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Dies of Injuries

Tommy Baum, six-year-old so of Mr. and Ms. Edwin Baum o Cross Plains, died May 9 afte he was thrown from his shet land pony and was dragged sever al blocks through the residentia



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BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1946 MARVIN HUNTER, Jr., Editor



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military service necessary

## country assert that it will begin the development of mili- tarism and that the United States will develop along the same line seen in Germany. The advocates of such service in time of peace insist that no nation can retain its rights and freedom without being able to defend itself and point to China as a land of vast resources, human and material, but hopelessly impotent in defense. defense. We have not hesitated to support the idea of compulsory military service in the United States, despite some small misk of developing a militaristic complex. The hope of some thing like permanent peace burns brightly but there is no assurange that this country will not become engaged Neither is there reason to believe that, if a third war be- gins, the United States will have time to mobilize, train and gins, the United States will have time to mobilize, train and The situation seems to demand, in our opinion, that the United States must take the risks, insofar as they relate to the development of militarism. The good sense of our Whether this is true, or not, the safety of the nation de- from its evil. mands that it maintain adequate it against any possible attacks.

100 VACANT HOUSES
While Baird and other American cities worry with a
housing scarcity, the people of Nelspruit, South Africa, ar wondering what to do with one hundred houses which have
been unoccupied for more than a year. with concrete floors and ceilings and have stoves, shower
baths and other conveniences. The rent is only fifty shillbaths and $\$ 3.50$ a month, but there are no tenants.
The homes were built as a part of a local housing scheme but town officials are unable to persuade the natives to
live in them. It seems that the natives have an idea that the ceilings were made of concrete so that the town author
ities could cause them to fall at will and kill the inmates.

NOT APPARENT
The unexplained removal of the body of Benito Mussolini motive of those who robbed the cemetery
Police authorities set up a guard on the highway to

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MODERN MYSTERY
A female bank employee in New Jersey has been sen-
tenced to five years in prison for the misuse of $\$ 140,000$ of tenced to five years in prison for the misuse of $\$ 140,000$ of
funds belonging to the bank over a period of fifteen years
This is not in itself, an entirely unheard of criminal act What amazes most Americans, however, is how the woman could have lived on such a scale without exciting the vio-
lent suspicions of bank officials. The investigation, reported by the judge who tried the
case, showed that in five year's she spent $\$ 6,200$ at one seashore resort, $\$ 26,000$ in a tavern near Trenton, $\$ 8,000$ in other cafes, $\$ 16,000$ for luxuries in a department store
$\$ 8,000$ for other known purchases, $\$ 8,000$ in tips to waiters, These items add up to less than $\$ 100,000$ but they in dicate that the lady was enjoying life on a large scale
through the use of bank funds. Spending on such a lavish

## ORGANIZATION NECESSARY

There are many conservative people vastly concerned
over the Political Action Committee, created by the CIO to exert pressure to achieve political ends,
We are not prepared to assert that there is no danger in the organization or that its methods and aspirations have the same timie, we are frank to assert that it is necessary or labor to have an effective organization if it is to have a voice in the formulatin of political principles.
From time to time we have received some of the "propaFrom the the Political Action Committee but the amount of "literature" that we receive from this Committee and similar material that comes to us from business interest and organizations.
The truth of the matter is that neither the capitalists nor the labor leaders speak for what might be called nathe interest of its component members. Since politics seems to depend upon organization, the lesson for the people of the country to learn is that if there is no organizand become organized.

## WHY NOT ABOLISH THE LAW?

The railroads and other carriers seek a Congressional act to relieve them from the operation of the anti-trust laws amendment to the anti-trust laws that will make them in applicable to a news service in the selection of customers.
Maybe, it might save time if the Congress abolished the they should be implemented and enforced


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| has been perfect, that it suceess | fully resisted all pressure groups

or that it has worked out a sys-
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pricing that is without
error. We do insist, however, error. We do insist, however,
that the record of price inflation, after the first World War, has
not been repeated during the
course of the second great conThere is, in our opinion, great
danger to the sound economy of the nation if the restrictions are
removed before production catch-
es up with demand. We are not concerned with the loss that will
be suffered by people able to
pay "any price" for what they pay "any price" for what they a loan to buy a home does he
want but with the serious curtail- have to pay the appraisal fee on ment of purchasing power that
will adversely affect those with
small, and fixed, incomes. MACHINERY NEEDS REPAIRS The - legislative machinery of
the government needs a thorough the government needs a thoroug
repair job. The two house operate upon an inefficient basis
with poorly-equipped staffs there is need for alterations
the procedure by which bills b come laws.
The time consumed by roll-calls, especially in the House, could be
much reduced by an electrical system, with push-buttons by
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to three hundred times in a ses-
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We are also inclined to the
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ceedings. It may be perfectly true that few people will listen to the te
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