

**POLL TAX**  
CHART  
Paid today ..... 494  
Payments to date ..... 4,915  
Same day 1938 ..... 4,818

**WEATHER**  
Increasing cloudiness to night and Thursday; little change in temperature.

## B'Spring Grocers Want Action On Sunday Closing

### Conference Held With Sheriff, One Planned With City Commission To Bring About Enforcement Of Law

Grocers, aroused at the practice of suburban stores remaining open for unrestricted business on Sundays, Wednesday were joining forces to eliminate this form of competition.

During the morning representatives of several long-established firms conferred on steps to be taken to bring the issue to a head and subsequently contacted Sheriff Jess Slaughter on the matter.

Following up on this, a meeting of grocery merchants with the city commission was contemplated.

Slaughter said after the parley with grocersmen that "I'm ready to crack down. We need some help on this, and if we get it we are ready to go."

Grocers who have been closing on Sundays declared that they saw nothing fair in smaller, outlying stores being able to remain open all day and carry on an uncurbed business.

Several operators indicated that if there were no other way to obtain relief, that they would strongly consider remaining open on Sundays in order to gain a share of the trade.

T. J. A. Robinson said that plans were being made among the majority of grocersmen to hold a meeting next week, possibly on Tuesday if the city commission can be convinced for a special session. Robinson, incidentally, is a member of the commission.

Like other grocers who close for the Sabbath, he said he could see nothing fair in allowing a few stands to stay open and reap the benefits of an illicit trade.

The projected meeting with the commission and the one with the sheriff were held by grocers to be a step toward closer cooperation between two law enforcement agencies.

## New Orleans Opens Annual Mardi Gras

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 31 (AP)—New Orleans paused today in the midst of Louisiana's heated gubernatorial campaign to begin a week of joy and abandon.

The wordy campaign resounded noisily from north Louisiana, but New Orleans lets nothing so worldly interfere with its century-old Creole custom of Mardi Gras—the season to play—which gains momentum tonight.

The city is in gala dress and hotels are filled with visitors. One of the largest crowds in history is expected, due mainly to the fact that Europe's war has kept American visitors at home.

## CHURCH CENSUS TO BE MAPPED FRIDAY

Zone leaders will meet Friday evening at 6:30 at the First Methodist church to complete plans for Sunday's city-wide church census. It has been announced. The census will begin at 1 p. m. Sunday following a sandwich luncheon at the East Fourth Street Baptist church.

More than 300 will participate in the canvass, and the entire city will be covered in the one drive.

Zone leaders include Mrs. J. Ike Low, Mrs. Sam Moreland, J. A. Coffey, Cliff Wiley, Royce Satterwhite, J. V. Birdwell, Roy Schneider, Rev. Lightfoot, Rev. Bowden, and Melvin Wise.

## AT WORLD'S FAIR

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (AP)—Finland has renewed its contract for its pavilion at the New York world's fair.

## 'Catching Up' On Terracing

For the first time since requests began pouring in as the past harvest season tapered off, the county agent's staff was abreast of terrace and contour line work Wednesday.

O. P. Griffin, county agent, said Wednesday morning that he had only one more request for lines on hand and that it would be attended to before the day was over.

During the period of approximately three months, Griffin and aides have run a total of around 1,477,840 linear feet of terrace and contour lines.

This amounts to about 217 1/2 miles of lines and was estimated to protect 5,784 acres.

As the agent caught up on farm lines, he began looking to what promised to be an unprecedented demand for contour furrow lines on range lands. Griffin anticipated that as high as \$10,000 might be spent by Howard county ranchers in contour furrowing of their pastures. Most of this money, he said, will come from the benefit payments on the range program. Several ranchers have indicated that they will spend their entire allotments for contour furrowing. Heretofore, this work has been largely in the experimental stage in the county, but has produced convincing results.



**MERRY INTO COURT**—Merry Fahney, patent medicine peddler, is shown as she went to court in New York to ask a divorce from her fourth husband, Count Oleg Cassini. She has charged her mate with infidelity.

## WPA Intake Is Resumed

AUSTIN, Jan. 31 (AP)—Machinery for placing applicants on WPA rolls in Texas, halted since Nov. 1, will begin to function again in county seats tomorrow.

Director Adam R. Johnson of the state public welfare department announced that details of a plan agreed to in Washington by social security board officials had been worked out in a conference with WPA representatives.

"Counties will have to employ welfare workers to handle the job," Johnson stated. "Efficacy of the WPA intake will depend on the willingness of counties to employ sufficient personnel. Unless the job is done properly it may have to be abandoned."

The director said the arrangement was purely temporary and would continue until adequate financial arrangements were made by the state.

## Marjorie Whitaker, District Director for the State Public Welfare Department, expected to return to her office Wednesday afternoon after three days in the field.

A communication, presumably from the state office, awaited her, but in her absence no accurate statement as to local procedure could be had.

County Judge Charlie Sullivan said that Howard county already had two welfare workers. Whether more will be required, he could not say. Mrs. Migone Crunk and Mrs. Hudson Landers have been serving as county-paid welfare workers here.



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## WIFE TESTIFIES FOR DR. JOHNSON

### Says Teer's Resignation Was Sought

AUSTIN, Jan. 31 (AP)—Mrs. W. J. Johnson, wife of the superintendent of the San Antonio State hospital, testified here today that representatives of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel had gone to San Antonio last August to demand the resignation of Claude Teer, then chairman of the state board of control who subsequently killed himself.

Defends Husband

Mrs. Johnson was the first witness of the day in defense of her husband at the public hearing before the board of control on charges he is morally unfit to continue as head of the hospital.

Since Teer escaped from a nurse and ran into the side of a train as it passed the hospital grounds—he had been under the care of Dr. Johnson—there have been many reports concerning events preceding his sensational death, as well as much speculation regarding possible political repercussions.

On August 25 Dr. Johnson came to his home at the hospital and informed her they could not leave on a planned trip to Uvalde, she said.

She quoted him as saying that State Rep. Fred Felty of San Antonio and William Lawson, Governor O'Daniel's secretary had "come to try to see Mr. Teer to get his resignation."

"They have gone to town right now but will return at 2 p. m.," Mrs. Johnson said her husband stated. "They said that if they did not see Mr. Teer the governor would institute legal proceedings to have him removed."

A letter from Governor O'Daniel introducing Lawson to Dr. Johnson was placed in the record yesterday.

Previously Dr. Johnson had testified he had refused to permit Lawson and Felty to talk to Teer, because of Teer's condition. He claims the refusal and the tragic aftermath to the Teer case are the real basis for an attempt to oust him.

Mrs. Johnson also testified that Miss Rae Stockton, nurse who had been in charge of Teer and who in that duty had been in the Johnson home for 10 or 11 days, had never complained to her that the physician had made improper advances.

Last week Miss Stockton, pretty brunette, testified that Dr. Johnson had advised her to have sexual relations with men, warned her she must pay more attention to him and had asked her to accompany him on a trip to Greenville.

Dr. Johnson has denied all accusations of improper conduct made by Miss Stockton and several other young women former employees at the hospital.

Mrs. Johnson testified that Miss Stockton told her she had decided not to accept the offer of a good position at the new hospital for insane at Big Spring because she liked her work at the San Antonio institution.

She said Miss Stockton inquired how the Johnson's daughter, Mary Elizabeth, liked working in Big Spring and that she (Mrs. Johnson) replied Mary Elizabeth liked it well "except for the climate and the fact she is a little lonely."

"I think Dr. Johnson is a little disgusted with me for not going to Big Spring but I like it so well here I would rather stay for less money," Mrs. Johnson said Miss Stockton told her.

"Did Miss Stockton ever come to Johnson case, Pg. 5, Col. 3

**Johnson Case Witness Given Special Guard**

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 31 (AP)—The home of Mrs. Anna Hewitt was under police guard today on request of the apartment house operator who appeared before the state board of control at Austin Monday and testified in behalf of Dr. W. J. Johnson, superintendent of the state hospital here.

She testified concerning the chastity of a woman witness who had previously appeared against Dr. Johnson.

Mrs. Hewitt reported receiving a telephone call Monday night from a man who identified himself and told her:

"You've gotten yourself in serious trouble."

Tuesday night, she said, she received a call from a woman who said:

"I want you to understand, I am not a doctor. I am a nurse. I am not a doctor. I am a nurse. I am not a doctor. I am a nurse."

She said this was "Tuesday night a man had appeared in a wind."

## No Fund Set Up For Federal Farm Here

### Local Interests To Seek Restoration Of Appropriation

Big Spring and Howard county civic and farm interests got busy Wednesday to enlist Washington support for maintenance of the U.S. Experiment Farm here, after dispatches were received indicating the station might be discontinued if appropriations are trimmed as recommended.

Four On Block

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington said the Big Spring farm was one of four dry land agricultural field stations in the nation marked for abandonment if congress adopts recommendations of the house appropriations committee.

The agricultural appropriations bills, reported to the house Tuesday provided only \$100,000 for dry land agriculture, a reduction of \$128,828 under this year's allotment.

Dr. E. C. Aschler, chief of the bureau of plant industry, had testified that reductions contemplated discontinuance of the federal field stations at Big Spring, Lawton, Okla., Sheridan, Wyo., and Newell, S. Dak.

No other advice concerning the proposed reduction had been received here.

The Big Spring chamber of commerce sent communications on the matter to several Texas congressmen, including Rep. George Mahon of this district, Senator Tom Connally, Rep. Marvin Jones, chairman of the house agriculture committee; Rep. Charles South, and Rep. Ewing Thomson.

County officials and agriculture leaders were to be lined up to seek provision of funds to permit continuance of the farm. It will be pointed out that the experiment station, covering a wide area to an extensive degree, and that its services should be maintained.

## 15 OUT OF 7,300 CONVOYED SHIPS LOST BY ALLIES

PARIS, Jan. 31 (AP)—Only 15 of more than 7,300 allied or neutral ships sailing in convoys were lost to German submarines up to Jan. 24, said a semi-official French statement tonight.

On the other hand, the statement continued, the allied fleets have captured 21 German ships and sunk three others, while the Germans have scuttled 23 of their own ships with a total tonnage of 139,226 tons out of approximately 350 German ships which were in neutral ports when the war started.

## Convict Two In Local Swindle \$655,000,000

AUSTIN, Jan. 31 (AP)—Fines of \$10,000 each and two-year penitentiary sentences were assessed James A. Akers of San Antonio and Henry Lee Forrest, Potet ranchman, when arraigned in federal court here today on income tax evasion charges.

U. S. District Attorney W. R. Smith said the charges grew out of an alleged swindle which victimized Mrs. Dora Roberts, 78-year-old Big Spring woman.

Akers, 56, was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to two years for failure to pay income tax of \$1,254.90 on a net income of \$18,125 for 1933. He also was fined \$5,000 and sentenced to two years for failure to pay \$72.05 tax on income of \$18,615.54 for 1936. The second fine and sentence was suspended on condition that he not transfer any of his property and make full disclosure of assets.

Forrest, 48, received a two-year sentence and was fined \$10,000 for failure to pay a tax of \$1,241.90 on income of \$17,950 for 1933. A suspended fine of \$5,000 and sentence of three years was levied on failure to pay a tax of \$1,134.43 on income of \$16,496.93 for 1936 on condition the first fine be paid in ten days.

## EFFORTS TO HALT DAM PROJECT ARE DENIED BY COURT

AUSTIN, Jan. 31 (AP)—Efforts by the city of Strawn to prevent the city of Ranger in Eastland county from building a dam on Russell creek came to naught in the supreme court today.

The tribunal refused Strawn's application for a writ of error from trial and appellate court rulings denying it (Strawn) an injunction which would have set aside a state board of water engineers' permit to Ranger for construction of the dam.

Details of the system were withheld, but members said it would include a radio set-up and sirens.

90-YEAR TERM

BELTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Eugene Padgett, 29-year-old convict, was given a 90-year sentence in Bell county district court today for the killing near Little River eight years ago of Will Henderson, oiling station operator. Padgett is now serving a sentence of six years for robbery.

## Britain Anxious To Retain Friendship Of Neutrals; Nazis See Spurt In War Allies Will Get

### Hitler Says



**REPUBLICANS FEEL PULSE**—Leading Republicans gathered at Topika for Kansas' 70th birthday and to get an earful of how that section of the country is thinking politically. Here Kenneth Simpson (right), New York committee man, talks with A. H. Chamberlain (left), the party's 1938 presidential nominee, on the steps at Landon's home.

## Information On Poll Taxes And Elections

Tax collector's office will be open until deadline time at midnight today.

No person can vote in elections in 1940 unless he has a poll tax or exemption certificate issued before the deadline time.

At least five elections—school trustee, city commission, two democratic primaries and general—are scheduled this year.

"Unders," those who have or will become 21 since Jan. 1, 1939 and before a given election this year, are entitled to exemption certificates and must secure them before midnight in order to vote whether they reside in or out of town.

"Overs," those who have become 21 before Jan. 1, 1939 must have permanent exemptions if they reside in town. They are not necessary out of town. One permanent certificate is good for a lifetime.

Poll taxes cost \$1.75 each. Of this amount \$1 goes to the schools, 50 cents to the state and 25 cents to the county.

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## U. S. And Japan Are Cited By Chamberlain

LONDON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain assured the United States and Japan today that Britain was anxious to avoid friction or disturbance in her trade and other relations with them and with other neutrals in the war against Germany.

Addressing a luncheon of the national defense committee, the prime minister expressed regret that the concentration of dollars resources in America for munitions and other war supplies had forced curtailment of purchases of other products there.

One of Britain's foremost aims of the war, he said, is to return to normal trade among nations.

Of the British-Japanese dispute over the seizure by a British warship of 21 Germans from the Japanese Asama Maru on Jan. 20, Chamberlain said:

"Nothing could more distress us than that the Japanese government or the people should feel that we have exercised our belligerent rights with any want of courtesy or respect for them."

Chamberlain announced that a German submarine attempting to attack a convoy yesterday had been sunk by combined British air and naval forces.

The British war effort, he said, already has achieved "prodigious results."

Of neutral countries Chamberlain said Britain had no desire "to affront a neutral country with which we want to live in peaceful and friendly relations."

He asserted that the submarine attack on the convoy was the first such assault in a long time.

Chamberlain said that most of the sunken U-boat's crew were saved.

The prime minister said that since the war began Britain had placed orders for supplies costing nearly \$500,000,000 (about \$500,000,000), that the output in guns had doubled and in some cases quadrupled and that shells were being made faster than in 1914.

Furthermore, he said, aircraft construction now is "seven times what it was in 1935-36."

Scouting at German flights over coastal areas, Chamberlain said confidently: "We have not had any air raids yet, but we are prepared for them if they should come."

## Voting Total Under 1938

Voting power in Big Spring and Howard county promises to be short of the strength attained in 1938, it appeared at noon Wednesday with only 12 hours left in which to qualify for voting in five important elections.

The total poll tax payments at noon stood at 4,915, which gave the false appearance of being above the 1938 comparable date figure of 4,818. This was because the current figure is based on totals at noon of the given date, whereas in 1938 they were for the end of the previous day's business.

Thus, issuance of approximately 900 poll taxes before midnight will be necessary to prevent the total from slipping under that of the last election year.

County Tax Collector John Wolcott said that his office would remain open until midnight. If 900 voters appear in time, they will be issued receipts. If one offers to pay after midnight he will be refused.

With each of four clerks equipped with a typewriter and loose receipt pads, the work can be turned out much more rapidly than ever before.

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EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy to cloudy tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer tonight and in northeast portion Thursday.	
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**The District Offices**

With the season open for aspirants to public office to make their public pronouncements, there is noted again a conspicuous absence of any bidder from Howard county for the state district offices—senate and house of the Texas legislature.

It has been many a day since this county was represented at Austin by one of its own residents. We have looked to other cities to furnish the man. Not that there is any specific disadvantage in this, and not that our representatives have failed to serve Big Spring and Howard county well. On the contrary, we have been well-guided in helping put in office men who have given us due consideration in all matters that affect us.

The present 31st district legislator, Dorsey B. Hardeman of San Angelo, has made many friends in this city and county, and deserves the support he has received here. It is a tribute to Hardeman's able work in the legislature that no one has yet appeared on the horizon to contest his bid for reelection this year. It is probable that he will have no opponent—if probabilities can be established at this stage of the political year—and Big Spring and Howard county, so far as we are able to gauge sentiment, are satisfied that in Hardeman they have a fair representative.

There are rumors, as yet unconfirmed, that G. H. Nelson of Lubbock will not again seek the 30th district senatorial post. There are pretty definite signs that at least two others—both from other sections of the district—will make the race. These are Alvin Allison a member of the legislature from Levelland, and Marshall Formby of Spur, who has been making a good record as county judge of Dickens county. There may be another candidate or two. There is no likelihood, however, that Howard county will have a man in the field.

It behooves the voters of this county then, in making their choice among the candidates, to determine which will be broad enough in his vision and in his activities at Austin to see that Howard is given its just rights, along with all other counties of the district. We don't want a "sectional" man, or a "home town" man, who favors one county or one group to the exclusion of others. We don't want favors, but we want continued fair representation.

**George Tucker**

**Man About Manhattan**

NEW YORK—I have always thought it would be a fine thing if small bronze plaques could be placed on all the old houses in New York where so many famous people of the past have lived. There are such houses, and sites all over town, and yet every day thousands of people pass them unrecognized, little realizing that here lived a Cincinnatus, there a Lafayette.

I was thinking of this today because sometime this year Sidney Lanier will probably be elected to the Hall of Fame, and for a brief while Sidney Lanier lived at 45 East 10th street in New York. Sidney Lanier, with the lone exception of Poe, is the greatest poet the South ever had. He was a Georgian, and he fought all through the War Between the States, and he died when he was only 39. He was at Chickahominy and he was with Lee at Malvern Hill. And after that he became a scout, riding the tangled Virginia trails, and duelling with Blue horsemen under lonesome moons.

There has, in recent years, been a growing awakening of Lanier's true importance, and only this month the Southern Literary Messenger has brought out a number of hitherto unpublished letters of the poet, one of them being from New York.

That was in 1899, and Sidney was somewhat fascinated by the Broadway crowds he observed from his window. "I sit here, My One Friend," he wrote, "late at night, in my lonely lodging, above the monstrous turmoil of Broadway while the endless mass of men and women rolls on beneath; and a torn-throated fire-bell glares out its alarm with a marvelous brazen gurgle." (This letter is dated May 4, and the next day the papers tell of a laundry burning "with much showers of sparks and flames"; and a gray-stone church stands gazing out against me....)

The church Lanier has in mind is Grace church, Episcopal, which today is newer, much handsomer than the one he knew.

"And I will say further that I am here on business, and will be here a matter of two or three weeks longer, and that I would be greatly builded up in my belief that honor is not gone out from among men and women like a candle in a wind-gust—a hard belief to cherish in this most ingeniously perverted and exquisitely distorted of all civilizations which one finds in the New Yorker AT NIGHT." The caps are Lanier's.

This was a long time ago, nearly 71 years. His old lodging, of course, is gone, and in its place stands a six-story building, but blackened and empty and dirty, with iron fire escapes in front, and a Chinese restaurant next door.

The corner of Broadway that he beheld from his window still holds Grace church, and just across the street is a great department store (Wanamaker); diagonally across is a five-&-dime store (Woolworth's). The "monstrous turmoil" has become a nightmare of traffic and noise, and thousands of people pass there every hour, little dreaming that here he once lived a man so joyous with life that he would not help himself. "I am at with the...."



**BLOOD RUNS COLD**  
 By Ann Demarest

Chapter Nine  
**ADRIANNE'S ANSWERS**

After I'd been in my own room only a moment I heard the Sergeant calling, so I poked my head out of the door.

"Miss Howarth, bring some water in here. The girl's fainted."

"And for the second time that day I ran down the hall with a glass of water. When I went into the apartment I found the girl in a pathetic little heap on the floor with the Sergeant looming over her, trying ineffectually to loosen her frock at the throat. While I dampened her forehead he rubbed her wrists gingerly.

"Did you accuse her of the murder?" I asked.

"To my intense satisfaction he looked quite uncomfortable.

"Just asked her what she was doing last night between eleven and one," he said gruffly. "She got white then, and fainted."

Then Mrs. Evans bustled into the room. "Here's some smelling salts," she said as she thrust a small bottle into my hands. "I heard the Sergeant call that someone had fainted. I might have known it would be Adrienne Wells."

How she heard the Sergeant from her attic apartment I couldn't imagine, but it was no time to argue. While the Sergeant raised the girl's head I held the bottle to her nose and Mrs. Evans looked on with what seemed to me grim satisfaction. She had changed from her hat and coat into a black alpaca suit and an old-fashioned shawl with a high, tight collar. Her outfit was startling, to say the least.

In a minute or so Mrs. Wells raised her head, gave us a bewildered look and then lay back again. "Are you feeling better?" I asked.

She nodded. "I'm sorry," she said in a weak voice. "It was silly of me."

Billy seemed an odd way of putting it. I thought, as Mrs. Evans and I helped her into a chair and tried to make her comfortable with pillows. Of all the inopportune times to faint she had picked the winner.

The Sergeant closed the door to the hall and stood with his back to it, a grim expression on his face.

"Perhaps you can answer a few questions now, Miss Wells," he said.

"I was annoyed. It seemed to me that the law had little consideration; the girl was still as white as a sheet and very shaky. But I said nothing. The Sergeant, I was fast learning, didn't take to interference, and it was odd that the girl should faint when all he did was ask a simple question. Besides, there was something about her I didn't like now that I got a good look. She was rather pretty, at least she was very feminine. She had black curly hair and her eyes were dark, almost black, but they were set too close together, and her mouth looked sullen.

"I'm afraid I won't be able to help you," she said finally in a colorless voice. "I wasn't in between eleven and one last night."

"And where were you?"

"I had an engagement." Adri-

anne Wells hesitated. "I was out dancing."

"I see. What time did you come back?"

The girl stared at him, her dark eyes flashing. "Say, what is this?" she asked roughly. "What is this business of it of yours what I was doing last night?"

Mary Ann

The Sergeant stepped forward from the door. "I asked what time you came in last night?"

The girl lowered her eyes.

"Quite late. I don't remember exactly what time it was."

Mrs. Evans cleared her throat.

"If you was to ask me, Sergeant, it means no good when people can't account for their comings and goings." Her mouth snapped shut like a trap.

Amused, I watched the Sergeant to see what he would say, but he ignored her.

"Did you know Miss Kent?" he asked the girl.

"Why, yes, I know her."

"For a moment the Sergeant studied her thoughtfully, and then he said, "She was murdered last night."

"Murdered!" She stared first at the Sergeant, and then at me as if she could not believe what she'd heard.

"Now perhaps you can help me," the Sergeant went on. "Do you thing anyone in this house might be accused?"

"The Sergeant swung around so quickly to Adrienne Wells that his notebook fell off his knee. "Then you thought Miss Rogers wouldn't be here last night?"

"I didn't know anything about it," the girl said with a sharp edge to her voice.

"Miss Rogers, was she in the apartment when you got home?"

There was a long pause. "No."

"When did she come in?"

"I thought she came in," the girl said with a sharp edge to her voice.

"Was she in when you awakened this morning?"

"Naturally."

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**Preston Crowder**

**Washington Daybook**

WASHINGTON—Already the method of attack on the trade agreements act had been outlined by the opposition in the house. It will be guerilla warfare. Critics will tell Secretary Hull and his trade statisticians tell whatever story they will. Then the critics will recite how certain tariff concessions made under the act have damaged their home districts.

A surprising number of localities have been directly nicked by lowering of the barriers to foreign goods, while others have been benefitted by the increased opportunities to sell abroad.

Representative Reed, New York republican, expressed the view of the average opposition member when he told Secretary Hull at a committee hearing:

"While you take the broad view, you sacrifice the localities."

He protested that lowering tariffs on dairy products in the Canadian treaty had brought a flood of milk, butter and eggs into New York to compete with domestic producers.

Representative Crowther, republican from another New York district, declared the glove industries around Schenectady had been successfully damaged by several treaties, mostly by the one with France.

Representative Treadway, Massachusetts republican, said the shoe industry in that state had been damaged, and, anyway, he was against lowering tariffs under any system. Unofficial polls have put the bulk of New England members against renewal of the act.

Midwest opposition, not wholly charted, was represented on the house committee by Representative Knutson, who declared hog-raisers had been hurt.

"Argentine corn," said he, "was boated right up the Mississippi and unloaded in the heart of the Iowa corn belt."

Chaff from the committee:

Representative Crowther of New York: "The ways and means committee used to say I was such an embargoist that I had introduced a resolution providing that no importer could appear before the committee unless he came on his hands and knees."

"And I," smiled Secretary Hull, "defended you against that charge as long as I could."

Secretary Wallace: "The consumers had an effective organization the whole tone of this high-tariff debate would be different."

But all is not work in congress, and we turn to Representative Joe Martin, republican house leader, at the banquet of the Touchdown club. Into the center of the floor tripped the dancers and acrobats.

"Here's where the vaudeville starts," said Joe, rising from his chair. "I'm going. I get plenty of that where I work."

**Robbin Coons**

**Hollywood Sights And Sounds**

HOLLYWOOD—Movie medicine has taken some interesting strides up the ladder of authenticity since the old days when real doctors could chuckle at the technique of real ones.

Hollywood never goes into a technical operating room now without taking along a technical expert who knows his scalpels and anesthetics. That's why, when a movie actor has "operated" in a picture, the audience needn't have the uncomfortable suspicion that the "patient's" wound, it isn't done. Cinema surgery is according to medical Hoyle.

The surgical cycle of a few years back—movie after movie in which the drama centered on the quick, tense motions of a cinema doctor's hands in close-up over cinema patient—is forgotten at least temporarily. But medicine and the operating amphitheatre survive, happily, as film material in occasional pictures. Medicine, if not the operating room, will be back with a bang in "The Magic Bullet," the story of Dr. Ehrlich, and until then—there is always that young Dr. Kildaire.

It's a visit to the new Kildaire film's set that prompts today's attention to movie medicine. The overseer (technical director) there is young Dr. Gilbert Lee, who has been guiding Kildaire (Lew Ayres) and Gillespie (Lionel Barrymore) through all their medical problems since the series began three pictures ago. Lee, with his M. D. from the University of Minnesota, alternates private practice with his movie duties, and is pleasantly excited about the speed with which new discoveries in medicine and surgery are reflected.

"Dr. Kildaire's Secret," third of the series, used sulfapyridin prominently in treatment of a patient, and the new one has a plot involving use of "insulin shock" to cure a mental disorder.

It is the Kildaire makers' boast that in three of the films already marketed they've had but one medical squawk. This came from a local doctor who protested that the "malnourished baby" in "Young Dr. Kildaire" couldn't possibly have been suffering from malnutrition, looking as healthy as it did. Dr. Lee came right back with the records: a special permit obtained for camera's work by a baby victim of the disorder.

Interest in medical matters has spread among the cast and workers on the films. The prolific author, Max Brand, started it all by his own delving into medical lore for fiction. Barrymore, who has been in sickbeds enough to sharpen an already active interest, is a confirmed reader of medical tomes, and Ayres is forever popping up with some question or bit of odd information gleaned from personal reading. Harold Bucquet, the director, has accompanied Dr. Lee on two tours, so far, of medical centers.

The new film, incidentally, has an interesting sequence showing how movie-writers let circumstances alter cases. Old Dr. Gillespie of the piece, long wheel-chair-bound by a supposedly incurable disease, is given a ray of hope. And why? Because Lionel Barrymore, in person, is getting better and better and scarcely needs his wheelchair any more. Next Kildaire, if Barrymore feels like it, old Dr. Gillespie can walk—a "cured man."

One who has mingled freely with West Front troops finds nothing but boredom. What was thought to be the abyss of war turns into a wide yawn.

The whites of their eyes were the target in the earlier days. We understand the Fin-see-oh! fire till he sees Red.

**Schedules**

Arrive	Depart
<b>T&amp;P Trains—Eastbound</b>	
No. 3 ..... 7:40 a. m.	8:00 a. m.
No. 6 ..... 11:10 p. m.	11:30 p. m.
<b>T&amp;P Trains—Westbound</b>	
No. 11 ..... 9:50 p. m.	9:15 p. m.
No. 7 ..... 7:10 p. m.	7:40 a. m.
<b>Buses</b>	
<b>Eastbound</b>	
2:05 a. m.	2:10 a. m.
6:29 a. m.	6:34 a. m.
9:35 a. m.	9:40 a. m.
3:20 p. m.	3:25 p. m.
10:40 p. m.	10:45 p. m.
<b>Westbound</b>	
12:05 a. m.	12:15 a. m.
4:00 a. m.	4:05 a. m.
9:35 a. m.	9:45 a. m.
2:50 p. m.	2:55 p. m.
7:39 p. m.	7:45 p. m.
<b>Northbound</b>	
9:45 a. m.	10:00 a. m.
7:45 p. m.	8:00 p. m.
7:45 p. m.	7:50 p. m.
<b>Southbound</b>	
3:20 a. m.	7:15 a. m.
9:30 a. m.	10:30 a. m.
4:35 p. m.	3:25 p. m.
8:05 p. m.	11:00 p. m.
<b>Flames Eastbound</b>	
6:00 p. m.	6:05 p. m.
<b>Flames—Westbound</b>	
7:47 p. m.	7:57 p. m.

**Daily Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

- Remnant of combustion
- Ship
- Old card game
- Inlet of the sea
- Fruit
- Say further
- Escapes artfully
- Worked with the hands
- Flood
- Recreational contest
- European country
- Varieties
- Municipality
- Opah vocal sound
- Plantation
- United
- Aromatic wood
- Couple
- Proseur
- Mark of omission
- Allow the use
- Train making
- Device for hoisting
- Large stone
- Having an offensive smell
- Beam

**DOWN**

- In bed
- Rescue
- Colorless variety of opal
- The end of a snail
- Kind
- Chinese secret society
- Low soft-soled shoe; collog.
- Burdened
- Poem
- Strange
- That which must be done
- Blind revenue collector
- Young ent
- Sing in the style
- Soft feathers
- Provided with shoes
- Wind spirally
- To an inner position
- Having made and left a will
- Serenade
- Biography
- Smokers
- Caution
- Chastity
- Pecan plant
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- Affecting a staid
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- Fish eggs
- Styptical biological unit

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**AN ANALYSIS OF THE WAR DEVELOPMENTS**

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

There is considerable speculation as to whether special meaning is to be attached to the widespread Nazi air raids on allied shipping during the past two days, but there are at least a couple of good, non-conflicting answers—and one of them means there's blood on Europe's moon.

First off, the bombings presumably were intended in part as a fitting material accompaniment for Herr Hitler's reappearance last night on the speaker's rostrum. This came after a remarkable silence which has lasted since he all but lost his life in the Munich beer hall explosion of November 8.

Yesterday's occasion was the seventh anniversary of the fischer's ascent to the chancellorship. It also was the fitting hour for him to reply to the oratorical blasts of French Premier Daladier, British First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill, and other allied ministers who have entered the lists in the battle of words.

So, with claims of devastating German air raids as a background, Herr Hitler made his speech. Like both other belligerents he ended with "hall victory." And like the others he was talking earnestly to bolster up the morale of his people for the misery which presumably is just around the corner.

With the thumping of chests and the battle-cries of the trio stifled for the moment, another wholly logical reason for the Nazi raids appears. Premier Daladier may have called the turn Monday night when he warned France in a speech that total war with Germany "cannot be long in breaking." He added that it would be "criminal" to underestimate Germany's formidable war strength.

Those raids to my mind represented a "business double." England herself had been wondering whether a lightning war against shipping is at hand.

Obviously the raids weren't major affairs, though the Germans certainly were out to shock as many ships as possible with the score or

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Trade Pacts Are Favored

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—A spokesman for lumber manufacturers called today for continuation of the administration's trade agreements program but proposed four major restrictions.

GREENE NAMED AS REPRESENTATIVE IN HIGHWAY ASSN.

The man who was instrumental in calling a meeting which resulted in the formation of the national Broadway of America highway association more than a decade ago was chosen Wednesday to represent Big Spring in the newly formed U. S. 80 Highway Association of West Texas.

MOTHER SUCCUMBS

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Tucker and children, Gwendolyn, Evelyn and Jerry, returned Tuesday from Weatherford where they attended funeral services Monday afternoon for Mrs. Tucker's mother, Mrs. J. Tucker.

IN HOSPITAL

Buddy Barr, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Barr of Vincent, is in the Malone & Hogan Clinic-Hospital for medical treatment.

Witness Says Letters Forged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—A Dies committee witness has testified, the committee announced after a secret session, that he forged letters purporting to link Chairman Dies (D-Tex.) with William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirts leader.

Excerpts from the letters were placed in the Congressional Record of January 23 by Representative Hook (D-Mich.), who said they were signed "Pelley." The latter's organization has been termed a "fascist" group by the Dies committee.

The witness, a Washington man, was said in a committee statement last night to have given the following testimony: He was approached by one Harold Welsberg, who said that a "certain group" headed by Welsberg and Gardner Jackson of Labor's Non-Partisan league was seeking information to show collusion between Dies and "fascist groups."

In return for such information, he said, Welsberg "offered to pay him \$100 as a retainer and in addition to obtain for him a position in the department of agriculture through the influence of Gardner Jackson and his contacts in the government."

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plain to you that the doctor had made improper advances to her, or had treated her any other way than as a lady?" Carl Wright Johnson, attorney for Dr. Johnson, asked.

Mrs. Johnson testified further that Dr. Johnson did not make trips to Greenville or to Mexico as referred to in testimony.

Another young former nurse at the hospital had testified that the superintendent had proposed that she accompany him on a trip to Mexico and had said that on the trip she had "better be good to me or else."

Mrs. Johnson said a number of staff physicians and superintendents of other state institutions for insane had conferred at the Johnson home on the condition of Mr. Teer.

The superintendent's wife was on the stand only 15 minutes. She was not subjected to cross-examination.

MARKETS Wall Street

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (AP)—Stocks struggled inconclusively today with the problem of lifting themselves by their own bootstraps and got nowhere.

Approaching the close, the general levee was just about that of yesterday with shares changing hands at a rate approximating only 650,000 shares.

For an hour or so, averages crawled upward gradually—for no particular reason; then they declined—with just as much cause. European and domestic developments were lacking and traders moved warily, on the theory that no news is not worthwhile news and commitments should not be undertaken without a basis for market predictions.

Livestock

FORT WORTH, Jan. 31 (AP)—(USDA)—Cattle salable and total 1,800; calves salable 900; total 1,400; bulk beef steers and yearlings 6.50-8.00; common 5.00-6.50; few good yearlings above 8.00 and choice held above 8.75; beef cows 4.25-6.00; hogs mostly 4.75-5.75; odd head 6.00-6.10; most slaughter calves 8.00-8.50; practical top heavies 8.00; few lights to 8.50; good stock steer calves 8.50-9.00.

Cotton

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (AP)—Cotton futures closed 1-8 lower. Old contract: Open High Low Last. Feb. . . . 10.73 10.77 10.63 10.65

Public Records

Building Permits Ruby Bell, et al to extend present building at 215 E. 3rd street, cost \$1,400.

TIRES, WHEELS AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE

If someone has lost a tire and a wheel, they may find it at the sheriff's office. Deputy Denver Dunn said that the department had two such wheels and tires on hand and that anyone who could properly identify them might reclaim them.

PARALYSIS FUND BOOSTED BY DIMES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Dimes by the mail-bag full piled up at the White House today, boosting toward the million-dollar mark funds collected in celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday to combat infantile paralysis.

Johnson Case

ed to him of alleged improper advances from Dr. Johnson. Attorneys then called additional physicians, who were unanimous in declaring Dr. Johnson's reputation "good."

Counsel for the hospital superintendent later introduced veteran San Antonio physicians as character witnesses.

Dr. T. N. Goodson, Bexar county health officer since 1927, testified that Dr. Johnson's reputation for "honesty, integrity and morality" is good.

Among others who testified substantially the same thing were Dr. John H. Burleson, who has practiced in San Antonio for 40 years, Dr. J. W. Goode, Dr. O. H. Timmons, Dr. G. D. Boyd and Dr. T. E. Christian.

Several of the character witnesses were interrogated by Attorney Johnson concerning who paid their expenses to come to Austin.

Each replied he paid his own expenses. Two members of the house of representatives from Bexar county, M. L. Reader and Pat Dwyer, also testified to the integrity, ability and character of the superintendent.

Reader who said he had been either chairman, vice-chairman or a member of the house public health committee for 13 years declared the San Antonio institution was one of the best managed in the state.

Hospital Notes

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System Found To Increase Range Of Television

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (AP)—The Radio Corporation of America has found the "missing link in television"—a system increasing television range from 50 to 1,000 miles.

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NECK INJURED

M. E. Moore, Jr., 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Moore, 1103 West Fifth street, was in the Malone & Hogan Clinic-Hospital for treatment of a neck injury received late Tuesday evening while scuffling with playmates at his home.

ARIZONA BILL DIES

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 31 (AP)—They sound taps today for Raymond Hatfield Gardner, known along the army posts as "Arizona Bill."

The old scout will be laid to rest in San Fernando cemetery after funeral services at a local mortuary by a Catholic priest. He died Sunday.

Legionnaires will serve as pallbearers and the ROTC will furnish a firing squad. Efforts were being made to determine if he had any surviving relatives.

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STARTS Next Monday February 5 in the

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Wednesday Evening
8:00 Harold Turner, Organ.
8:15 Harold Shobe Orchestra.
8:45 Adeline Rollins Trio.
9:00 American Family Robinson.
9:15 News.
9:30 Lois Mager, Soprano.
9:45 Jack Free, Orchestra.
10:00 Dance Orchestra.
10:15 Herbie Kaye, Orchestra.
10:30 Raymond Gram Swing.
10:45 Paul Schubert, The War at Sea.
11:00 Music by Faith.
11:15 Boyd Reburn, Orchestra.
11:30 The Lone Ranger.
11:45 News.
11:55 Goodnight.
Thursday Morning
7:00 News.
7:15 Tenna Jim Lewis.
7:30 Cornishmore.
7:45 Oklahoma Outlaws.
8:00 Morning Devotional.
8:15 Billie Davis, Songs.
8:30 Lennie Conn Quartet.
8:45 Gail Northe.
8:55 Musical Interlude.
9:00 String Ensemble.
9:15 Carol Leighton, Songs.
9:30 Viola Sketches.
9:45 Chork Lott, John Metcalf.
10:00 News.
10:15 Piano Impressions.
10:30 Keep Fit To Music.
10:45 Organ Melodies.
11:00 News.
11:05 Conservation of Vision.
11:10 Musical Interlude.
11:15 Neighbors-Bianchard McKee.
11:30 Melody Maids.
11:45 Sons Of The Pioneers.
Thursday Afternoon
12:00 Singin' Sam.
12:15 Curstons Reporter.
12:30 Hymns You Know And Love.
12:45 Enoch Light, Orchestra.
1:00 The Drifters.
1:15 School Forum.
1:30 Herbie Holmes, Orchestra.
1:45 Palmer House Orchestra.
2:00 Crime And Death Take No Holiday.
2:15 Rudolph Friml, Jr., Orch.

Veteran Postmasters Retiring This Week

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (UP)—About 1,800 of the nation's oldest postmasters, including Miss Mollie Stewart of Oxford, Md., and 88-year-old Alphonse Gullett of Chalalner, La., will retire this week. Miss Stewart has been in charge of the Oxford postoffice since March 9, 1877, when President Hayes appointed her. Gullett, a native of France and once a schoolmate of the late George Clemenceau, has been postmaster at Chalalner since 1904, and has been connected with the postal service in some capacity for 60 years. The postoffice department said today that Miss Stewart's service record was the longest of any postmaster, and that Gullett was the oldest in years. But there are many other veterans who must quit work under a new civil service act requiring the retirement of postmasters 70 years old who have a minimum of 15 years' service. With a few exceptions all those to be retired now serve fourth-class offices. These are located at the country's crossroads, usually in a general store. BING IN HOSPITAL. HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 31 (UP)—Crooner Bing Crosby is in a hospital while his doctor decides if the pain in his side is appendicitis. The physician said an operation might not be necessary.

BLOOD RUNS GOLD

By Ann Demarest (Continued From Page 4) I had to smile. The Sergeant's face was a study. "When you come in the house did you see anyone?" "Yes, Mr. Kimball was in the front of the shop by the window, and when I came in the door a man brushed past me." "Someone you know?" She hesitated again. "I'm not sure." "Who do you think it was?" She glanced doubtfully at Adrienne Wells. "I thought it was Mr. Kincaid." The Sergeant nodded, apparently pleased, and said nothing for a few minutes. His eyes were fixed on Adrienne Wells, but she didn't seem to notice it, for she was lying back in the chair looking out of the window. "Where did Mr. Kincaid move to?" the Sergeant asked in particular. "What was that?" Mrs. Evans sat up. The Sergeant glowered at her and didn't repeat the question. The girls looked at each other, but neither answered, but Sergeant Long intercepted the glance that passed between them. "Someone is redirecting his mail to a new address. I know who did it by the handwriting, so you'd better speak up. Quickly now. I can't take all day. It will only make trouble for you, if you don't admit it." And Adrienne Wells, her dark eyes narrowed, only shook her head slightly. "Come on, Miss Wells. It will go hard with you if you don't tell me. Besides, there is nothing wrong in redirecting mail." She looked soared then. "I don't know." "That's funny. It was your handwriting," he said. Continued tomorrow.

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SEMINOLE C. OF C. BANQUET DELAYED

SEMINOLE, Jan. 31—The chamber of commerce banquet, which was scheduled for Thursday, February 1, has been postponed indefinitely, according to a statement given out yesterday by members of the board of directors of the organization. A. J. Payne, recently of Slaton who last week was elected secretary manager of the chamber of commerce, will begin his work here Thursday, and a new date for the banquet will be set as soon as he gets organization preliminaries completed.

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PROUD FATHER

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 31 (AP)—Skippy, a terrier, passed the cigars. After a romp in the neighborhood Skippy returned to the Charles S. Eggleston home with a small package tied to his collar with ribbon. The package contained two cigars and this note: "I'm the proud father of four."

Farm Prices At High Level

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Administration farm officials, confronted by the possibility that congress may not appropriate funds for parity payments for 1941, were heartened today by disclosure that farm prices had started the new year at the highest level in two years. The agriculture department said that the index of farm prices advanced three points between mid-December and mid-January to reach 99 per cent of the 1910-14 level. This index was five points higher than a year earlier and the highest since mid-January, 1938. Nearly all groups of commodities participated in the advance. Meanwhile, the house headed into one of the big fights of the congressional session—over how much to provide for farm activities. Consideration of the annual agricultural appropriation bill was expected to take all week. At the same time, officials of the Agricultural Adjustment administration began figuring how they would distribute \$225,000,000 in parity payments appropriated last year for distribution among farmers co-operating with 1940 production control programs. The payments are designed to lift farm purchasing power to the 1910-14 level. Officials indicated that producers of four crops—cotton, wheat, corn and rice—would receive this money. While prices received by farmers nearly equal those of the 1910-14 period, prices which farmers pay for other goods are 22 per cent higher, the department reported. Consequently, farm products have only 84.5 per cent of the purchasing power in terms of non-farm goods and services that they possessed in the pre-World war period.

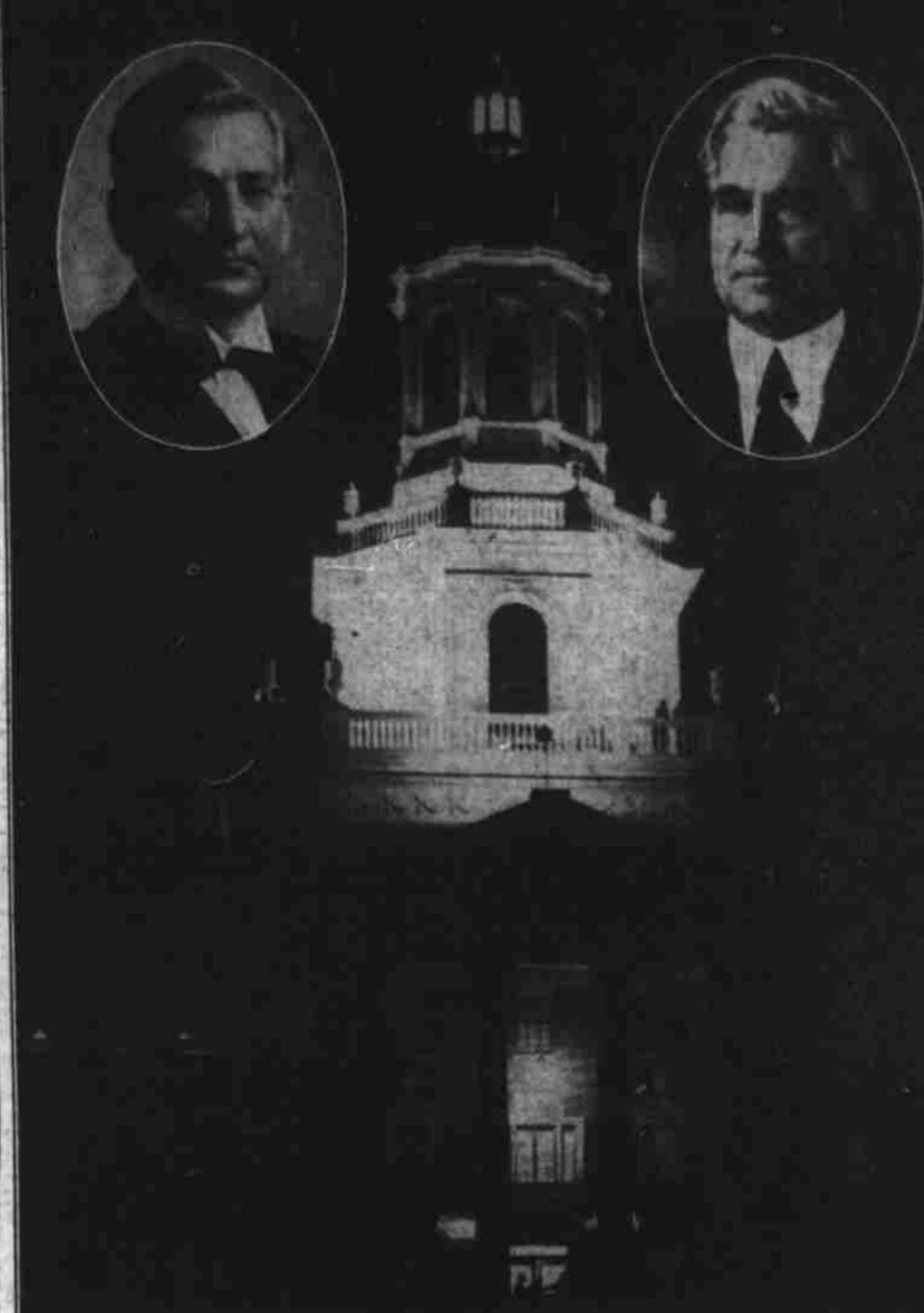
18,000 POLES SAID EXECUTED BY GERMANS

PARIS, Jan. 31 (AP)—A White Paper issued in Paris by the Polish government in exile reports that the Germans have executed 18,000 Poles of all classes since the occupation of Poland. The White Paper charged the Germans with mass executions in the market places, destruction of Polish monuments and churches, and enforcing the migration of thousands of persons from western Poland to the interior in cattle cars during sub-zero weather. It said 30 children were frozen to death in a cattle car at Sandomierz. (The German governor of Posen, district annexed by Germany, said Monday he had no intention of forcing Poles to move, but that "several thousand" who insisted on going to the so-called "governor's area" not yet annexed were being given facilities for departure as quickly as possible.)

WEALTHY WOMAN TO HELP THE FRENCH

BOSTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—A woman worth millions in her own right, who left the ballrooms of high society and the courts of kings in the World War to scrub hospital floors and nurse French soldiers, undertook—as her "bid" in Europe's new war—the task of establishing canteens for anti-aircraft troops defending Paris. Socially prominent Mrs. Lutz Anderson, 63, world traveler and philanthropist, author and playwright, announced she had received a permit from the U. S. state department and authorization from the French government to raise funds for canteens for the watchers of the sky "to keep up their morale."

Baylor University To Honor Two As Building And Carillon Are Dedicated At Ceremonies Thursday



WACO, Jan. 31—Baylor university ex-students will pay tributes tomorrow to President Pat M. Neff (insert, left) and the late Cullen D. Brooks of Texas A. and M. college will discuss "An Alumnus View of Alma Mater." The Thomas carillon will be presented to the university by Dr. John O. Besty, professor at Southern Methodist university and close friend of the late donor. It will be accepted by President Neff. G. H. Penland, Dallas attorney and president of the Baylor Ex-Students association, will preside, and Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southern Baptist convention, will offer the invocation. After-dinner speakers at an ex-students luncheon will be Leon Jaworski, Houston attorney, as toastmaster; Hubert M. Harrison, general manager of the East Texas chamber of commerce; George Fendleton Selvidge, Ardmore, Okla., banker and only living classmate of President Neff at Baylor in 1894; Dr. F. R. Thorn, pastor of the Second Baptist church of Houston; Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne college at Brownwood; State Senator Morris Roberts, Pettus, and W. W. Newman and Miss Billie Murray, Waco attorneys.

Billion Dollars In Wealth Created In Permian Basin Oil Since 1920

MIDLAND, Jan. 31—West Texas has produced more oil since petroleum was found in Mitchell county 19 years ago than the entire state of Pennsylvania has since oil's discovery there in 1859. Charles G. Thompson of Colorado City told the Midland chamber of commerce at its annual meeting here Tuesday night. Thompson is vice-president of the Permian Basin Association. "In 19 short years of producing life," Judge Thompson said, "the Permian Basin has produced a total of nearly 1,025,000,000 barrels barrel average that's a billion dollars of wealth that has been created for West Texas in less than two decades. In extent the Permian Basin exceeds the entire state of Pennsylvania, and as for total production, the basin has gone well past this state which cradled the American oil industry in 1859." The West Texas oil industry at present supports directly 55,710 persons through the payrolls of the independent operators and oil companies, Judge Thompson reported. The industry has 12,380 West Texas wage earners, with an average of 4 1/2 persons to each of their families. The total payroll is \$15,120,400 a year, or more than \$1,250,000 a month. How It's Spent "How many additional persons get their living from the paychecks of the oil people would be hard to estimate," the speaker added. "Approximately 60 per cent of it is spent with the retail merchants of West Texas, while the rest goes for insurance, professional services, rent, utilities and investments. There is no business or service institution in the Permian Basin which does not share in the prosperity which this annual payroll creates." While most of the payroll expenditures are in the 27 West Texas counties now having oil or gas production, an even larger sum or \$18,001,548 is spent in a year with West Texas farmers and other land-owners for leases and royalties. Much of this is spent in counties where there is at present no oil, exploration being now under way in all 21 of the West Texas counties now without oil or gas production. For Exploration "This exploration constitutes one of the richest cash crops enjoyed by West Texas land-owners," Judge Thompson pointed out. "There is no way of estimating the benefit of these payments to our country during the years when crops failed and cash was scarce. This money flowed into every avenue of trade and benefited almost every type of business." Oil is also the principal support of the schools and local governments of West Texas, the speaker asserted. By latest available figures, it paid \$2,383,511 in 1938 in state and local taxes in the 26 counties of West Texas. While only about half the West Texas counties have oil or gas production as yet, oil properties are valued by the 48 counties at \$12,244,332 out of a total valuation of all county property of \$464,817,413. Thus oil constitutes one-third the value of all types of property in all the counties of the area whether with or without oil production. "The total of oil's expenditures in the 48 counties of West Texas," Judge Thompson added, "is the astounding sum of \$51,015,458 a year, to which of course must be added the additions to physical equipment, which represents an average of \$8,530,000 a year, according to the tax rolls. "Although, that's a lot of money. In fact, as we consider oil's many advantages to us, to our business institutions, to our city, county and state agencies of government and to our school children, we are apt to conclude that its benefits are unlimited. But oil is not a magic pitcher whose stream of economic nectar flows undiminished. Its flow is subject to a number of factors: heavy state taxes, large and unwarranted levies by the cities or counties, or by some of the approximately 9,000 independent taxing agencies in the state. Taxes "For the oil producer is being penalized on every barrel of oil he produces in Texas. In 1938, he paid an average tax per barrel of 8.2 cents. In 1939, he said, he can't a barrel more, or around 9.8 cents for every barrel he produced. That is the highest average tax of any oil state in the union, a penalty of 1 cent a barrel over Louisiana, next highest, and of nearly 1 1/2 cents over Oklahoma, third highest. And as for Illinois, the Texas tax last year was practically five times as much. Competition on such terms is increasingly difficult for the Texas oil producer. "Nor should it have to be on these terms. After all, the oilman and the oil industry are sharing with you a large part of the income which oil brings into this great area. If the oilman is a friend worth keeping? And we can only expect to keep him so long as he can find and produce oil in West Texas as cheap or cheaper than he can in Illinois, Mississippi or the other states which charge him only a fourth or a fifth as much to operate as Texas. Let's keep for the Permian Basin, its present great oil development and foster further exploration and activity which will bring additional wealth in their wake." Watt, called the inventor of the steam-engine, did not invent it because than Gutenberg, called the inventor of typography, invented type.

Capital Leads In Observing FD's Birthday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Hollywood stars turned the senate national capital into a carnival town for a few hours last night as 15,000 persons set a gay pace for the country in celebrating President Roosevelt's 55th birthday anniversary. For five minutes before midnight, the tumult was stifled while Mr. Roosevelt gave his "heartfelt thanks" to the millions who contributed dimes and dollars to the cause to which the celebration was dedicated—the fight on infantile paralysis. His voice linking together for a moment all the estimated 25,000 parties in the nation, the president suggested that in future years the annual campaign might be extended to the care of all crippled children. "I think I am safe in saying," he added, "that no nation in the world ever has put a larger volunteer army into the field on any given date than the army of Americans which tonight is taking part in the defense of American childhood." The president's fellow-patients at the Warm Springs (Ga.) foundation at a special dinner, Washington hospitals served cake from the over-supply at the White House. The president cut his own cake, which had the customary Roosevelt 21 candles, at a party attended by some old cronies from the "cuff links gang."

PROBE COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUGHLIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—The justice department said today it had received "over a period of months many complaints" concerning the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, and that all were being investigated. Each complaint, said a department statement, was acknowledged by a "form reply customarily made to complaints bringing to the attention of the department alleged violations of federal law of this particular kind." "It appears," the statement added, "that one of the organizations receiving such form of response for reasons best known to itself, self made the reply public and given the erroneous impression that this department has taken action in special response to the complaint of this particular organization." (The Jewish People's Committee announced in New York last week that it had complained of Coughlin's activities to the justice department.) About 28,000,000 people—80 per cent of them Ukrainian stock—now inhabit the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

Garner Not The Talkative Type

By W. B. HAGEDALE WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—The fact that Vice President Garner allowed 44 words to put him in the race for the presidential nomination in no wise has signified that he has thrown away the curb upon his tongue. He has gone quietly about his work since returning to Washington a month ago. Even his campaign managers have trouble pumping as many words out of him as they would like to. In every respect, he is going along with his job of presiding over the senate and attending White House conferences in the same manner as he always did. He talks just as frankly in private and just as little in public. He never suffered from logorrhea. He has a prompt answer for every question, however. The words vary from "you bet" to "you're pumping a dry well" but he always means "I can't tell you a thing." And he often says just that. Friends say he feels that he has made his position perfectly clear, that he will take the nomination if it comes his way, and that he is opposed to a third term for any man.

Demand Action To Bring Farm Prices Up To Parity

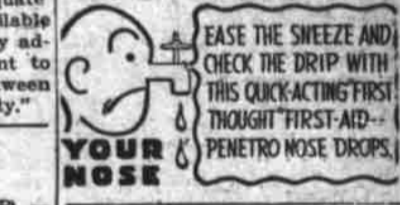
CHICAGO, Jan. 31 (AP)—President Earl C. Smith of the Illinois Agriculture association in a speech prepared for delivery today demanded that congress and the administration "cease temporizing with the farm problem" and act to put farm prices up to full parity. Addressing the association's 25th annual convention, Smith said that to make fully effective the primary purpose of the agricultural administration act, it was "absolutely necessary" that adequate appropriations be made available this year to provide for parity adjustment payments "sufficient to bridge completely the gap between farm market prices and parity."

HOSPITAL PLAN IS ENDORSED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—President Roosevelt's proposal that the government build 50 hospitals in needy communities received support today from Dr. Nathan E. Van Eetten, president-elect of the American Medical association. Dr. Van Eetten said at New York that the plan "should have the hearty support of all physicians and public health workers." He added that the hospitals should be so planned as not to enter into "undue competition" with other hospitals. Senator Wagner (D-NY), sponsor of a more ambitious federal-aid health program, said the necessary legislation would be introduced this week.

Accident Toll Reduced Only One Percent

CHICAGO, Jan. 31 (AP)—Accidents killed 93,000 persons in the United States in 1939, injured 8,900,000 and cost an estimated \$1,900,000,000, the National Safety council reported today. Those figures, however, represented a savings of about 400 lives and a one per cent reduction from the 1938 toll. The 1939 accident rate of 71 deaths per 100,000 population was the lowest since 1909 with two exceptions—1921 and 1922. Leading the list were motor vehicle accidents, which accounted for 32,000 deaths, 18 more than in 1938, and caused approximately 1,150,000 non-fatal injuries. Economic losses were estimated at \$1,900,000,000. Ranking second were accidents in the home. They killed 32,000 persons in 1939, two per cent more than in 1938, injured 4,700,000 and cost an estimated \$600,000,000. Falls were blamed for 17,000 of the home deaths. Occupational deaths decreased three per cent to 16,000 and the miscellaneous accident toll decreased six per cent to 15,000. The council said that although traffic deaths were virtually the same as in 1938, travel increased six per cent last year and four per cent more vehicles were on the road. Consequently, it concluded that the death rate, based on motor vehicle mileage, dropped more than five per cent to an all time low of 12.2 deaths per 100,000,000 miles. The estimated economic loss from all accidents included wages lost, medical expenses, the overhead cost of insurance and property damage in motor vehicle accidents and fires.



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