

PAST COMMANDER OF VFW VISITOR IN BIG SPRING

Arthur D. Dodds of Dallas, past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the Department of Texas, stopped in Big Spring Monday evening to visit with V. F. W. members and their families.

Dodds is a United States army captain of the reserve air forces, and has been called to report for service at March Field, Calif.

His wife, Mrs. Irene Dodds, who is past president of the state auxiliary of the V. F. W., accompanied him.

They planned to visit Carlsbad Cavern, N. M., and the V. F. W. National Encampment at Los Angeles en route to March Field.

DECORATED CLERMONT-FERRAND, France, Aug. 21 (AP)—Twelve American ambulance drivers and their leader, Dr. James V. Sparks, were decorated today with the Croix de Guerre for "accomplishments of most perilous missions under particularly difficult circumstances."

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Crossword Puzzle

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-16 and some filled-in letters.

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzles

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Scientists Make 'Mud Pies' In Canal Zone

By W. H. MOBLEY BALBOA, C. Z.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—A corps of serious scientists in a new laboratory near Miraflores Locks on the Panama Canal spend their days making mud pies. They even have a special oven for baking them.

Their job is to take a pound of mud and from its reaction under delicate tests determine how many thousand tons of pressure a given volume of that sort of mud will support.

The purpose of the investigations is determining slopes for the approach channels of the third set of Panama Canal locks which will prevent repetition of the disastrous slides that added great sums to the original cost of opening the channel between the seas, and which are still causing some trouble and expense.

The job is being done in the soils testing laboratory where the new science of the structure and strength of the earth's materials is being applied to the knowledge geologists have gained in three decades of study along the big ditch.



SOME HAT, GIRL!—Old Sol would have a time finding Merle Zinn, 2, on a Galveston beach under this Mexican hat.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE OIL FIELD COMMUNITIES

N. M. Wilson and son of Fort Worth visited his brother and uncle, Ray and Mrs. Wilson at their home in the Superior camp. They were en route to the Carlsbad Caverns.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Guthrie and son of Big Spring were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis on the Farley lease. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Oglesby accompanied Neil Tolliver to her home in Brownwood last weekend.

'Cowboy Revival' Closes Its 51st Annual Session

FORT DAVIS, Aug. 21 (AP)—Historic Skillman's grove, 15 miles west of here in the Davis mountains, was almost deserted today after ranch families and their guests had held for a week the fifty-first session of the Bloys camp meeting—longest-lived "cowboy revival" in the southwest.

This year's meetings were concluded yesterday. In October, 1890, the fragile but energetic Bloys gathered a handful of his parishioners beneath a great oak tree in the Skillman grove.

Several of the regular campers come from northern and western states. That is the way they spend their summer vacations. Which is perfectly satisfactory to the ranchmen.

There in that lonely region they visited and held "protracted meetings" each year. Since then the meetings have continued. Bloys himself attended until his death in 1917. Now he is represented by four sons, two daughters and many grandchildren.

Coal may be found under 17,970 of West Virginia's 24,202 square miles. FIRST CHOICE OF MILLIONS. THESE FIRST TONNES FOR SIMPLE REASONS. ST. JOSEPH ASPIRIN

GIANT METEOR IS FOUND UNDERGROUND

AUSTIN, Aug. 21 (AP)—A meteorite which blasted a 600-foot wide crater thousands of years ago near what is now the city of Odessa has been located at 100 feet or less underground, University of Texas scientists announced today.

Dr. E. H. Sellards, director of the university's bureau of economic geology and supervisor of university-WPA excavations on the site, said drilling would be necessary to extract the projectile which might have exploded on impact with the earth and may be in fragments. A magnetometer was used to spot it.

The crater, second in size in this country to that made by the great Arizona meteor, was reported to be almost filled with debris. Trenches have been cut through upturned and twisted layers of rock which form the lip of the crater to study the effect of the impact.

Dr. Sellards stated the main object of the excavation was analysis of the meteorite's composition.

GIBRALTAR BOMBED

GIBRALTAR, Aug. 21 (AP)—Britain's great fortress of Gibraltar was raided twice today by enemy planes. Bombs started a small fire which was brought quickly under control, a communique said. It reported there was slight damage and no casualties.

Bombs have been dropped on Gibraltar four times since the start of the war.

Merry-Go-Round Horses Still Carved By Hand

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y. (UP)—Merry-go-rounds have gone modernistic, but they still retain their traditional horse and chariot. The popular amusement device takes only five weeks to build, but modern manufacturing methods have not shortened the length of time necessary to produce its prancing steeds. A minimum of five years is needed for their production.

Each of the horses is hand carved and must be "stabled" for seasoning for several years to insure against the wood decaying.

Canadian Rifle Regiment Knows No 'Attention'

VANCOUVER, B. C. (UP)—Moving of the British Columbia Regiment, Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, from historic Beauty Street Armories to new wartime quarters outside Vancouver has focused attention on some of the unusual customs of the unit.

Officers of the regiment wear no lapel medals. They carry green and black whistle cords as a reminder of the uniforms of England's famous old Rifle Brigade. The regiment has no flags, battle honors being recorded on cap badges.

The commands "slope arms" and "fix bayonets" are unknown to men of the British Columbia Regiment. They carry swords, and on command affix them to their long rifles. Nor will the men come to "attention." To get this stance, a B. C. regiment officer must command his men: "Stand to your front. Rifles!"

Motors Tilted Upward For Quick Plane Takeoff

SEATTLE, Wash. (UP)—An airplane which can take off almost vertically is the brain-child of Victor M. David of Vancouver, B. C. He has developed a model airplane based on an invention which will enable small private or military planes to take off almost vertically.

David disclosed that he turned the trick with adjustable engine mounts, permitting the pilot to swing the motors upward at a 25-degree angle. He reported the idea effected an 80 per cent faster take-off with a 6-foot, three-engined plane.

Biggest Check Cashed, 6 By 2 Feet, For \$300

MUSKOGON, Mich. (UP)—Muskegon has seen its largest check. Although it was only for the modest sum of \$300, the National Lumbermen's bank here cashed its largest check. It was 6 feet long by 2 feet wide, and was designed as a toboggan.

The check had been presented by the Muskegon Junior chamber of commerce to the Greater Muskegon chamber of commerce as a contribution toward erection of a toboggan slide in Muskegon state park.

Greedy Heron Rescued From Too Big A Bite

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. (UP)—A heron almost choked on a herring but two women removed the fish and saved the bird's life. Miss Emma Hermann and Miss Julia C. Carter found the straggling heron standing near the shore of Carver's Pond. They saw the tail of a full-sized herring sticking from its beak. Folding tar paper over the fish tail, one woman removed the fish while the other held the bird.

Improved Process Found For Seasoning Timber

ABERDEEN, Wash. (UP)—Lumber industrialists are studying a new method of drying timber after reports of 25 per cent higher grading results. The Aloha Lumber Co. developed a dry kiln operating at lower temperatures. Although it requires several more days to dry the timber as contrasted to the hot kiln, checking is eliminated and knots do not shrink in the process, it is said.

Lavender And Old Lace Put In Modern Setting

WALTHAM, Mass. (UP)—In 1897, Miss Helen Pierce's grandmother traveled from New England to Nevada—a six-week journey—to be married. Recently, Miss Pierce went by airplane to become the bride of Albert L. Jones of Inglewood, Calif. Miss Pierce's wedding gown was trimmed with lace from that worn by her grandmother.

Advertisement for Pearl Lager Beer featuring a large image of a glass of beer and the text 'IT'S THE FLAVOR'.

Advertisement for Pearl Lager Beer featuring a bottle of beer and the text 'IT'S THE FLAVOR that makes Pearl different from all other Beers!'.

Large advertisement for Firestone tires featuring the text 'BIG ANNIVERSARY SALE', 'BUY NOW! BIG BARGAINS', and 'AS LOW AS \$5.15 AND YOUR OLD TIRES'.

Editorial

Some Texas counties are getting their budgets balanced and reducing county tax rates at the same time—thus showing that tax reduction and balancing are not impossible, though the state and nation seem unable to even approach such a condition.

poerty of their county than are members of the legislature. Abolition of the fee system of payments of salaries was authorized when the people voted an amendment to the constitution. It was argued that system was inequitable and unjust, and that was true. But the legislature decided it was the proper agency to fix salaries, and say how expenditures of money should be made even though that money was levied and collected by a county authority. It was an unreasonable position to take, and was largely political.

Washington Daybook

By Jack Stinnert

WASHINGTON—Answering the mail orders: Mrs. K. L. T. Spokane, Wash.—The excerpts from the letter of your missionary friend in China are interesting, but grim and horrible. I am sorry I cannot pass them along to the readers of this column. I would be the last one to deny that inaccuracies occasionally creep into these paragraphs, but they would be far greater if I relaxed the rule against setting down reports which I have no way of checking.

There is no doubt that there are going to be hundreds, maybe thousands, of new jobs here, but the competition is already keen. The point is that maybe in your own community, certainly in your own state, the defense program is opening up job possibilities. If you are a skilled laborer, the chances are you'll have no trouble finding work.

Man About Manhattan

By George Tucker

NEW YORK—It was a red letter day for Peter E. Siskind, though his office personnel, understandably, didn't quite understand what was coming off. Peter E. Siskind is what you might call the Caricco King of the Puerto Rico rum industry. He is vice president of American Spirits, Inc. An inspection of any Manhattan directory will reveal that his offices are on the 17th floor of the National Broadcasting building, Rockefeller Center.

for the airport. He had some luck here. They found passage for him. "Boys," said Peter E. Siskind, "I've been at this desk for eight years. I never take a vacation. I work all day and sometimes I work all night. I'm a manufacturer. I make and sell rum, Kessler and I work hard. He wanted me to talk to him just now. From Puerto Rico. For the first time in my life I denied a call. If I had picked up that telephone, he would have told me something about a cargo of cane syrup. Or about something that had happened to one of the new labels it would have had to get a train for Chicago, or maybe a plane for San Juan. Any other day I would have done it.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

By Robbin Coons

HOLLYWOOD—"Boom Town" Screenplay by James Edward Grant. Directed by Jack Conway. Principals Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Claudette Colbert, Hedy Lamarr, Frank Morgan, Lionel Atwell, Chill Wills, Marlon Martin, Minna Gombell. This is a double-feature all by itself, a lusty melodramatic panorama of wild-catting in the oil fields. It's for fans who crave doublebarreled action, salted with laughs, romance and the liberal spice of humor.

oil market and then with flats. It's a grand, movie-wise movie, with pace and tip-roaring atmosphere and good sound acting. Miss Lamarr—Star No. 4 shows up belatedly as the other woman, out to take Big John from Square John. Miss Lamarr, extremely decorative, gives the impression of a filly in too fast company. "The Lady in Question" Screenplay by Lewis Meltzer from story by Marcel Achard. Directed by Charles Vidu. Principals Brian Aherne, Rita Hayworth, Glenn Ford, Irene Rich, George Coulouris, Evelyn Keyes, Edward Norris, Curt Bois. This is what happens when a nice old juror at a murder trial in Paris takes the pretty, acquitted defendant into his home—and begins to tell innocent lies about her to his pleasant but puzzling wife (Rich).

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The Herald's Serial Story

Casual Slaughters

Virginia Hanson

Chapter 40 "LOVER'S RETURN" The corridor was not quite dark. A dim light had been left burning on the cross hall that led to the lounge, and a small fanlight over the side door let in a little light from the street. To my left, not more than a dozen steps away, was the door to my room. Directly opposite Felicia's door and mine were those of two empty guest rooms which I knew were kept locked when they were not in use.

room and, reasonably safe from interruption, unlocked the wardrobe case and got out the manuscript. It was just where I had left it, the seal still unbroken. I carried it over to the table, sat down facing the corridor door, and prepared to open it. I had thought better of my resolution to return with it to Felicia's room. I did not want her waking up and coming in on me with her everlasting curiosity. For the matter of that, how did I know I dared trust her? I was in no mood to trust anyone. And suddenly I saw Sandra's notebook.

Trailer Tintypes



For the moment it gave me a false sense of security. I opened the unstable notebook, saw that it contained about three pages of competent Gregg shorthand and, concentrating on the little I could remember from a high school course, set myself to decipher it. A few lines were enough to tell me that this was merely the dictation I had given Sandra on Tuesday. I began to skip, puzzling out a phrase here and there, turning the pages, reassuring myself that there was nothing more. Nothing more? I turned the last page and saw, detached from the rest of the text, a line of four characters. I puzzled over them for a moment. The first was the little hard sound of the letter c—kuk, or k or can. The second character seemed to be red. Can red—that didn't make sense. No, wait—can read! I went on to the last two, which were more complex, with the two little strokes under each that mean capitals. A title. With that as a clue I deciphered them. Lover's Return! The manuscript she had helped me copy. I was right! Can read—no! What a fool I was! Kay, read Lover's Return! My fingers trembling with almost unbearable eagerness, I tore open the manila envelope and drew out the eighteen or twenty typed pages. I started to read. I don't know what I expected to find—underlined words, interlineations— "I Have Decided—"

Comic strip panels with dialogue. Panel 1: 'BOY! A TENT FULL O' JARS WITH FISH IN 'EM—AN' MAPS AN' MICROSCOPES AN'— IT'S SWELL, BUT WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?' Panel 2: 'WELL, DICKIE, I'M AN OCEANOGRAPHER! THAT MEANS I'M A STUDENT OF OCEANS...' Panel 3: 'I STUDY CURRENTS, WEATHER, FISH, SEA-PLANTS, CHARTS LIKE THIS...' Panel 4: 'LOOK, I EVEN PAINT OIL MAN OCEAN OILS! I'M JUST NUTS ABOUT EVERYTHING CONNECTED WITH SALT WATER!' Panel 5: 'YOU SEE, I TRIED THE USUAL SOCIAL GAME BACK HOME— COULDN'T TAKE IT— CAME OUT HERE AND FOUND MYSELF...' Panel 6: 'BUT NOW FOR THE BLACK SIDE— ALL THIS DOGGONE IT!— IT HAS TO GO!' Panel 7: 'WHY? WHAT'S MEANT?' Panel 8: 'WHEN DOES THE CAMPAIGN START?' Panel 9: 'THAT'S THE SPIRIT I LIKE, FRIEND!' Panel 10: 'BUT WHEN DOES THE CAMPAIGN START?' Panel 11: 'JUST AS SOON AS THE 'BIG BOY' SAYS SO' Panel 12: 'WHO'S THE 'BIG BOY'?' Panel 13: 'HE'S THE LEADER OF THE FOUR-STAR PARTY— WE'RE GOING TO SEE HIM NOW' Panel 14: 'IS THE 'BIG BOY' IN?' Panel 15: 'YEAH— HE'S EXPECTIN' YUH!' Panel 16: 'I WONDER HOW DIANA'S GETTIN' ALONG AT MISS VAN SWANBY'S... SEEM TO BE HAVIN' FUN WITH HER GONE.' Panel 17: 'OH, YEAH? Y'WOT'S HOLDIN' UP 'QUEST'?' Panel 18: 'TAKE IT EASY, DOOLBY! I'M GONNA SEE ABOUT OUR TEMPER Y' Panel 19: 'IT AIN'T READY YET, POOP.' Panel 20: 'THAT'S ENOUGH! DON'T DIG ANY MORE— YOU'LL BREAK SOME OF THOSE BONES! LET'S SEE THAT!' Panel 21: 'IT'S A SKULL— PROBABLY SOMEBODY BURIED A COW THERE...' Panel 22: 'WOW! IT'S A HIPPEOSAURUS OR I'M CRAZY!' Panel 23: 'HOLY MACKEREL! WHAT A FIND!!' Panel 24: '... A HIPPEOSAURUS?'

