



## MAIL SHIP SAILS IN ANY WEATHER

### Valiant Deeds Performed and Time Saved Handling Postal Cargoes.

New York.—A black fog envelops the port of New York, blanketing the skyscrapers. Not even the piles along the river front are distinguishable to the craft that timidly hug the shore. Little that floats ventures forth on such a day. But at Pier 72, at the end of Thirty-second street, a small white steamer slips out into the North river and turns toward the bay. A message has come: "Ship due at Quarantine." The United States mail ship President never fails to respond.

When the mail boat service was out of operation during and immediately after the war, more than a day was commonly required to land the mails. They came up the bay on ships, and when passengers and baggage had been landed and the cargo was broken the crew set about to unload the mails. The steamship companies engaged to deliver the mails at the general post office, but they took their own time about it. Once, in 1920, when the Mauretania brought 8,019 bags, an unusually heavy load, 40 hours elapsed between the time the ship arrived at Quarantine and the time the mails reached the general post office.

Such intervals are unknown in the experience of the President. A lot of 2,920 mail bags brought to dock in 1920 by an ocean liner reached the general post office almost 24 hours after the ship dropped anchor at Quarantine. The other day the same ship came in with more than twice that much mail. It was handed over to the President and the last bag was in a local post office station or on its way out of New York by train within six hours of the time the liner reached Quarantine.

#### Can Carry 4,000 Bags.

The President is a capacious little vessel of 167 feet length and 38½ feet beam, and all of its hold is reserved for mail. It could carry 4,000 bags easily. But if an approaching liner reports more than 1,500 bags the President carries a helper along. The company that operates it contracts to provide as many lighters as may be necessary to assist in transporting the mails, and one is deemed necessary for every 1,500 bags on account of the pressure of time. The liner must be unloaded on both sides at once if the job is to be done by the time the ship is through with the formalities of Quarantine. It sometimes takes as many as three lighters, in addition to the President, to unload a ship's mail, as when the Olympic came in last Christmas Eve, breaking all records with 14,000 bags.

As the President floats at her moorings, her radio is in constant communication with ships at sea. The George Washington, with 1,900 bags of mail, and the Berengaria, with 6,000, are expected within three-quarters of an hour of each other. The President orders four lighters, two to attend to the George Washington and two to assist her at the Berengaria. The Berengaria is reported off Fire Island. The President makes ready to go. Already two lighters have set out to meet the George Washington. Then comes another message. All the George Washington's mail is stacked on one side. Only one boat can do the unloading. The President lets one of her lighters go, planning to use instead the extra one already at Quarantine.

"Strong nor-easter on the coast today," Captain Hilary comments, on the way down the bay, "the barges won't go out. They have it bad enough even in the best of weather."

#### Unloading From Liners.

Soon Quarantine is sighted and the George Washington, with the mail lighter huddled at her side. The Berengaria is seen approaching. The President circles around and edges up to one side of the huge craft, the two lighters on the other side. As the liner lets her anchor fall ropes are thrown, men leap into an opening in the high steel side and make fast their little craft. They spread the safety net and adjust the gangplank to serve as a chute from the Berengaria's side into the President's hold. High over the top of the mail steamer's stack passengers look down on the operation.

The President's men grow restless. They must wait until the Quarantine officials are through with the liner's crew. Finally a great leather-bound bag bumps down the chute. The air mail! The diplomatic mail follows, then an assortment of bags of all sizes and shapes, some limp and some full.

In the hold of the President the bags flop. Dust flies as men rush about stacking them here and there, sorting as they load. Above the swishing sound from the chute ring strange-sounding names. The origin and destination of every bag must be called out and recorded. Here are bags of mail from all parts of the world bound for many points on the globe, New York City, California, South America and the Far East. Not uncommonly there is a wagonload for New Zealand alone.

Suddenly the stream of bags ceases. The doctors have sent again for the crew. Or perhaps a sharp-edge bag tears a hole in the chute that must be mended before the work can proceed. As soon as possible, unloading is resumed. When the last bag is off of the liner little more than an hour has passed, but in that time some 6,000 bags have been transferred, enough to

fill fifty-three mail trucks. The President and the two accompanying lighters now carry about 800,000 pounds of cargo, approximately 7,000,000 letters not to speak of papers and parcel post packages.

#### Trucks Wait at Pier.

The whistle blows, ropes are unloosed and off the President goes, with the giant ship not far behind. Before the first passenger has landed from the Berengaria mail bags by the hundred are dropping from electric conveyors to the floor of Pier 72. Word of the mail boat's approach has been sent in advance, so that the trucks stand ready in line at the platform side.

The leather-trimmed bags of the diplomatic and air mails are held until the first truck is loaded, then stuffed in at the back, ready to be taken off first. Truck after truck is filled and scoots off to the general post office with city letter mail, to Varick street with bags to be reshipped, to the Pennsylvania station with mail for the South and to the Grand Central with mail for the East. Western mail is loaded in box cars and shipped directly from the pier.

Soon the President is empty again and ready to answer another call. Not infrequently she fills the day and the night with trips to Quarantine. One day this fall fifteen ships came in, twelve of them carrying mails, and the mail fleet had its hands full. The President goes at any time and in any kind of weather to meet an incoming ship, whether it carries a single sack of mail or 10,000 bags. If the liner arrives after 7 o'clock at night, when the health station is closed, and thus is detained until morning, the mail boats prove particularly serviceable. The mail may be delivered in Boston or get as far west as Cleveland before the liner docks.

In winter work piles up heavily at times for the little mail fleet, and winter, of course, brings the worst going. The President has gone down the bay on days when even the customs boat failed to appear, a rare happening. It has taken mail off ships stranded for two days in fog.

#### Solving the Chute Problem.

A tossing storm sometimes threatens to crush the mail boat against the side of some great vessel. Occasionally it has had to yield in the middle of its work and come back to port to take off the remainder of the mail. In the worst of winds and blizzards, though, the mail has not suffered. Only twice in the President's five-year career has it heard the cry "Bag overboard!" One of these bags was immediately fished up with a hook; the other a lifeboat brought back.

When the mail-boat service was re-inaugurated after the war the matter of chutes was a problem. The 28-foot wooden troughs used previously interfered with navigation or endangered the superstructure. Canvas chutes wore out at a single using. Later rope-line canvas chutes were tried and proved satisfactory. Such chutes, of varying lengths, are carried rolled up in the hold.

Unloading a ship one month may be quite unlike unloading her another, as now she may ride high and again low, according to the size of the cargo. Conditions may vary, too, at a single unloading, even in perfect weather. The other day the France dropped anchor with a list to port. The President hooked up and started to unload the mail; then a ship bound for Bermuda sent over a considerable wash, and when she had passed, the France listed the other way. The change made eight feet difference in the necessary length of the chute.

Sometimes when a ship gets in at 11 o'clock in the morning at Quarantine, mail from it may reach the financial district that afternoon. The sea post service shares the credit with the mail boats. On lines with this service, clerks are busy all through the voyage to speed up delivery on the other side. They sort and resort the mail, tying it up according to postal routes, so that it can go directly from the pier to the carrier at a local station. According to W. J. Treloar, in charge of the sea post and mail boat service, four clerks working at sea will save an hour's work of 400 men at the general post office.

The President and her work is pointed to by R. P. Williams, superintendent of railway mails for the New York section, as Exhibit A of his department. Last year 1,556 ships were met at Quarantine, and in every instance from six hours to a day or more were saved in delivery of the mails. The mail boats carried almost a million bags, enough, end to end, to stretch from here to Chicago, or to fill a line of mail trucks twice the length of Manhattan.—New York Times.

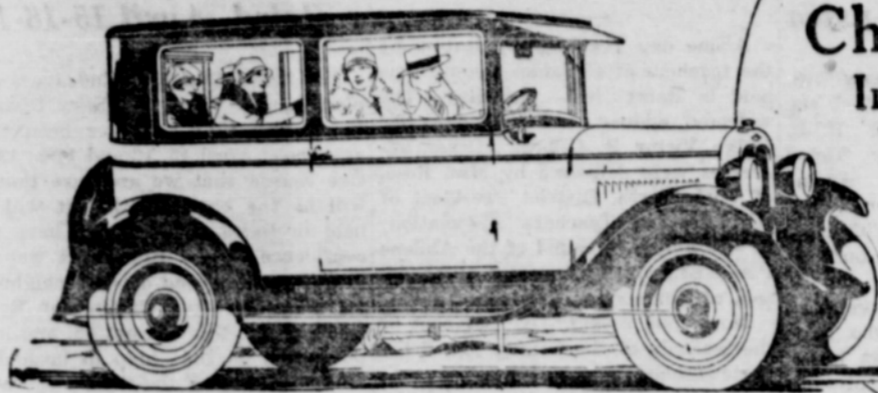
## INSECTS STAR AS MOVIE ARTISTS

### Films of Plant Pests Rival Screen Thrillers Made by Humans.

Washington.—When Uncle Sam wants to stage an agricultural movie thriller he selects a nasty insect for a villain and puts the pest through rehearsal. Some of the pests are natural movie actors; others are as temperamental as any Hollywood star. The primary reason for this, Department of Agriculture officials explain, is that certain insects shun light, whereas others exult in the glare of the studio Kliegls.

Consider the case of the common clothes moth. The department desired to make a picture showing the de-

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## QUALITY AT LOW COST

structive habits of this pest, but the insects refused to work under the bright studio lights. Moths placed on an article of clothing flew so rapidly into a seam of goods that the close-ups were a failure. The camera man then hit upon the novel idea of chloroforming the insects to retard their speed, and the picture was a success. Cotton boll weevils, on the other hand, perform best under the intense lights. They are regarded as star actors, only close-ups seeming to satisfy the vanity of the pest. Not content with flying close to the lens, the boll weevils fly into the machine so that it is necessary every now and then to stop cranking in order to clean out the camera.

Bees Are Hard Subjects. Honey bees are catalogued as bad actors. In the midst of a picture one day last summer the bees descended en masse upon the unprotected camera man, who fled and hid in a cellar. The picture could be completed only by erecting a canvas shelter over the camera so as to make shade. Bees will not fly into shady places. More than 20 motion pictures fea-

turing insects in star roles have been made by the Department of Agriculture. They include pictures of pests such as the pink boll worm, which destroys cotton, the Mexican bean beetle, the European corn borer, stable fly, bedbug, poultry louse, cockroach, grasshopper and others. The pictures are distributed free to agricultural colleges, county agents, and other agricultural agencies, some of the reels being exhibited all over the world.

Recently the department camera men made a special trip to Grasshopper glacier in Montana to photograph some of the frozen prehistoric grasshoppers. This glacier is famous. It is believed that these pests were swept up the canyon through the ages by strong winds, which dashed them against the precipitous walls, the grasshoppers then falling into the glacier and becoming frozen in the ice.

Grasshoppers hundreds of years old, but not unlike the grasshoppers of the present day, have been found there, perfectly preserved. The melted ice at the end of the glacier deposits the grasshoppers on both banks, tons of the insects having been piled up in this way. The department camera

men made an ascent of 12,000 feet to take their pictures.

Live grasshoppers are difficult to photograph. The lady grasshoppers, in particular, are camera shy. Recently in making some movies of a female laying eggs it was necessary for the camera man to crawl along a road side trench on his stomach and "shoot" close range, catching the insect unaware.

#### Working Far Afield.

Federal quarantines on pests, such as the European corn borer and the Japanese beetle, are strict and the department camera men are prohibited from bringing them into the District of Columbia so as to work on them in the studio. This results in considerable expense, in that the movie force must sometimes go far afield to take pictures of the insects in their natural environment.

The expense is, however, justified, say the department movie men, who point out that it is much better to take authentic pictures than to "fake" insects in the laboratory. Faked insects are used occasionally, but only in animated cartoons. An amusing in-

cident in this connection was the construction of a mechanical reproduction of a Mexican bean beetle, so life-like that it fooled even the department entomologists, who thought it real.

The occasion for this deception was the building of an outline map on which it was desired to show graphically the spread of the pest since its introduction into the United States. The habits of the beetle were studied carefully by the movie men, and an imitation was made that bore a life-like resemblance to the original. It was made to crawl around the map at will, and the entomologists wanted to know how the photographers had contrived so perfectly to train the insect.

Bedbugs, like the clothes moth, refuse to act under the glare of the studio lights, or even in ordinary daylight. In order to make them perform it was necessary to build a miniature bed in which a ferret wearing a nightgown was placed. The ferret had to be chloroformed to insure its remaining stationary, and the bugs, scenting easy prey, readily came out for a feast, despite the bright lights

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**DESIGN LAWS TO PROTECT WOMEN**

**Several States Limit the Weight a Woman May Lift in Industries.**

Washington. — How many pounds can a woman lift? This is not a question as to the maximum lifting feat that has been accomplished in a circus or on the vaudeville stage, but has to do with the weights which working women may handle without jeopardizing their health.

Five states have undertaken to regulate by laws or codes the weights which women may lift, but industrial experts declare that no fair and satisfactory standards have been established either in this country or abroad.

California has a law which forbids women to lift receptacles which weigh 75 pounds or more. Ohio prohibits the employment of women in any capacity which necessitates their lifting weights of 25 pounds or over. Pennsylvania decrees that women shall not handle, in core rooms, cores which weigh more than 15 pounds. These are parts of molds used in iron and steel casting. New York in its industrial code, rule 585, provides that women shall not handle cores which weigh more than 25 pounds.

**Method of Lifting Important.**  
It is recognized, however, that the problem cannot be solved by writing into a law or code the maximum number of pounds which a woman may lift. A great deal depends upon the way in which anything is lifted and the distance, reach and stretch which it entails. To lift 25 pounds from one table to another of the same height does not require as much energy and strain as a lift 15 pounds from the floor to a shelf over one's head.

In order to ascertain the seriousness of the problem the Bureau of Women in Industry in New York state had the figures compiled for a given year of all the women in the state who received compensation as a result of strain from lifting. The year ending June 30, 1925, the tenth year for compensation cases, was selected for the survey, and the report shows that 100 women received compensation of the character indicated during that period.

These 100 women averaged 13 weeks' disability, and the amount of their compensation averaged \$109. All of the disabilities were temporary except two. One woman who suffered from a permanent partial disability was employed in a hotel and the other in an office building.

**Most Injured in Factories.**  
Almost one-half of the women incurring disabilities from lifting weights too heavy for them to handle—40, to be exact, were employed in manufacturing establishments. Thirty-one were engaged in clerical and personal service, 20 were employed in trade, 2 by public utilities and 1 in building construction.

In the manufacturing group there was one case of strain from lifting in each of the following: Foundries, hardware, sheet metal ware, wire, beds, construction machinery, wood turning, confectionery, tobacco, clothing, furnishing goods, needle trades, shoddy, cotton goods, woolen goods, ink, soap and paper.

In the clerical and personal service classification the largest number of cases, 14, occurred in hotels and clubs, while there were 13 cases in apartment and office buildings.

In the trade group the largest number of accidents took place in food, department and five-and-ten-cent stores—13 in all.

**Problem Has Many Angles.**

The New York state department of labor says that the analysis of these figures, contrary to expectation, shows that the problem of lifting heavy weights does not lie wholly in the manufacturing group, but rather it lies with women who are doing cleaning, those acting as waitresses and carrying heavy trays, janitresses who set out ashes, and women employed in stores who lift heavy boxes from shelves and replace them.

"It is doubtful," says the report, "whether laws or codes ever could be made which could regulate with any degree of justice the question of lifting. It becomes practically a matter of personal equation, and a matter of knowing how to do it."

"The fact that many of the strains from lifting accidents fall into industries where weights are not heavy is an indication that perhaps distance, reach, stretch, etc., have more to do with the accident than the actual weight. It becomes, therefore, a matter of teaching women how to lift with the least possible exertion."

**War-Time Standards.**  
During the World war, when thou sands of women went into munition plants or undertook other work ordinarily performed by men, the problem of conserving their health was regarded as of as much importance as the matter of their compensation. In the proclamation creating the national war labor board, as one of the basic principles upon which industrial controversies were to be settled or adjusted it was stipulated that women must not be allotted tasks disproportionate to their strength.

The reconstruction program of the American Federation of Labor included a declaration that "women workers must not be permitted to perform tasks disproportionate to their physical strength, or which tend to impair their potential motherhood and prevent the continuation of a nation of strong, healthy, sturdy and intelligent

**POWER OF KING COTTON GROWING**

**Night and Day Average Man Seldom Escapes Potentate's Influence.**

Washington.—The serious prediction of chemists that within a few years we may order palatable "synthetic beefsteak" made from cottonseed, fixes a royal personage more firmly on his throne—his majesty, Gossypium Hirsutum, otherwise known as King Cotton. Something of this potentate's power in the world is told in a bulletin from the Washington (D. C.) headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Night and day the average man seldom escapes the influence of King Cotton," says the bulletin. "He sleeps between cotton sheets on a mattress stuffed with the fluffy white fibers. After he discards his cotton pajamas and takes his morning bath, he uses a Turkish towel made of cotton; he dons cotton underclothes; and if it is summer, he probably wears outer garments at least partly made of cotton. The celluloid comb and brush which he uses in making his toilet, and even the handle of his toothbrush are probably made from the same indispensable fiber."

**Under Scepter in Home and Office.**  
"Breakfast is not entirely cottonless even though the table is spread with linen. If margarin is used instead of butter it is probably made largely from cotton-seed oil; while the same oil or solid shortening made from it may be used in griddle cakes, biscuits or muffins. The morning paper, too, which Mr. Average Man thumbs through is dependent on cotton for the film from which its photographs were made."

"If he motors to town, he rides on tires that could not be made so cheap and strong and durable except for their 'carcasses' of cotton fabric or cords. Perhaps the upholstery, the brake-linings, and even the lacquer finish on the car have drawn upon cotton as raw materials. Arrived at his office he makes use of cotton in some of his stationery, his telephone insulation, his typewriter ribbons, his window cords, his shades, and probably in numerous other ways."

"Mrs. Average Woman leans even more heavily on the royal and potent Gossypium Hirsutum. The shelves of her linen closet are stacked high with white cotton goods used in bed and bath rooms. In her clothes closets hang dress after dress of the same material, while her dresser drawers are filled with cotton garments. Her dishes are dried on cotton dish cloths, her laundry (itself largely cotton) hangs on cotton lines, she darns and mends with cotton thread, and retires for the night to sleep in and between and upon cotton."

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"Cotton-picking time is as much a nature-marked season in the South as is the overflow of the Nile in Egypt or the appearance of the summer sun in the Arctic. The work appeals to the Southern negro. Industries lose their employees, housewives their maids, when the late summer exodus to the cotton fields begins. Many of the pickers camp out for weeks near the fields in which they work and look upon the outing as a sort of holiday. Even children and aged persons take part in the work, dragging their canvas sacks behind them."

"Approximately two-thirds by weight of 'seed cotton'—the cotton as it comes from the bolls—is seed, one-third lint or fiber. The latter adheres tightly to the seed, growing out from all parts of it in tiny white hairs. To separate lint from seed the seed cotton must be passed through a 'gin.' Numerous whirling saws tear the fiber from the seeds. The latter drop into chutes which carry them to huge gray-green piles in the seed room. The lint passes on belt conveyors in a broad endless stream to the presses where it is squeezed into bales weighing approximately 500 pounds."

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**THE LEGISLATURE IN SESSION**

The regular session of the 40th Legislature convened at Austin last Tuesday. For the first time in Texas, a woman presided over the House of Representatives until a speaker was elected. The law provides that the secretary of state shall preside over the House of Representatives until organization is effected. Mrs. Emma Grigsby Meharg Secretary of State therefore she had to preside over a House of mere males until they could elect a man speaker.

Robert Lee Babbitt, of Laredo, was elected speaker without opposition among the officers elected was J. L. Robinson, elected for the 18th time as Journal Clerk, or assistant—and since the death of Marshall Burnes, some years ago succeeded his as Journal Clerk.

Thirty-two years ago with 127 other 128 in all, the writer was sworn in as a member of the House, of the 24th Legislature, 1895. Gov. C. A. Culberson's first term.

T. S. Smith was elected speaker and Marshall Burney Journal Clerk, J. L. Robinson, assistant.

Only one member of the House in 1895 is a member of the present House of Representatives, J. D. Bass of Pittsburg, is the member. John H. Bailey over in the east end of the Capitol, building is a senator. He was a member of the House in 1895 and for some time after that until he was elected to the Senate.

The senate was called to order by Lieut. Gov. Barry Miller and quickly organized. Bills began to pour into both houses at once.

Dan Moody will be inaugurated governor Tuesday, January 18th. It has been the custom for the outgoing governor to lead the grand march in opening the Inaugural Ball. Wonder if Mrs. Ferguson will do this? The inaugural ball is no part of the inauguration ceremony, but a private function gotten up by the people of Austin. Dan Moody is a Baptist and his church prohibits dancing and Dan says that he will not break the rules of his church.

The Moody forces control both

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**BAIRD, TEXAS**

Phone 59. K. of P. Bldg.

No. 3280  
 Report of Condition of  
**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
 BAIRD, TEXAS  
 In The State of Texas, at the Close of Business, Dec. 31, 1926  
 RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, including rediscounts	\$478,189.53
Acceptances of other banks discounted	65,279.72
Total Loans	\$543,469.25
Overdrafts, secured, none, unsecured	1,537.89
U. S. Government Securities owned	
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$25,000.00
All other United States Government Securities	5,150.00
Total	30,150.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	30,180.38
Value of Banking house \$3,300.00; Furniture and Fixtures, \$5,800.00	9,300.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	5,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	59,208.84
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	340,919.75
Amount due from State Banks and Bankers, etc.	191.00
Checks of banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	2,732.94
Total of items	\$313,841.69
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank	23.90
Miscellaneous cash items	\$661.77
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,350.00
Total	\$1,024,526.72

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	89,077.45
Reserved for	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	9,077.45
Circulating notes outstanding	25,000.00
Amount due to National Banks	22,432.34
Net amounts due to State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in items 25 or 26)	59,957.60
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding	2,366.95
Total of items	\$84,737.39
Demand deposits subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days)	
Individual deposits subject to check	711,967.33
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	7,739.69
State, County or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank	66,797.27
Dividends unpaid	2,242.50
Total demand deposits	\$829,797.79
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	8,459.78
Total of time deposits subject to reserve	8,459.78
Other United States deposits, including deposits of U. S. disbursing officers	1,433.81
Letters of Credit and Traveler's Checks sold for cash and outstanding	
Total	\$1,024,526.72

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CALLAHAN, SS: I, W. S. Hinds, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. S. HINDS, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Jan. 1927.

J. Rupert Jackson, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

TOM WINDHAM  
 ACE HICKMAN  
 A. R. KELTON  
 Directors

branches of the Legislature, but not so strong in the senate as expected.

**APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for ten days before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published in Callahan County for a period of more than one year before the date hereof, the following notice:

The State of Texas. To all persons interested in the Estate of Sam McClendon, deceased:

Mrs. Sarah McClendon has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said Sam McClendon, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of Sam McClendon, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the First Monday in February, A. D. 1927, the same being the 7th day of February, A. D. 1927, at the court house thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at my office in Baird, Texas, this 11th day of January, A. D. 1927.

S. E. Settle,  
 Clerk, County Court, Callahan County, Texas.

**CITATION APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN**

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for ten days, exclusive of the day of first publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year, the following notice; and you are hereby commanded to cause to be posted for ten days, exclusive of the day of posting before the return day hereof in three of the most public places in Callahan County, Texas, one of which shall be at the court house door, and no two of which shall be in the same city or town, copies of the following notice:

The State of Texas. To all persons interested in the welfare of Iona Spitzer, Woodrow Spitzer, Lorraine Spitzer, Nellie Spitzer and L. C. Spitzer, Minors:

You are hereby notified that P. L. Spitzer has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, and application for letters of guardianship of the persons and estate of said minors, Iona Spitzer, Woodrow Spitzer, Lorraine Spitzer, Nellie Spitzer and L. C. Spitzer, and at the next regular term of said court, commencing on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1927, the same being the 7th day of February, 1927, said application will be heard, and at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may, and are hereby cited to appear and contest said application if they so desire.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Baird, Texas, this 11th day of January, A. D. 1927.

S. E. Settle,  
 Clerk, County Court, Callahan County, Texas.

**APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP**

The State of Texas: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, once a week,

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the  
**FIRST STATE BANK**  
 At Baird, State of Texas  
 at the close of business on the 31st day Dec. of 1926, published in The Baird Star, a newspaper printed and published at Baird State of Texas, on the 14th day Jan 1927

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts, personal and collateral	\$315,098.08
Loans, real estate	5,348.50
Overdrafts	8,526.27
Bonds and Stocks	
Real Estate (banking house)	14,772.56
Other Real Estate	1,524.64
Furniture and Fixtures	4,924.90
Cash on hand	16,187.96
Due from approved reserve agent	45,587.27
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on dem. d	117.83
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,075.29
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	5,393.37
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange	43,222.55
Other Resources	917.00
TOTAL	\$462,696.12

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	
Undivided Profits, net	11,113.06
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	16,443.55
Individual Deposits, subject to check	829,272.49
Individual Deposits on which interest is paid	8,458.78
Time Certificates of Deposit	22,603.37
Demand Certificates of Deposit	
Public Funds on Deposit:	
State \$	
County \$ 645.62	
City 4,972.15	
School 16,706.59	
Total	22,324.36
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	2,479.31
Rediscounts	
Certificates of Deposit, issued for money deposit	
Eonds Deposited	
Other Liabilities	
TOTAL	\$462,696.12

STATE OF TEXAS,  
 COUNTY OF CALLAHAN. We, T. E. Powell as vice president; and E. D. Driskill as A. Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

T. E. POWELL, Vice President.  
 E. D. DRISKILL, A. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of Jan. A. D. 1927.

W. E. Melton  
 Notary Public, Callahan County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST: [Seal]

C. B. SNYDER  
 MARTIN BARNHILL  
 H. W. ROSS  
 Directors.

for ten days, exclusive of the First day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County, which has been continuously and regularly published in said County for a period of not less than One year, the following notice:

To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of Minnie M. McCool, a Minor:

You are hereby notified that Mrs. Ida McCool has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the person and Estate of said Minor, Minnie M. McCool, and on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1926, by Order of the County Judge of said County, the said Mrs. Ida McCool was appointed temporary Guardian of the person and Estate of said Minor, and at the next regular term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in February, A. D. 1927, the same being the 7th day of February, A. D. 1927, at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time, all persons interested in the Welfare of said Minor, may, and are hereby cited to appear and contest such appointment, if they so desire, and if such appointment is not contested at the said term

of said Court, then the same shall become permanent.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court, on the First day of the next Term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas, this the 3rd day of January A. D. 1927.

S. E. Settle,  
 Clerk, County Court, Callahan County, Texas.

"Contracts already made and prospective assured some fifteen wells in CLYDE sandy land belt. 7-1f.

**AMERICAN LEGION MEETS MONDAY NIGHT**

Regular meeting Monday night, Jan 17, at 7:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present. Important business.

F. L. Wristen,  
 Commander.

**BANKS**

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK at Putnam State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec. 1926, published in The Baird Star, a newspaper published at Baird, State of Texas, on the 14th day of Jan. 1927.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$275,340.02
Loans Secured by Real Estate	5,999.81
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	3,399.41
Bonds and Stocks, Liberty Bonds	5,000.00
Real Estate (banking house)	3,055.00
Other Real Estate	2,700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,585.04
Cash on hand	36,929.49
Due from approved reserve agents	2,063.18
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check on demand	1,055.71
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	3,903.63
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	258.55
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange undoubtedly good—cotton	25,514.26
Other Resources—Commercial Paper	
Total	\$370,821.01

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	17,510.58
Due to Banks and Bankers	12,318.54
Individual Deposit subject to check on which no interest is paid	290,961.89
Total	\$370,821.01

STATE OF TEXAS: We, J. A. Clements as Vice President, and R. L. Clinton as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. A. CLEMENTS, Vice-Pres.  
 R. L. CLINTON, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this, 5th day of Jan. A. D. 1927.

Pierce Shackelford  
 Notary Public, Callahan County, Texas

CORRECT ATTEST:

S. W. Jobe  
 C. T. Hutchison  
 Y. A. Orr  
 Directors

Let the New Year Bring New Life to Your Savings Account

If your savings haven't been increasing as they should, start right now to make your balance show a steady, gratifying increase through 1927. It will give you a mighty proud and comfortable feeling when another New Year comes around!

**THE First National Bank**  
 CAPITAL \$ 50,000.00  
 SURPLUS & PROFITS \$ 25,000.00  
 1884—The Old Established Bank—1884  
 BAIRD, TEXAS

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Tom Windham, President  
 Henry James, Vice President  
 Ace Hickman, Vice President  
 W. A. Hinds

W. S. Hinds, Active Vice President  
 Bob Norrell, Cashier  
 Howard E. Farmer, Asst. Cashier  
 A. R. Kelton

**ATTABOY EDDIE**

The Eddie's most always excited, To serve you he's simply delighted. His work is all play, We're happy to say; It's business and pleasure united

**We Are Dependable**

The housewife who finds her time for marketing limited, will appreciate this store. Phone orders will receive the same attention as a call in person. They will be first quality Groceries and Meats and delivered on time.

**Warren's Market**  
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 Call 120 or 130 for Service

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Baird Texas

**"Blue Ribbon" Bread**

Loaf 10c.....3 for 25 Cts.  
 Also Fresh Rolls, Cakes,

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 BAIRD, TEXAS.

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Baird, Texas

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### FIRST STATE BANK

BAIRD, TEXAS

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M. Barnhill, C. B. Snyder  
T. E. Powell, Vice President  
H. Ross, Vice President  
P. G. Hatchett, Vice President

### CLASSIFIED ADS

PIANO FOR SALE: See or phone Mrs. J. E. Gilliland. Phone 79. 5-tf.

OATS FOR SALE: Red, Rust Proof seed oats; clean of weeds and Johnson grass. 60 cents per bushel. 6-4tpd. W. H. Boatwright.

PRACTICAL NURSING: I am prepared to take calls in town, or the country. Mrs. Mary Yarbrow. Phone, 283. 4-4tpd.

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR. Pecans and berries. Hardy, climate-proof Evergreens, Flowering Shrubs, Shades, Roses. Landscape plans made. Catalogue free. RAMSEY'S AUSTIN NURSERY, Austin, Texas. Established 1875. 52-6t.

LOST: A front bolster for a Moline wagon, somewhere between Baird and Rowden. Leave at Star office for Reward. 6-2tpd. W. L. Steel. Cross Plains.

FOR SALE good milk cow with young calf. See S. E. Webb Baird Texas, Rt. 1. 7-1tpd.

SALESMAN WANTED for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Excellent opportunity. Salary of Commission. THE JED OIL AND PAINT CO., Cleveland, Ohio. 7-tpd.

"LADIES, who can do plain sewing at home and want profitable spare time work. NO CANVASSING. Write (Enclose stamp) to AMSTERDAM DRESS CO., Amsterdam, N. Y. Yours truly, AMSTERDAM DRESS CO. 7-1tpd.

FOR SALE: Practically new \$29 Eastman autograph kodak, with fast f-77 lens \$12.50; \$16.95 7x7ft. khaki tourist tent, used on one camping trip, \$8; steel folding table and 4 chairs that fold inside table \$6.50; also cots and other camping equipment. M. S. Cook at S. J. Berry residence. 7-1tp.

FOR SALE—One dining table and chairs; one bed; spring and mattress; two rocking chairs. See Mrs. Russell Hart. 7-2t.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: See or phone Mrs. E. Cooke. 7-1t.

FOR RENT—Furnished Apartments, close in. See or phone, Mrs. E. M. Wristen, Phone 30. 7-tf.

Drop in the Baird Drug Company after the show and call for a Butter-Kistwich, Chicken or Pamento, Sandwiches and a cup of hot Chocolate. They're good. 7-1t.

## Personals

Will McCoy was in town Monday.

W. F. Atwood, of Oplin, was in Baird the first of the week.

Robert Lowery Blakley was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Fowler, of Baird, have moved to the J. Y. Gilliland ranch five miles south of Baird.

Mrs. M. E. Moon and daughter, Miss Goldie, and Mrs. A. Horn, of Fort Worth, were in Baird this week on business and visiting old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Martin and son, Terry, of Plainview, visited Mr. Martin's sister, Mrs. Sophia Hill, this week.

Mrs. John Hill, of Roswell N. M. spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Baird, looking after some business interests.

Claude Flores, our hustling correspondent in the Baird Shallow Field, was a pleasant caller at The Star office Wednesday.

Mrs. John Heyser, of Atwell, spent a few days here last week the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lelette Gilliland.

Mrs. Frank Wolford, of Abilene, spent a few days here last week, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Martha Gilliland.

### NEW BIRTHS

The following Births are Reported by Drs. Hamlett & Hamlett.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil West, January 9, 1927, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McMurray, January 10, 1927, a girl.

"Clyde sandy belt will rival Belle Plaine when tested. Buy a lease or royalty and watch development." 50-3tpd.

### Announcing

A Demonstration of H. J. Heinz' Products (57 Varieties) by a Special Representative, at our store Saturday, January 15th. The public cordially invited to attend this demonstration.

Warren's Market

### PROF. J. H. SURLS

Scientific Masseur will be in Baird for a few days and would be glad to meet all those suffering with any kind or chronic trouble. 6-tf.

### NOTICE

This is to notify the Public that C. C. Blakley has no further connection with my Dairy business. January 9, 1927. Ben Halsted.

## Plumbing Tin Work

SINKS  
TIN WORK  
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BAIRD, TEXAS



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When buying Work Clothes be sure to call for Williamson Dickey—they are better. If you must spend your days in outdoor work, you can dress in comfort, economically, if you will let us serve you. We were extra insistent upon quality when we bought these garments—and we bought them at a price which enables us to give you extra values for your money.

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The fabrics are so soft, the fit is so perfect. You enjoy such snug protection with so little bulk or weight.

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Again in 1926, more Buicks toured through Yellowstone Park than any other car except the one of lowest price.

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This year there were 4,756 Buicks in a total of 44,472 cars registered. 101 different makes were represented in the registrations. One in every ten was a Buick.

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## Shelton Motor Company

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R. B. Caldwell  
Receiver of First National Bank

Ranger, Texas

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We carry a complete line of Drugs, Patent Medicines, etc. in fact we carry everything to be found in a first-class Drug Store



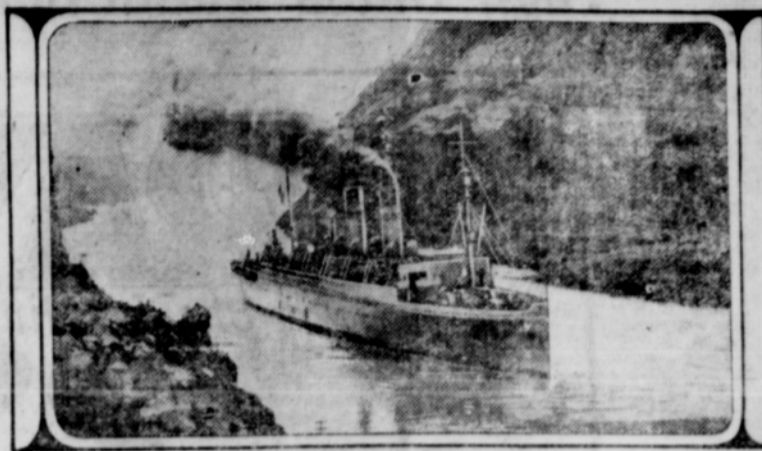
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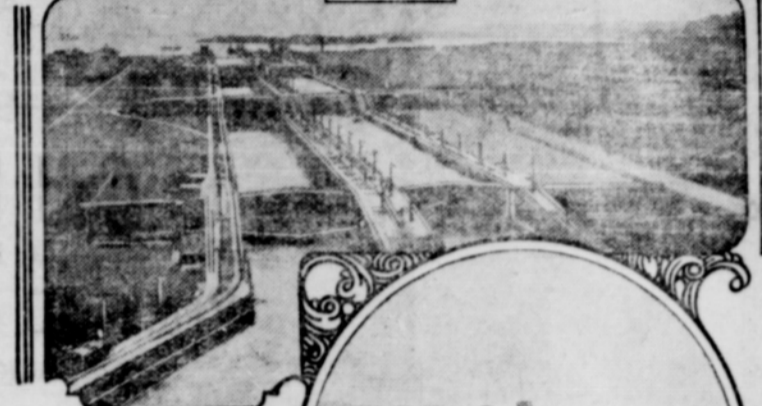
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## OUR PANAMA CANAL LEADING BRITISH DITCH AT SUEZ IN TRAFFIC TONNAGE

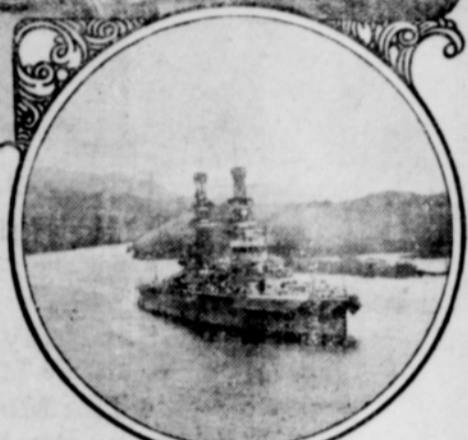


U.S. TRANSPORT "NORTHERN PACIFIC" PASSING THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL



GATUN LOCKS

Increase of Freight via Panama Route, Largely Due to Oil Shipments, Indicates Rise of United States to Leadership of World's Commerce.



U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA AT CHAGRES RIVER CROSSING

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER

One of the striking evidences of America's rapid rise toward commercial and industrial leadership of the world, is the Panama Canal, which will almost certainly handle more freight in 1926 than will Suez. For several years the two canals have been in a neck and neck competition whose implications are the more interesting because the Panama ditch is owned by the American Government, and that at Suez by the British Government.

Of course both Canals are open to the ships of all nations; and the competition between them is not only between the United States and Britain, but in a larger and even more significant view it is competition between old world and new world.

When the Panama Canal was opened in 1915, Suez was already transiting about 25,000,000 tons of freight annually. Almost nobody believed Panama could ever attract anything approaching such a volume. But during the war fear of German submarines in the Mediterranean caused many vessels to take the Panama route between the far east and European or American ports. This gave Panama its introduction and it has not only held but greatly increased its business since the war. In 1923 Panama transited 5037 vessels, against 4621 for Suez; Panama handled 25,160,000 cargo tons against 22,770,000 for Suez. This was the first year of Panama's lead.

### A Close Race

The following year Suez barely exceeded Panama's tonnage; and in 1925 comfortably held its lead. But reports for 1926 to date indicate that Suez is losing, owing to Britain's industrial depression, while Panama is doing better and is pretty certain to resume the lead.

The present Suez Canal has been in operation nearly sixty years, Panama only eleven. Although few people except antiquarians know it, the first canal at Suez was built more than 3,000 years ago. It was in operation as early as B. C. 1380; how long before, is mere conjecture. Before the Christian era began the ditch had been built, destroyed, rebuilt, silted up and built up again, time after time. When Alexander the Great conquered Egypt the Canal was one of the oldest of engineering works.

Between 1904 and 1915 the present Panama Canal was constructed. It cost about \$400,000,000, Suez about one-fourth that sum. But Suez is a simple, sea-level ditch across a sandy plain; while Panama is a lock canal, the greater part of its length lying 85 feet above sea level, so that most of the distance from ocean to ocean is through an artificial freshwater lake.

### Early Profits Unexpected

When Roosevelt started building at Panama, neither he nor any other prophet of optimism would have dared suggest that within its first decade the Canal would earn a profit. Its chief justification concerned the national defense, and the establishment of competition with the trans-continental railroads.

Although both Canals are open to shipping of all nations, British vessels constitute the majority of those using Suez (55.8 per cent), while American vessels are 54.5 per cent of those using Panama.

For 1924, ships of 21 nations used

the Suez route, while 24 nations were represented in the maritime caravans at Panama.

The World War was not the only unexpected factor in bringing Panama so quickly to equality with Suez nor the most important. The enormous increase in Panama traffic in 1923 was represented almost entirely by petroleum and its products, moving from California to the east coast and Europe. In the year ended June 30, 1924, tolls aggregating \$24,290,000 were collected, of which \$9,071,000 was from tankers carrying petroleum. An even more striking statement of the matter is that for the same year exactly 50 per cent of all tonnage through the Canal was between the two ocean fronts of the United States; that is, 13,500,000 tons; and of this, considerably over 9,000,000 tons, or more than two-thirds was petroleum. It was of course chiefly from California, en route to eastern refineries. In the succeeding year this petroleum movement fell off heavily; but for 1926 it is again increasing and the increase is likely to continue for many years. But for the petroleum traffic, the Canal would have shown a deficit in every year of its operation.

The enormous petroleum business has been in other ways advantageous to Panama. A constantly increasing proportion of maritime shipping nowadays uses oil fuel. Oil-burning ships seek routes on which they can most cheaply buy oil; and because California oil can be put so cheaply into the bunkers of vessels passing through the Panama ditch, there is a substantial inducement to prefer this route. This will increasingly favor Panama and militate against Suez, as the number of oil burners increases. Moreover, Panama's advantage will still further increase as the enormous oil resources of Venezuela, Colombia, and other South American countries are developed.

### Great Service of Panama

If cheap petroleum has thus served Panama so well, Panama in turn has equally served the American motorist, who consumes most of the world's petroleum products. For Panama has brought the Pacific Coast petroleum to the eastern market at costs which, but for the Canal, would be vastly greater. Thus the Canal has given the United States the cheapest petroleum products in the world, and helped build the automobile industry and our modern highway system.

This mutually helpful relationship between the Canal and the petroleum users is the more impressive when one realizes that it was not even remotely anticipated at the time President Roosevelt started building the Canal. So late, indeed, as 1910, when Admiral Evans wrote his articles about the Canal and decided that it could not be profitable for several decades at least, he based all his calculations on the probable cost of coal for bunkering ships. He did not dream that merchant marines were on the verge of the revolutionary change from coal to oil. So he figured that, as there is practically no bunker coal in the countries bordering on the Pacific, that ocean could not compete, by way of Panama, for a greatly increased share of shipping. The development overturned the prophecies of Admiral Evans, and of all others who had foreseen that fuel problems would make Panama unprofitable.

## AMERICA HAS NO NATIONAL DANCE

Most Countries Have Steps Which Are Distinctly Their Own.

Washington.—"Whether the current frenzy called the Charleston is destined to be a permanent addition to the art of dancing, or whether it shuffles out of the spotlight of popular fancy after the 'turkey trot,' the 'bunny hug,' the 'camel walk,' the 'shimmy,' and other high-pressure steps of the past, discussion of it has revived interest in characteristic national and folk dances in many parts of the world," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"America has no generally recognized national dance," the bulletin continues. "There is the moribund Virginia reel, at present the subject of earnest efforts at resurrection by old-time dance revivalists. In many of the more remote rural sections of the country the Virginia reel flourishes, more or less, despite the growing scarcity of capable figure callers, but the younger generation of most of the country today knows little about it. "In the cast of some steps it is necessary only to name the dance, and its birthplace flashes to mind, so thoroughly have the country and the name of its most characteristic dance become linked. The jig, Ireland; the hula-hula, Hawaii; the tango, Argentina; the polka, Bohemia (now Czechoslovakia); the nautch, India; the minuet, Old France. These are only a few samples of dances which automatically furnish their own places and date lines.

### Egypt's Star Dances.

"The most ancient dances are believed to be astronomical dances of the early Egyptians. The object of these dances was to inspire a feeling of harmony among the planets, and to so influence them that their effect on life might not be harmful. The Greeks took the star dances from the Egyptians and found a place for them as the chorus, or background, of their tragedies. The Romans, as in other arts, produced few original dances but they developed their heritage from the Egyptians and Greeks. "In the more primitive civilizations dancing and religion were almost synonymous. As for the lower strata of humanity: 'A savage does not preach his religion, he dances it.' Livingstone wrote from Africa. For all solemn occasions in the lives of primitive peoples there are dances—for weddings, for funerals, for seed time and for harvest, for war and for peace. Where today we find people praying in church for rain, or for the restoration of friends to health, ancient man danced for these things.

"One of the liveliest of the world's dances is the tarantella, the diversion of Naples. It is executed with tambourines and was formerly supposed to cure the bite of the tarantula, a large venomous spider. Another version of the origin of the dance says that it is based on the theme of 'la morra,' a game consisting in guessing at the number of fingers suddenly held out by an opponent. Until recently visitors to Asia Minor were delighted and mystified with the gyrations of the famous Turkish whirling dervishes. Originally of religious significance, the art of the dervishes had degenerated so that not long ago the new Turkish Republic prohibited the dance.

"Perhaps the only original contribution that England has made in the last four centuries is the sailor's hornpipe. The neighboring island of Ireland, however, boasts of the jig, the reel, and the hornpipe clog-and-shuffle dances. Britain's colonies offer colorful and diverting steps, most of them symbolic or religious, such as the devil dance of Ceylon.

### Earliest "Turkey Trot."

"Environment and the imitative impulse doubtless have played large parts in molding many of the more picturesque and exotic steps of savage peoples. Of great interest to the student of animal life are such mimicking steps as the kangaroo hops of the Australian and the Tasmanian; the gorilla-like movements of a cottillon of natives in the heart of Africa, and the calf-herd tactics at a bushman's ball. In the mechanical frenzies of the American Indian harvest and war dances may be visioned the embryonic 'turkey trot' or 'bunny hug.'

"The close association of early dances with warfare is brought out in such survivals as the sword dances. The Scotch sword dance is the most graceful and least bloodthirsty of these. Chinese and Turkish sword dances, however, are not so esthetic. While wildly beautiful, they are not wholly free from danger. Natives of the Fiji Islands have a war dance in which clubs are flourished in a frenzied manner. In East Africa the native tribes honor distinguished guests with a ceremonial dance, in which spears and other weapons are rushed up within an inch of the visitor's nose. It is a test of the honor guest's nerve, for if he moves or shows the least sign of fear or annoyance he falls in the respect of his well meaning hosts."

### Prefers Prison

Millwaukee.—Lonely outside prison walls, Michael J. Harris is going to spend the rest of his life among his friends, the old-timers inside. Pined in 1918, he insisted upon returning to his home.

## Improved Uniform International Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. F. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean of Day and Evening Schools, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

Lesson for February 13

MAKING OUR HOMES CHRISTIAN

LESSON TEXT—Eph. 5:22-6:4.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Let us love one another for love is of God.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Child at Home.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—Obedience at Home.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Uncle Sam in the Home.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—How to Make Our Homes Christian.

I. The importance of the Home.  
The oldest and most important institution in the world is the family. It is the foundation stone upon which all other institutions are built. In the measure that the home is kept pure and strong will the church, society and the nation be pure and strong.

II. The Makers of the Home.  
The foundation upon which the home is built is marriage, and the makers of the home are the man and the woman united in holy wedlock.

III. The Obligations of the Members of the Home.

1. The husband (Eph. 5:25-32).

(1) The husband is to love his wife (v. 25). Observe—

a. The measure of this love is the love of Christ for His church. Christ loved the church so that He gave Himself for it. His was a self-emptying love. The obligation enjoined then on the husband is to manifest that self-emptying love toward his wife.

b. The purpose of this love (vv. 26, 27).

The purpose of the husband's self-emptying love is the perfection of his wife's character.

c. The ground of this love (vv. 28-30).

After all, the ground of the husband's love for his wife is his own self. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

(2) The husband is to be joined unto his wife (v. 31).

When the time comes for a man to establish a home, he leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife. This results in the creation of the new unity of society.

2. The wife (Eph. 5:22-24).

She is to be subject to her own husband. This is not an arbitrary matter, but it is according to the divine arrangement. It is to be "as unto the Lord." It is important to inquire as to what kind of subjection is enjoined. In order to understand this, we must grasp the figure which the apostle introduces of Christ and the church. Christ's loving the church is without ulterior motive, as true love "seeketh not its own." Since Christ gave Himself for the church, He thus lifted the church into union with Himself and became to it Lord in the power of His love. The church responds to this love by lovingly recognizing the Lordship of Christ. Just as the church graciously comes under the guidance and direction of Jesus Christ does the wife respond to the love of her husband. Headship of the man is the divine order. Headship never suggests "boss-ship" nor governorship. Observe with reference to this subjection—

(a) The motive (v. 22). "As unto the Lord."

(b) The ground (v. 23). "The husband is the head of the wife."

(c) The extent of (v. 24). "In everything."

3. The children (6:1-3).

The divine purpose in the union of the male and the female in the bonds of holy wedlock is the propagation of the race. When God pronounced His benediction upon the first pair He said, "Be fruitful and multiply."

(1) Obedience to parents (v. 1).

The ground of this obedience is the fact that the parents stand in the place of God to the child.

(2) Honor the parents (v. 2).

Obedience to parents is limited to the period of immaturity. When the children take their place in the establishment of new units in society they are no longer under obligation to obey their parents. Two gracious promises are attached to this commandment, that it may be well with thee and that thou mayest live long on the earth.

4. The parents (v. 4).

Doubtless the word "fathers" was intended to be inclusive of the "mothers."

(1) Provoke not your children to wrath.

This doubtless means that in the exercise of parental authority there should be avoidance of irritation.

(2) To bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Nurture doubtless means to educate and admonition means discipline.

### Religious Instruction

It is time that we give attention to the religious instruction of the children of America.—President Harding.

### When Souls Are Saved

There never was a spirit-filled church but that there were souls saved for the kingdom.—J. E. Suter.

### God Gives Strength

It is at the point where we are just about to faint, that God gives us strength to go on.—Echols.

**BAIRD SHALLOW FIELD**  
Continued from last page

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**APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATION**

The State of Texas:  
County of Callahan:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded, to cause to be published once a week, for Ten days, exclusive of the First day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of General Circulation published in said County, which has been continuously and regularly published in said County for a period of not less than One year; the following notice:

The State of Texas:  
County of Callahan:

To all Persons Interested in the Welfare of the Estate of R. Burnfield Deceased:

You are hereby notified, that J. H. Robinson has filed in the County Court, of Callahan County, Texas, an Application for Letters of Temporary Administration upon the Estate of R. Burnfield, Deceased, and on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1926 by Order of the County Judge of said Callahan County, the said J. H.

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Robinson was appointed Temporary Administrator of the Estate of the said R. Burnfield, deceased, and at the next regular term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in February, A. D. 1927, the same being the 7th day of February, A. D. 1927, at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time, all persons interested in the welfare of said Estate are hereby cited to appear and contest such Appointment, if they so desire, and if such appointment is not contested at the said Term of said Court, then the same shall become permanent. Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court on the said First day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas, this the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1927.

7-3L S. E. Settle,  
Clerk, County Court, Callahan County, Texas.

**PROBATE OF LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT**

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for ten days before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published in Callahan County for a period of more than one year before the date hereof, the following notice:

The State of Texas. To all persons interested in the estate of Elizabeth A. Hinds, deceased.

William A. Hinds has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said Elizabeth A. Hinds, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of Elizabeth A. Hinds, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1927, the same being the 7th day of February, A. D. 1927, at the court house thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so. Herein fail not, but have you before said court on said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at my office in Baird, Texas, this 11th day of January, A. D. 1927.

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