popular couple has started. It's a family affair, for "Myrt" son is now on the program, and "Marge" is her daughter. The son, George Damerel, used to go to the University of Southern California, but he left college to tour with his mother and sister when they went on the stage. Looks as if "Myrt" had built up a pretty good business for the family by writing those sketches, doesn't it?

Grace Moore has had to abandon her career on the concert stage and on the air, temporarily, in order to take a much needed rest. She has been working hard in pictures—in fact, she has turned into a real trouper, and the temperament that used to cause so much trouble is well under control.

In "Stowaway" you'll see Shirley Temple doing imitations of Eddie Cantor and Al Jolson and doing them well. The funny thing about it is that the child star never has seen either of them; just worked the imitations up from what she was told about the two gentlemen's work.

Hollywood is still shocked over the suicide of Ross Alexander, although his friends knew that he had never ceased to grieve over the death by suicide of his first wife, Aleta Freile, a little more than a year before. It was said that she killed herself because, coming to Hollywood from the New York stage, she could not seem to get ahead in pictures. Young Alexander was doing very well with his career, and his second wife, Anne Nagel, is one of the screen's prettiest young actresses.

British Bought Ohio Ores Ores from the Hanging rock region in Ohio were not only used to produce the heavy ordnance of the Civil war but were also purchased by the British government for producing metal to be used in the Crimean war.

Salty Shrimp Thrive The salt shrimp is the only known form of marine life that is able to survive in the briny water of Great Salt Lake. It is a rare form of life studied avidly by scientists.

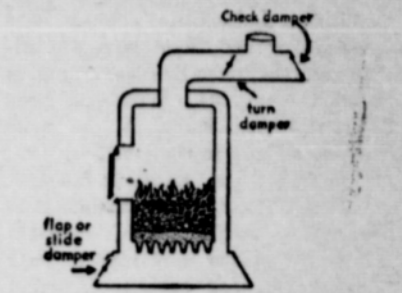
# Home Heating Hints

By John Barclay Heating Expert

Regulate Fire to Meet Changes in Temperature by Proper Use of Two Dampers.

IT'S easy to regulate a furnace fire to meet the requirements of daily temperature changes. All you need to do is understand the functioning of the check and ashpit dampers.

Check Damper—a flap-like damper, which should be located in the chimney pipe between the turn



damper and the chimney. When it's open, it slows up the burning speed of the fire; closed, it quickens the speed.

Ashpit Damper—located below the grates and controls the amount of air supplied to the fire.

To produce the best results, these dampers should work together—when one is open the other should be closed, and vice versa. In mild weather, when a slow, lasting fire is needed, the check damper should be wide open and the ashpit damper closed. When more heat is needed, the check damper should be partly closed, the ashpit damper partly open. For extremely cold weather, the check damper should be closed tight, the ashpit damper wide open.

The proper use of these two dampers insures the proper degree of heat at all times on a minimum amount of fuel.

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# Though Hope Fades

O HEART, be brave! And, though thy dearest, fairest hopes decay, Hopes all fulfilled shall crown another day; Thou shalt not always grieve beside a grave. O heart, be strong! Be valiant to do battle for the right; Hold high truth's stainless flag; walk in the light, And bow not weakly to the rule of wrong. —J. G. Whittier.

A perfectly just and sound mind is a rare and valuable gift.

# FEEL A COLD COMING?

Do these 3 things

- 1 Keep your head clear
- 2 Protect your throat
- 3 Build up your alkaline reserve

MENTHOL COUGH DROPS  
HELP YOU DO ALL 3

Idleness Not Rest Absence of occupation is not rest; a mind quiet vacant is a mind distressed.—Cooper.

MISS REE LEEF says

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Inside Guard Guard well your thoughts and your words will have much freedom.

Clean System Clear Skin

You must be free from constipation to have a good, clear complexion. If not eliminated, the wastes of digestion produce poisons and the skin must do more than its share in helping to get rid of them. So for a clear, healthy skin, remember the importance of bowel regularity. At the first sign of constipation, take Black-Draught—the purely vegetable laxative. It brings such refreshing relief, and tends to leave the bowels acting regularly until some future disturbance interferes.

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Foreign Words and Phrases

Allons. (F.) Come on; let us be going.
Bonhomie. (F.) Good nature; credulity.
Commune bonum. (L.) The common good.
Dux femina facti. (L.) The leader of the deed a woman.
Grissette. (F.) A young working girl.
Otium cum dignitate. (L.) Leisure with dignity.
Parole d'honneur. (F.) Word of honor.
Mal a propos. (F.) Ill times; out of place.
Nunc aut nunquam. (L.) Now or never.
Ite missa est. (L.) Go, the service is finished; the mass has been celebrated.
Sub rosa. (L.) Under the rose; secretly.
Tempora mutantur, et nos mutantur in illis. (L.) The times are changed; and we are changed with them.



THE GARDEN MURDER CASE By S.S. VAN DINE

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SYNOPSIS

Philo Vance, famous detective, and John F. X. Markham, district attorney for New York county, are dining in Vance's apartment when Vance receives an anonymous telephone message informing him of a "disturbing psychological tension at Professor Ephriam Garden's apartment" advising that he read up on radio-active sodium, consult a passage in the Aeneid and counseling that "Equanimity is essential."

"What about that sanctum sanctorum of yours which your cousin mentioned?" he asked lightly.
"Oh, that . . ." Swift forced an embarrassed smile. "It's that red chair over there against the wall, next to the small table . . . But I don't see why Floyd should spoof about it. The crowd downstairs always rags me when I lose, and it irritates me. I'd much rather be alone when I get the results."

CHAPTER II—Continued

When the two instruments and the amplifier had been stationed and tested, Sneed brought in four more card-tables and placed them about the drawing-room. At each table he opened up two folding chairs. Then, from a small drawer in the stand he took out a long manila envelope which had evidently come through the mail, and, slitting the top, drew forth a number of large printed sheets approximately nine by sixteen inches. There were 15 of these sheets—called "cards" in racing parlance—and after sorting them he spread out three on each of the card-tables.

"Oh, yes. This is an extension of the news-service phone downstairs; and there's also a plug-in for a radio, and another for an electric light."
He took the ear-phone from the hook and, adjusting the band over his head, listened for a moment. "Nothing new yet at Rivermont," he mumbled. He removed the ear-phone with nervous impatience and tossed it to the table. "Anyway we'd better get down." And he walked toward the door by which we had come out in the garden.

When the butler had gone Garden lifted the receiver from the hook of the telephone and dialed a number. After a pause he spoke into the transmitter:
"Hello, Lex. B-2-9-8. Waiting for the dope." And, laying the receiver down on the stand, he threw the switch key forward.
A clear-cut, staccato voice came through the amplifier: "O. K., B-2-9-8." Then there was a click, followed by several minutes of silence. Finally the same voice began speaking: "Everybody get ready. The exact time now is one-thirty and a quarter.—Three tracks today. The order will be Rivermont, Texas, and Cold Springs. Just as you have them on the cards. Here we go. Rivermont: weather clear and track fast. Clear and fast. First post, 2:30. And now down the line—"

Garden looked up and motioned to us—he was holding the receiver of the black telephone to his ear. Kroom went to the small bar and mixed two drinks which he took back to his table, setting one down before Miss Weatherby.
"I say, Floyd," he called out to Garden, "Zalia coming today?"
"Absolutely," Garden told him. "She was all stirred up when she phoned this morning. Full of sure things."
"Well, what about it?" came a vivacious feminine voice from down the hall; and the next moment a swaggering, pretty girl was standing in the archway, her hands on her muscular boyish hips. "I've concluded I can't pick any winners myself, so why not let the other guy pick 'em for me? . . . Hello, everybody," she threw in parenthetically. . . . "But Floyd, old thing, I really have a humdinger in the first at Rivermont today. This tip didn't come from a stable-boy, either. It came from the steward—a friend of dad's. And am I going to smear that hay-burner!"

Garden leaned over and threw the amplifier switch up, and there was silence in the room. He turned to his cousin. "Why don't you take Vance and Mr. Van Dine upstairs, and show them around the garden? . . . They might," he added with good-natured sarcasm, "be interested in your lonely retreat on the roof, where you listen in to your fate. Sneed has probably got it arranged for you."
Swift rose with alacrity. "Darned glad of the chance," he returned surlily. "Your manner today rather annoys me, Floyd." And he led the way down the hall and up the stairs to the roof-garden. Vance and I following.

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The stairway was narrow and semicircular, and led upward from the hallway near the front entrance. In glancing back up the hall, toward the drawing-room, I noticed that no section of that room was visible from the stair end of the hall. I made this mental note idly at the time, but I mention it here because the fact played a very definite part in the tragic events which were to follow.
At the head of this narrow stairway we turned left into a corridor, barely four feet wide, at the end of which was a door leading into a large room—the only room on the roof. This spacious and beautifully appointed study, with high windows, on all four sides, was used by Professor Garden, Swift informed us, as a library and private experimental laboratory. Near the door to this room, on the left wall of the corridor, was another door, of calamine, which, I learned later, led into a small storeroom built to hold data.

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Every one smiled covertly, and Garden chuckled.
Vance, who had been watching the girl with more interest than he usually showed in a woman, leaned forward.
"I say, Garden, just a moment." He spoke incisively. "I think Miss Beeton's choice is an excellent one—however she may have arrived at it." Then he nodded to the nurse. "Miss Beeton, I'll be very happy to see that your bet on Azure Star is placed." He turned again to Garden. "Will your book-maker take \$200 across the board on Azure Star?"

Half-way down the corridor, on the right, was another large calamine weather door which led out to the roof. This door had been propped open, for the sun was bright and the day mild. Swift preceded us into one of the loveliest skyscraper gardens I have ever seen.

"Oh, Heaven protect me!" she exclaimed. "Philo Vance, the detective! Is this a raid?"
Vance bowed graciously. "Have no fear, Miss Graem," he smiled. "I'm merely a fellow criminal. And, as you see, I'm dragging Mr. Van Dine along the downward path with me."
At this moment Garden pressed forward the key on the switch box, and in a moment the voice we had heard earlier was again coming through the amplifier.

We walked leisurely about the garden, smoking. Swift was a difficult man to talk to, and as the minutes went by he became more and more distant. After a while he glanced apprehensively at his wrist-watch.
"We'd better be going down," he said. "They'll be coming out for the first race before long."
Vance gave him an appraising look and rose.

Despite the superficial buoyancy of the gathering, I could detect an undercurrent of extreme tension and expectancy; and I made mental note of various little occurrences during the first hour or so.

One incident connected with Swift puzzled me greatly. I had noticed that he and Zalia Graem had not spoken to each other during the entire time they had been in the drawing-room. Once they had brushed against each other near Garden's table, and each, as if instinctively, had drawn resentfully to one side. Garden had cocked his head at them irritably and said: "Aren't you two on speaking terms yet—or is this feud to be permanent? . . . Why don't you kiss and make up and let the gaiety of the party be unanimous?"

CHAPTER III

"The great moment approaches!" Garden announced, and though he spoke with sententious gaiety, I could detect signs of strain in his manner.
Kroom rose, finished the drink which stood on the table before him, and dabbing his mouth with a neatly folded handkerchief which he took from his breast pocket, he moved toward the archway.
"Your mind was made up yesterday," he spoke across the room, as if including every one. "Put me down in your fateful little book for \$100 on Hyjinx to win and \$200 on the same filly to place. And you can add \$200 on Head Start to show. Making it, all told, half a grand. That's my contribution to the afternoon's festivities."

"Not deserting us, are you Cecil?" Garden called after him.
"Frighfully sorry," Kroom answered, looking back. "I'd love to stay for the race, but a legal conference at a maiden aunt's is scheduled for 4:50." He waved his hand and, with a "Cheerio," continued down the hall.
Madge Weatherby immediately picked up her cards and moved to



The Two Women Began a Low, Whispered Conversation.

Zalia Graem's table, where the two women began a low, whispered conversation.
Garden's inquiring glance moved from one to another of the party. At this moment a young woman of unusual attractiveness appeared in the archway and stood there hesitantly, looking shyly at Garden. She wore a nurse's uniform of immaculate white, with white shoes and stockings, and a starched white cap set at a grotesque angle on the back of her head. She could not have been over thirty; yet there was a maturity in her calm, brown eyes, and evidence of great capability in the reserve of her expression and in the firm contour of her chin. She wore no make-up, and her chestnut hair was parted in the middle and brushed back simply over her ears. She presented a striking contrast to the two other women in the room. "Hello, Miss Beeton," Garden greeted her pleasantly. "I thought you'd be having the afternoon off, since the mater's well enough to go shopping. . . . What can I do for you? Care to join the madhouse and hear the races?"

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"Will he? He'll grab it with both hands," Garden replied. "But why—?"
"Then it's settled," said Vance quickly. "That's my bet. And two dollars of it in each position belongs to Miss Beeton."

"That's perfect with me, Vance." And Garden jotted down the wager in his ledger.

I noticed that during the brief moments that Vance was speaking to the nurse and placing his wager on Azure Star, Swift was glowering at him through half-closed eyes. It was not until later that I understood the significance of that look.

The nurse cast a quick glance at Swift, and then spoke with simple directness.
"You are very kind, Mr. Vance." Then she added: "I will not pretend I don't know who you are, even if Mr. Garden had not called you by name." She stood looking straight at Vance with calm appraisal; then she turned and went back down the hall.

Swift stood up and walked to the cabinet with its array of bottles. He filled a whiskey glass with Bourbon and drank it down. Then he walked slowly to the table where his cousin sat. Garden had just finished the call to Hannix.

"I'll give you my bet now, Floyd." Swift said hoarsely. He pressed one finger on the table, as if for emphasis. "I want \$10,000 on Equanimity to win."

Garden's eyes moved anxiously to the other.
"I was afraid of that, Woody," he said in a troubled tone. "But if I were you—"

"I'm not asking you for advice," Swift interrupted in a cold steady voice; "I'm asking you to place a bet."

Garden did not take his eyes from the man's face. He said merely: "I think you're a damned fool."
"Your opinion of me doesn't interest me either," Swift's eyelids drooped menacingly, and a hard look came into his set face.
Garden capitulated.
"Is your funeral," he said, and turning his back on his cousin, he took up the gray hand set again and spun the dial with determination.

Swift walked back to the bar and poured himself another generous drink of Bourbon.
"Hello, Hannix," Garden said into the transmitter. "I'm back again, with an additional bet. Hold on to your chair or you'll lose your balance. I want ten grand on Equanimity to win. . . . Yes, that's what I said: ten G-strings—ten thousand iron men. Can you handle it? Odds probably won't be over two to one. . . . Right-o."

He replaced the receiver and tilted back in his chair just as Swift, headed for the hall, was passing him.
Garden, apparently deeply perturbed, kept his eyes on the retreating figure. Then, as if on sudden impulse, he stood up quickly and called out: "Just a minute, Woody. I want to say a word to you." And he stepped after him.

I saw Garden put his arm around Swift's shoulder as the two disappeared down the hall.
When Garden returned to the room his face was a trifle pale, and his eyes were downcast. As he approached our table he shook his head dejectedly.

"I tried to argue with him," he remarked to Vance. "But it was no use; he wouldn't listen to reason. He turned nasty. . . . Poor devil! If Equanimity doesn't come in he's done for." He looked directly at Vance. "I wonder if I did the right thing in placing that bet for him. But, after all, he's of age."

A bell rang somewhere in the apartment, and a few moments later Sneed appeared in the archway.
"Pardon me, sir," he said to Garden, "but Miss Graem is wanted on the other telephone."

Zalia Graem stood up quickly and raised one hand to her forehead in a gesture of dismay.
"Who on earth or in the waters under the earth can that be?" Her face cleared. "Oh, I know." Then she stepped up to Sneed. "I'll take the call in the den." And she hurried from the room.

Garden a few moments later turned in his chair and announced: "They're coming out at Rivermont. Say your prayers, children. . . ."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Black Cat Superstitions
Found in Many Sections
Tales of black cats are not confined to European countries; there are plenty found all through the states. Most of us are familiar with the black cat crossing the path, etc., notes a writer in the Los Angeles Times, but in the Middle West there is an old saying that "the skin of a black cat worn in the clothing will cure rheumatism." Another belief is that the blood of a black cat is a sure cure for shingles, and the same treatment is a remedy for hives. In the South the negro's superstitions include the black cat as a cure for consumption. Three hairs from a black cat's tail are sufficient to relieve a boil and a sty may be treated by brushing it nine times with a black cat's tail.

There are any number of superstitions regarding the weather. If a cat washes its face before breakfast it may mean rain, if it sits with its back toward the fire it may mean frost, if the fur is shiny the weather will be good. Another amusing story is that a cat sneezing on the wedding day is a good omen for the bride; if a kitten comes to the home in the forenoon it will bring good luck with it. In Scotland, if a black cat walks into the house he brings the best with him. If one should kill the animal he will suffer reverses of fortune for a period of nine years.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS Items of Interest to the Housewife

A simple way to freshen white washing silk which has become yellow through constant washing is to add milk to the rinsing water and allow it to soak for a few minutes before squeezing out.

softens it and at the same time prevents its cracking. Apply a little on a soft rag and polish with a silk duster or piece of chamouis.

After putting water and soap into washing machine let it run for a minute or two to dissolve soap before putting in clothes, if you wish the best results.

A felt blackboard eraser is best in cleaning the top of the kitchen stove. If grease gets on the stove it should be rubbed over the top of the stove while it is still hot. The eraser is much more satisfactory than a cloth and it keeps the hands from getting soiled.

Wash chiffons in a soap solution. No rubbing will be required, just rinsing up and down. Don't have the water too hot.

Chilled, diced oranges mixed with pineapple and sprinkled with coconut make a delicious dessert.

Chairs and sofas upholstered in leather will last and retain their appearance much longer if you apply regularly a mixture of one part vinegar and two parts boiled linseed oil, well shaken together. It not only cleans the leather, but

The best way to ventilate a room is to open a window at the top and bottom or one window at the top and another at the other side of the room at the bottom.

Calotabs Help Nature To Throw Off a Cold

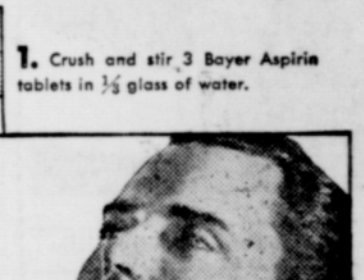
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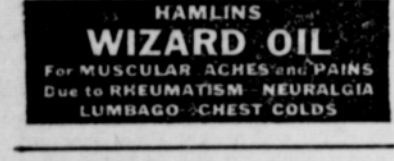
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St. Joseph's GENUINE PURE ASPIRIN

The Wise Man
The wise man draws more advantage from his enemies than the fool from his friends.—Benjamin Franklin.

Old Folks TELL EACH OTHER THE SECRET OF THE ALL VEGEABLE CORRECTIVE

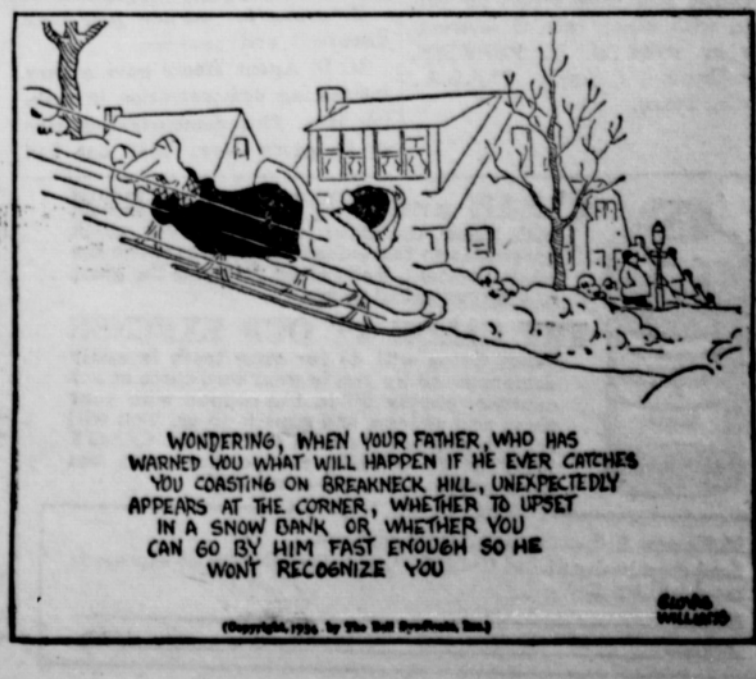
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DIFFICULT DECISIONS By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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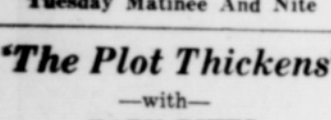
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This ticket and 5 cents will admit you to the Plaza Theatre Friday nite and Saturday afternoon, Jan. 22 and 23 to see the first chapter of 'ACE DRUMMOND'

If interested in refinancing or purchasing farm on long terms 4% interest through Federal Land Bank and supplemented Land Bank—foreclosed farms and other real estate for sale; small down payment and easy terms on balance, with cheap rate of interest. See or write M. H. PERKINS, Sec.-Treas., Citizens N.F.L.A., Clyde, Texas.

**1937 Farm Program**

The new 1937 farm program has been released and will soon be in the hands of the county committees. In many respects it is like the 1936 program. Class 1 conservation payments will be made on acres diverted from cotton not in excess of 35 per cent nor less than 20 per cent at the rate of 5 cents per pound on the normal production. Lands diverted from peanuts will be paid at the rate of 1-4 cents per pound for the average of the yields from the farm. The general base which will include all other crops other than cotton and peanuts for Callahan county will be based about as they were for 1936, which means they will be paid according to the productivity of the farm and not to exceed 15 per cent of the general base.

Class 2 payments will be made for carrying out approved soil building practices and are limited on any farm to the soil-building allowance that has been built up for that farm. Soil-building allowances are built up in two ways:

Soil-building allowances—A. For farms on which a cotton, tobacco, peanut, rice, sugarcane base, or a general soil-depleting base in excess of home needs can be established, the soil building allowance will be determined by adding the following:

1. For each base acre of soil-conserving crops, \$1.00.
2. For each base acre diverted from soil-depleting crops that qualify for Class 1 payment, \$1.00.
3. For each acre of commercial orchard, Jan. 1, 1937, \$1.00.
4. For each acre on which only one crop of commercial vegetables was grown in 1936, \$1.00.
5. For each acre on which two or more commercial vegetable crops were grown in 1936, \$2.00.
6. For each acre of fenced non-crop open pasture, in excess of one-half of the cropland which will carry one animal unit to five acres, \$0.25.

The soil-building allowance for these farms in no case shall be less than \$10.

B. For farms on which a cotton, tobacco, peanut, rice, sugarcane base, or general soil-depleting base in excess of home needs cannot be established, the soil-building allowance will be determined by adding the following:

1. (a) For each acre of cropland, \$0.65.
- (b) For each acre of the soil conserving base, \$1.00.
2. For each acre of commercial orchard, Jan. 1, 1937, \$1.00.
3. For each acre on which only one crop of commercial vegetables was grown in 1936, \$1.00.
4. For each acre on which two or more crops of commercial vegetables were grown in 1936, \$2.00.
5. For each acre of fenced non-crop open pasture in excess of one-half of the cropland which will carry one animal unit to five acres, \$0.25.

The soil-building allowance for these farms in no case shall be less than \$20.

T. H. W. CLUB

The Thrifty Wives Club met Jan. 13 in the home of Mrs. tis Coats with Mrs. J. J. Trussell as hostess. Plans were discussed for the coming year. Refreshments of cake and coffee was passed to 11 members and one visitor after singing the club songs.

The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Herbert Summers Wednesday Jan. 27. Miss Moore will be with us at this time.

All members are urged to be present. Visitors always welcome.

—Reporter

DENTON H. D. CLUB

The Jolly Workers' Club met Jan. 4th, 1937 in the home of Mrs. E. J. Barton.

Programs for the new year were discussed and planned.

H. D. Agent Moore gave a very interesting demonstration in making pies. This demonstration was to be given Nov., 1936 but had

to be postponed. Miss Moore also read some interesting and helpful articles from outstanding magazines.

Fourteen members were present and one visitor, Mrs. O. C. Yarbrough of Baird.

Pie and coffee were served to those present.

The Club met Jan. 18, 1937 in the second meeting of the year in the home of Mrs. B. M. Baum.

Mrs. E. J. Barton presided for the business session.

Mrs. B. M. Baum had charge of the program, subject being "Poems." The group also sang club songs.

Ten regular members were present and two visitors, Mildred Crawford and Cassie Bohanana.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. J. Kendrick Feb. 1.

**Governor Names Committee of 100 As Safety Council**

Gov. James V. Ired has named a committee of 100 persons residing throughout Texas to serve on the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. The committee will meet the latter part of January. The committee will call upon civic leaders throughout Texas to aid in reducing the toll of highway accidents.

The governor noted figures released by the United States Department of Commerce that the number of automobile death in Texas during the past 11 months totaled 1,852 with 335,708 fatalities in the entire nation. Public safety department statistics showed that one highway traffic death occurred every four hours and 48 minutes in 1936.

**Want Ads**

APARTMENT—Two room apartment for rent. Adults only. Everything furnished. Mrs. Ethel Warren 6-2tp

STAR TELEGRAM delivered morning and evening. Nolan Cooper, Agent.

ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS, delivered morning and evening. See C. W. Conner.

FOR RENT—Bedroom. Private entrance. Meals served. Mrs. E. C. Pretz, Baird.

When in need of the very best help for general house work, paper hanging or anything, call 37 for Mrs. Benson or Mrs. Ivey. 4-tf

FOR SALE—12 Registered Hereford yearling Bulls. Anxiety 4th breeding. Have been creep fed and are in splendid condition but not stall fattened. Reasonably priced. Prefer to sell in one group. Owen Ranch, St. Rt. 2, Baird, Texas. 3t

STOCKMEN SAVE! One-half of your screw-worm control bill by using Red Steer Screw Worm Killer and Fly Smear. City Pharmacy. 42-1p

DON'T SCRATCH! Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve any form of itch or eczema, ringworm or other itching skin irritation or your money will be refunded. Large jar 50c at City Pharmacy. 42-3t

We want to do your hatching with new All-electric Incubators. Bring your eggs on Saturdays. \$2.50 per tray of 136 eggs. Unlimited capacity. Clyde Hatchery, Clyde, Texas. 5-4tp

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WANTED: All Poultrymen in Baird Trade Territory to use M & L Mineral for worming your Chickens and Turkeys. A Flock treatment and a sure shot for worms, fully guaranteed. Sold only at Holmes Drug Co., Baird, Texas. 33-tf

FOR SALE—Five brick business buildings at Putnam, Texas. All occupied and in first class condition. Location best. Address Box 36, Putnam, Texas. 2-2tp

WANTED—Place as housekeeper or companion for elderly people. Will go anywhere. Mrs. Mollie Conneli, Rt. 2, Clyde.

**Railroads of Texas Figure Road Costs**

Propounding the query, "Who Pays for Texas Highways?" the Texas Railroads has answered the question with a series of figures, allocating the costs of the existing highway system and showing the sources of the three-quarter of a billion dollars to date.

Contrary to what is perhaps the popular impression, it is shown that the general tax payer, whether he owns a car or not, is or should be vitally interested in the highways as in any other of the public services for which he pays. His share in the cost of the highway system, paid through ad valorem taxes, has been to date \$281,000,000 or 33 per cent of the total, while of course if he is a car owner, he has paid his share of the \$202,000,000 in motor license fees and the \$176,000,000 of gasoline tax, and finally, a part of the \$91,000,000 of federal aid which Texas has received for its road program.

Big trucks, engaged in inter-city freight transport, as shown to have paid a relatively insignificant part of the total cost of the highway system, though their use of the roadways has tremendously enhanced the cost both of construction and maintenance. Actual count shows, according to the sum may as issued, that there are but 36,000 trucks, each registered in the state for a gross weight, vehicle and load, of 8,000 pounds or more. These large trucks, representing 2-3-4 per cent of all vehicles on the state's highways, have paid toward the road system \$14,500,000 in license fees and \$11,200,000 in gasoline taxes, a total of \$25,700,000, or 3-1-2 per cent of the total cost of the system.

**December Sale Of Chevrolets**

Chevrolet's new car sales totaled 101,286 units, in December, it was announced today by W. E. Holler, general sales manager: This figure represents an increase over the same month in 1935, of more than 21,000 units, as the record for a year ago was 80,189 new car sales.

J. W. TURNER, Guardian of the estate of Josie B. Turner, a person of unsound mind.

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189 new car sales. Sales of new trucks included in the total unit sales figure, were 17,516. Used car sales during the month were 148,163. Mr. Holler cited these figures as added proof of the fact that American buying power is on a decided upswing and that a general increase in the potential market for new cars exists.

**GUARDIANSHIP NOTICE**

No. 1204. Guardianship of Josie B. Turner, a person of unsound mind. To All Persons Interested In The Above Estate:

You are notified that I have on this the 20th day of January, 1937, filed with the Judge of the County Court of Callahan county, Texas, and in the office of the County Clerk of said Callahan County, Texas an Application for authority to make George Wolfe, as Lessee, an oil and gas mining lease of that certain land belonging to such person of unsound mind, Josie B. Turner, described as 120 acres out of the North 351 acres of Section No. 57, in Block No. 11, Texas & Pacific Railway Company Surveys of Lands situated in Shackelford county, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point in the east boundary line of said section No. 47, Block No. 11, T. & P. Ry. Co., which point is also in the west boundary line of Section No. 64 Lunatic Asylum Lands, 220 yards south of the northwest corner of said section No. 64. Thence West parallel with the south boundary line of said section 57, Block No. 11, T. & P. Ry. Co. Lands, 440 yards, stake for corner. Thence South parallel with the east boundary line of said section No. 57, Block No. 11, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey, 1320 yards, stake for corner. Thence East, parallel with the south boundary line of said survey fifty seven, 440 yards, to a point in the east boundary line of said section. Thence North along the east boundary line of said survey, 1320 yards to the place of beginning.

That such application will be heard in the County Court Room in the County House at Baird, in the county of Callahan on Saturday, the 30th day of January, 1937.

J. W. TURNER, Guardian of the estate of Josie B. Turner, a person of unsound mind. 61-t

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has this day legally estrayed the following animal: One light red mottled faced steer, about 2 years old, weighs about 650 pounds, no marks nor brands, said estray having been running at large on J. A. Hutchison Ranch, leased by Larmer Henry, and adjoining the city of Baird on the east, for about eighteen months. Said estray will be sold for cash to the highest bidder at the J. A. Hutchison Ranch, which ranch joins the City Limits of Baird, on the First Monday in February 1937, being the 1st day of said month, between 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Baird, Texas, this 5th day of January A. D. 1937.

Mrs. S. E. Settle, Clerk County Court, Callahan Texas, By Stella Gilliland, Deputy 4-3t

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT THE STATE OF TEXAS: No. 1145.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:— You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of General Circulation which has been continuously and regularly

published for a period of not less than one year preceding the day of the said notice in The County of Callahan and State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least ten days exclusive of publication day before the return day hereof; THE STATE OF TEXAS: COUNTY OF CALLAHAN:

To all persons interested in the Estate of W. A. Ellis, deceased. Know Ye, That A. E. Ellis, Guardian of the person and Estate of W. A. Ellis, N.C.M., now deceased, having on the 2nd day of January A. D. 1937, filed in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, his final account of the condition of the estate of said ward W. A. Ellis, N.C.M., now deceased, together with his application to be discharged from said Guardianship, which said Final Account and application will be acted upon by the County Court on Monday, the 1st day of February A. D. 1937, at the Courthouse in Baird, in said Callahan County Texas, at which time and place all persons interested in the Estate of W. A. Ellis, deceased, may appear and contest said Final Account and Application if they desire to do so. Given under my hand and seal of office at Baird, Texas, this 4th day of January A. D. 1937. Mrs. S. E. Settle, Clerk County Court, Callahan County, Texas. By Stella Gilliland, Deputy 4-3t

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