

Investigation Into Proration Bribery Case To Continue

AUSTIN, Mar. 14 (AP)—Two assistant attorneys general and two public safety department officers were instructed today to return to Midland and continue an investigation in the case of a deputy oil supervisor of the state railroad commission charged with accepting a \$5,000 bribe.

Attorney General Gerald C. Mann announced the men, Ben Woodall and D. Boris Davis, who will be accompanied by Special Investigator B. F. Spain and Ranger Joe Thompson, would be sent to Midland Tuesday evening, he said.

It was reported operatives of the United States interior department also had a hand in an earlier investigation climaxed by the arrest in Midland Tuesday of Gordon Bigham, deputy supervisor in charge of the Midland oil proration district.

Bigham was arrested by Texas rangers, who charged him with having accepted a bribe "contingent upon his recommending to superior officers that no reduction be made in allowable production on properties of the Shasta Oil company." He waived examining trial and gave bond of \$5,000, making no statement.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Mann disclosed he had been informed 10 days ago by E. J. Kelley, vice president of the company, that Kelley would be solicited by an employee of the commission to pay \$5,000 so that the company's production in Howard county would not be decreased. Mann said he had brought the information to the attention of District Attorney McDonald of Big Spring.

Jerry Sadler, a member of the railroad commission, said that when Bigham was arrested in Midland Tuesday evening, he (Bigham) was in possession of \$6,000 and that \$5,000 was in bills paid by the Shasta Oil Co. of which the serial numbers had been recorded. In addition to the \$5,000, the deputy supervisor had 51 \$20 bills, the commissioner said.

The money was passed in Big Spring (at Shasta offices) but Bigham was not arrested until he arrived in Midland, according to Sadler.

Sadler said "no culpability is attached to the Shasta Oil company," and it had "cooperated fully" with the commission, Texas rangers and the department of the interior.

Sadler declared Bigham's arrest culminated a condition in the Midland district of "long duration" and announced oil well potentials in the district would be re-taken by commission engineers.

He further announced that W. J. Christian, chief enforcement officer of the commission, had taken charge of the Midland office.

Stock Show To Get Boost At Ft. Worth

A booster trip to Fort Worth and the southwestern Fat Stock show Saturday to advertise the third annual district 4-H club boy and FFA livestock show here next week was announced by the chamber of commerce conventions committee Thursday in an 11th hour decision.

D. D. Douglas, who was named chairman of the activity, said eight had agreed to go and urged that others interested in joining in the trip contact him or the chamber office before Friday afternoon when the group will leave for Fort Worth.

Big Spring people, who otherwise might be in Fort Worth for "Big Spring Day," were asked by Douglas to meet the local delegation at the loudspeaker on the show grounds at 11 a. m. Saturday.

Meanwhile, the entry list for the show swelled more Thursday to far eclipse those of the two previous shows. At noon a total of 100 milked and drylot baby heaves, 51 fat lambs, and 12 sows and pigs had entered, bringing the total to 172 animals. It was considered possible that others might yet be entered.

The county warehouse, which will house the show, was nearing completion with windows, wiring, and fencing being installed. The 200x50-foot structure will provide ample space for the exhibits for the first time.

Mail Route Changes Made

Changes in rural route No. 1 and in the motorized city delivery route were announced here Thursday by Postmaster Nat Shick.

The rural route changes affect an area between Coahoma and Big Spring, while the city delivery will be extended to two blocks in Park Hill addition, said Shick.

Leaving Coahoma, the rural route will proceed west on the new highway (U.S. 80) to the first south lane west of Sand Springs and thence to the old highway and on into Big Spring on the existing route.

Under the route change ordered by the post office department, three families between the Coahoma corner and where the route picks up again on the old highway will be omitted from the delivery service. It was estimated that around 30 boxes will be served at Sand Springs on the new routing. The change is effective March 16.

Extension of the city route to include delivery on the 700 and 800 blocks of W. 18th street (Park Hill) will be consummated as soon as residents in that area erect curbs and mail boxes in compliance with a department requirement, said the postmaster.

Late Blossoming Means Lighter Freeze Loss

Damage to the fruit crop in this area after two mornings of sub-freezing temperatures was mitigated Thursday by the general lateness of blooming of the trees.

While a generous portion of the young fruit put on by trees which started flowering last week was conceded to be killed, it was estimated that half of the trees of the county had not blossomed in full. Consequently, barring further biting temperatures, fruit that does put on should be thriefer.

Apricots appeared to be hardest hit. Peaches and plums blooming with amazing inconsistency this year, were not generally or seriously hurt.

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Oil Proration Case To Go To Highest Court

Stay Granted To Give RR Commission Time For An Appeal

HOUSTON, Mar. 14 (AP)—A 60-day stay, so that it may appeal to the United States supreme court, was granted the Texas railroad commission today in its fight against a proposed federal court order nullifying its oil proration orders concerning two companies.

The case involved the commission, the Humble Oil and Refining company, and the Rowan and Nichols company, operators in East Texas.

On Feb. 21, a three judge court at Austin ruled the commission's proration order as it affected Humble and Rowan and Nichols was unreasonable, confiscatory and void.

No ruling was entered at the time, however, and the court gave the commission ten days in which to revise its order or appeal the case.

The commission decided to appeal and the case was set for hearing here today. Federal Judge James V. Allred was not present, but Judges Samuel Sibley of Atlanta and R. J. McMillan of San Antonio, heard the evidence and decided on the stay.

Jerry Sadler, railroad commissioner, was elated at the decision. "It makes me very happy," he said, "for the operators, the royalty owners and employees that the judgment was stayed."

The court at Austin had decided the spread between production allotted poorer wells in East Texas and that allotted better wells was not large enough and suggested, the 20-barrel minimum be reduced.

It said the minimum allotment of the field took up three-fourths of the allowable, leaving only one-fourth to be distributed on the basis of values of the various properties.

The railroad commission, however, took the view that reduction of the minimum would hurt the small operators and production might be thrown "wide open" as a result of the decision.

The railroad commission a few days ago won the right to a supreme court review in a case brought by Rowan and Nichols.

Scandinavian Alliance Now Necessary, Says Finn Chief

Nation Hopes To Avoid Fate Of Czechoslovakia

HELSINKI, Mar. 14 (AP)—President Kyoesti Kallio told Finland today her losing fight with Soviet Russia, ended by a crushing peace after 105 days, had made a Finnish-Swedish-Norwegian defensive alliance inescapably necessary.

The necessity of such an alliance, he said, has "become evident during this war" and he added:

"I dare to hope that the essentially of a northern defensive alliance has become evident also to our neighbors during this war."

Finland counted on new fortifications and a possible alliance, if needed, to save her from Czechoslovakia's fate.

Shorn of heavily fortified frontiers by the pact of Munich, Sept. 29, 1938, Czechoslovakia just a year ago tomorrow passed under the rule of Adolf Hitler's reich.

President Kallio spoke in a broadcast address and he said to his people they should not forget that Finland still is independent and still possesses a powerful army.

He expressed appreciation for American relief activities and said that "in this respect the work done by former President Hoover has been of extreme value." He also thanked the Scandinavian countries and western powers for their aid.

They were on the road to begin the work of removing thousands of Finns from areas to be ceded to Soviet Russia.

Premier Risto Rytty and the delegation which accepted the Russian settlement in Moscow returned to Helsinki last night with the text of the peace pact.

Kallio declared "this nation must count on its own strength and unity for the great reconstruction task," but added "we trust that those civilized nations which recognized the fundamental principles on which our defensive struggle was based will make it their duty to support us."

Foreign Minister Vaino Tanner made it clear that despite the crushing peace that ended the war, Finland intended to take every step to protect her newly-narrowed borders from future threats.

Asked if fortification of the new borders would be permitted, Tanner flashed back:

"Who is going to stop us?"

He added, "our military commanders say all borders are defensible."

Nevertheless, with the great Manerheim line and most of Finland's other frontier defenses ceded to Russia and a Russian naval base to be established on the key peninsula of Hanko under Tuesday's treaty of Moscow, Finland looked forward to discussions aimed at a defensive alliance with Sweden and Norway.

Foreign Minister Halvdan Kohle of Norway said his country agreed several days ago to "consider the possibility" of such an alliance and the Swedish foreign office made a similar announcement today.

These northern neighbors already have agreed to talk it over at Finland's initiative, Tanner said, although they refused such an overture when the war was in progress.

To the mourning public of Finland, which lost thousands of its sons and much of its wealth in the futile struggle against invasion, the government broadcast a plea for continuing in peace cooperation and unity that was so characteristic in war.

The grim little Finnish army prepared for the step-by-step withdrawal from its snowy battle fronts as provided for both armies in Russia's truceless peace terms.

3 Others File For City Posts

Big Spring voters have a longer list of candidates from which to choose three city commissioners in the municipal election on April 2, as a result of announcements Thursday. Three more names had been filed with City Secretary Herbert Whitney.

They were J. B. Collins, R. L. Cook and D. W. Webber, each of whom acted independently. Other candidates are R. V. standing for re-election, J. C. Loper and Ed Merrill. Another commissioner whose term expires this year is Vic Mellinger, who has announced he will not run again.

No formal statements came from any of the three whose names were filed Thursday. Collins, a prominent businessman, and also widely known in business and civic circles, told The Herald they had no "platform" to offer other than a desire to be of service in maintaining an efficient city administration, and in continuing harmonious municipal operations. Cook several years ago served for a brief period on the city commission, and both he and Collins have been members of the local school board. It was known that both men had been widely urged to submit their candidacies.

Webber, for several years a resident of Big Spring, former manager of a local department store, and now an employee of the Couden refinery, was an unsuccessful bidder for a place on the commission two years ago. He has voiced a desire to assist in directing an economical and progressive administration for Big Spring.

Under municipal election statutes names may be filed for the ticket, without petition, through March 16, Saturday. Candidates may be filed by petition through March 30.

Rumania To Be Spared?

BERLIN, March 14 (AP)—Germany, an unimpeachable although nonofficial source disclosed today, has obtained a definite pledge from Soviet Russia that Rumania will be spared, come what may in southeast Europe.

This assurance, which probably will be publicly documented soon, apparently has enabled German diplomacy in turn to make Rumania incline toward a Russian-Rumanian non-aggression pact.

Negotiations are being conducted in the greatest secrecy.

(Authoritative sources in Bucharest said a Rumanian commission of high army officers was in Berlin.

Just why a military rather than an economic mission should visit Berlin at this time is a mystery.

While official Germany and the Rumanian legation are light-lipped, unofficial inquiries invariably elicit expressions like "something is doing between Russia and Rumania; the whole complexion of the international situation may change before the week is over."

One well-informed person went so far as to say this week was one of the most decisive of the war and would "furnish political foundations for Germany's military victory." The Rumanian question, he said, was a factor in the situation.

New Park Amphitheatre To Be Site For Union Easter Sunrise Service

Sunrise Easter services in the new city amphitheatre, will be sponsored by the Pastors Association, it was announced here Thursday.

Conceived as a union undertaking of many denominations, the Easter service will be the first ceremony of its kind here in years and perhaps in the church history of Big Spring.

Now in the final stages of construction, the huge stone amphitheatre on a strategic slope in the city park is due to be near completion by March 24—Easter Sunday. It will have a seating capacity of about 600 at that time.

Rev. J. A. English, pastor of the Wesley Memorial Methodist church and chairman of the program committee, said that Rev. G. C. Schurman, pastor of the First Christian church, will give the invocation, followed by the pastor of the Lutheran church and the pastor of the Baptist church.

Other program details tentatively announced by Rev. English and Rev. Homer Sheets, Assembly of God pastor, and Rev. Lloyd Cory, Mexican Baptist minister, who are on the committee, included:

Rev. C. E. Lancaster, First Baptist, master of ceremonies; William R. Dawes, director of music; Rev. J. O. Haynes, First Methodist, invocation; Dr. D. F. McConnell, First Presbyterian, scripture reading; George Croswait, in charge of First Methodist quartet; Melvin E. Wise, Church of Christ minister, responsive reading; and Robert E. Bowden, Church of God, benediction.

Valley Crash The Worst In State History

Fruit Pickers Of Mexican Descent Victims Of Crossing Tragedy

McALLEN, Mar. 14 (AP)—Twenty five persons were killed today when a Missouri-Pacific passenger train splintered a truck loaded with fruit pickers at a crossing six miles east of this Lower Rio Grande Valley town.

Seventeen were injured, many critically.

Worst In History

State Police Director Homer Garrison, Jr., described the wreck as apparently the worst in Texas history.

The Missouri-Pacific train crashed into the truck at 8:06 a. m. and carried the vehicle on its cowcatcher for about 900 yards, with bodies and limbs being scattered along the tracks for that distance.

Nineteen bodies were taken to two McAllen morgues and four were carried to nearby Weslaco.

Identification of the victims, all passengers in the truck, was slow but all apparently were laborers of Mexican descent living in the farm areas around Alamo, Texas.

The 17 injured persons were taken to the McAllen municipal hospital.

The truck burst into flames under the impact of the crash, and one victim was found charred when the train had stopped.

Garrison, commenting in Austin, said:

"The McAllen crossing wreck apparently is the worst of its kind in Texas history. Our records go back only to 1933 when the public safety department was created but no one here can recall a crossing incident in which more lives were lost."

One of the worst previous crashes occurred Jan. 22, 1927, in which 10 Baylor university students were killed and 12 injured in a crossing accident at Round Rock, Texas.

The train figuring in the McAllen crash runs between Harlingen and Rio Grande City. The truck parallels the main lower Rio Grande valley highway.

Justice of the Peace Bob Savage of San Juan was investigating.

Eye witnesses said bodies were strewn along the right-of-way for 500 feet, and a half dozen ambulances picked up the injured and carried them to hospitals in nearby Lower Rio Grande valley towns.

Names of the dead and injured were not immediately available.

The truck in which the orchard workers were riding apparently was stuck squarely in the center, and remained jammed on the front of the locomotive when it came to a halt.



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Stipp Back In State Office

Hubert C. Stipp, division petroleum engineer for the Texas railroad commission, Wednesday evening reopened his local office from which he had been ousted Feb. 15.

Return of Stipp to his post was announced by Jerry Sadler, railroad commissioner who summarily dismissed Stipp a month ago without amplification.

Sadler, who was in Midland Wednesday assisting in investigation of the bribery charge against George Gordon Bigham, deputy supervisor for the railroad commission, asked Stipp to Midland for a conference, it was learned here.

He not only returned him to his post, but he increased his authority, it was understood. Instead of acting as a division engineer and having no connection with other engineers in districts 7-B, 7-C and 8 (West Central Texas and the Permian Basin area), he will now be in charge of three other engineers in the tri-district territory.

Stipp was in Midland again Thursday, but he planned to be back at his office in the Petroleum Building Friday. He had keys to the new lock on his door, put there on order of Bigham, who served Stipp with first notice of his dismissal in February and barred him from his office.

Sadler made Stipp's reappointment retroactive to March 1. Stipp is a graduate of Oklahoma university, a former oil district superintendent for Pure Oil Co. and the T. & P. and Trust, and has been with the railroad commission since 1932 when he spent two years at Henderson before being assigned to Big Spring.

WTCC Convention Chairmen Named

More appointments were announced today by Edmund Notestine, general chairman, as preparations for entertaining the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention here May 13-15 gained speed.

R. R. McEwen was named head of the registration group with A. Swartz, Pat Kenney and D. D. Douglas in charge of local registrations and Joe Bond handling out-of-town registrations.

Bill Tate will be in charge of the entertainment group, said Notestine. J. C. Douglas, Sr., will be housing committee chairman, and J. B. Harrison in charge of group arrangements. J. C. Douglas, Jr. was announced previously as in charge of decorations for the WTCC meet.

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The commission also today ordered reductions put into effect June 1.

As in the original decision, the commission voted 5 to 4 against granting petition filed by the northern railroads and northern intervenors for reargument and rehearing.

In its original decision the commission ordered reductions in rates on 18 commodities from the south to the north to a basis approximating that within the north. The south-to-north rates on the commodities involved now are about 37 per cent higher than the rates within the north.

Three Held In Robbery Of Texas Bank

SHERMAN, Mar. 14 (AP)—Two Denison brothers barely in their twenties and a 35-year-old escaped Missouri convict were held in the county jail here today in connection with the robbery of the First National bank of Bells, east of here.

No charges had been filed although officers said the fugitive convict admitted robbing the bank and took all the blame. They also said Justin West, the bank teller, identified the convict as one of the robbers but was not sure about the others.

The trio was captured by Constable Ira Jesse, Police Detective A. J. Harrison and Deputy Constable Paul Smith, all of Denison, yesterday afternoon barely an hour after the bank was held up. The officers reported finding \$1,177.

The capture was made six miles east of Denison.

Two overalls men held up the bank. The officers said they suspected one of the brothers was the convict's companion and the other brother drove the get-away automobile.

The bank reported \$1,000 taken, meaning more money was found with the men than was believed carried off in the holdup.

Officers quoted the escaped convict as saying he fled from Jefferson City eight months ago while serving a bank robbery sentence.

The capture was perfected as the trio was preparing to switch from a late model car stolen at Denison Tuesday night to an old model truck. Two guns were taken from the men. The officers found \$794 buried in the sand at the side of the road.

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Big Spring, along with San Angelo, Lubbock, San Antonio and Amarillo, has been pushing for an airline which would include this city on a north-south run.

Jack Frye, TWA president, who left for South Texas today, explained that his company's proposed route would stem south from Amarillo, only Texas point not touched by TWA, to Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston. It would include Lubbock, Abilene, Austin and Houston as stops and would serve Dallas and Fort Worth by a line from Abilene.

He said that if the application is granted, these areas will be linked for the first time by direct air service with San Francisco. The new service would make direct connection at Amarillo with the air line's "Sky Chief," fastest transcontinental flight, which makes the trip between New York and San Francisco in a little more than fifteen hours.

Frye explained that the proposed route gives Lubbock its first air line, and also gives Austin its first direct air line connection with the transcontinental section of the state.

Final Figures On Water Job Are Approved

Final figures on the city's PWA waterworks improvement program, approved by city commissioners, shows expenditures were only .007 of one per cent above estimates of \$546,000 for the job.

Actual cost was \$546,039.49, according to the statement of the account. The city put \$275,000 in bonds and \$47,232 in general funds into the construction of the extensive project which included two lakes, pipelines, filtration plant, reservoirs, etc.

PWA paid in \$222,688 in four separate grants, and has been re-questioned for a fifth and final grant payment of \$23,011. The city has paid in \$21,893 of this amount and will expect its general fund to be reimbursed in this amount.

Tabulation of costs follows: Advertising, printing bonds, water permits, etc. \$1,232; right-of-way easements, \$20,518; engineering, \$28,361 (including \$24,534 for supervision, inspection and engineering, \$1,148 for testing materials and \$267 for test well and survey expense); legal administrative and overhead, \$348; miscellaneous \$40; and \$497,537 for construction. Construction costs are divided thusly: Elevated steel tanks, \$17,918; supply mains to tank \$15,924; dams and diversion channel, \$168,115; pipelines and filtration plant, \$242,800; concrete reservoir and covers for old reservoirs, \$26,979; transfer relay mains, \$4,965; 12-inch Venturi meter, \$825.

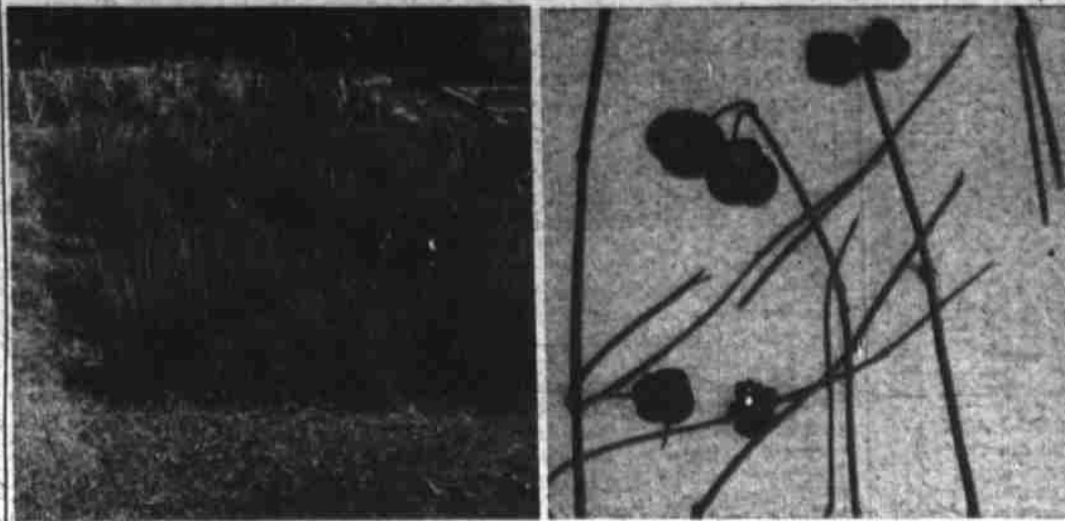
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Medicine Plant From China May Come To U.S. As A Result Of War



PLANT SEEDS AND STEMS Mature ephedra forms a sod, needs little attention. The berry-like fruits each contain two seeds. The drug is extracted from the stems.

AF Feature Service BROOKINGS, S. D.—As a result of the Sino-Japanese war, American farmers may get another cash crop—ephedra sinica. Ephedra is a Chinese shrub whose stems yield an alkaline drug, ephedrine, which is used in the treatment of such respiratory ailments as hay fever, bronchial asthma and head colds. The war cut off America's supply of the crude drug.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE OIL FIELD COMMUNITIES

Mrs. Rosie Dillbeck of Oklahoma is the house guest of her brother, E. J. Grant, and Mrs. Grant. C. C. Gaskins of Odessa is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Vera Harris. Walter Gresset, Foran ranchman, sold his clippings to Edd Wycoff of Sterling City for 16 cents per pound. He also sold the wool shorn from the sheep killed in this winter's worst snow storm for 22 cents per pound.

Mark Nasworthy was a San Angelo visitor Monday. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Oglesby and family made a trip to Westbrook this weekend due to the illness of Mr. Oglesby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Oglesby. Mrs. Velma Smith is visiting relatives and friends in Tyler this week.

MEXICO UNIONISTS VOTING ON CHANGES IN OIL INDUSTRY

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 14 (AP)—The oil workers' union reported today that 15 of its 32 sections in Mexico had approved the union's projected answer to President

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The plan involves cut in wages, a reduction of personnel and abolition of house rent allowance to workers. The union has agreed to some of the measures.

Band Uniform Contract Let

Measuring for new uniforms for members of the Big Spring municipal high school band—made possible through generous donations by local business firms and individuals—was to be started Thursday afternoon by Lee Hanson's haberdashery and the Evans company which will supply the uniforms.

Who Gets The First Planes?

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14 (AP)—While congress took a hand in the controversy over allied warplane purchases, aviation circles tried today to reconcile reported Franco-British eagerness for American fighting craft with the slow trickle of actual orders.

The release of latest type American war planes to the allies aroused many congressmen, and a house military affairs sub-committee ordered an inquiry next week to determine whether national defense interests were being jeopardized.

A move for a kindred investigation was instituted in the senate. Aircraft manufacturers are confused by contradictions. The allied war purchasing mission has been represented as desperately eager to obtain the latest model American planes in large quantities.

Despite last week's announcement the allies intended to spend a billion dollars for planes, there has been no indication of a speed-up in contracts, aviation sources said. In the last three months only about \$40,000,000 in allied aircraft orders have been placed.

U. S. Will Continue Its 'Moral Embargo' Against Russians

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—With President Roosevelt indicating uneasiness over Finland's future, the United States will continue to regard Russia warily for some time.

This became apparent today when it was learned that the "moral embargoes" against Russia, imposed by Mr. Roosevelt and the state department after the Soviet invasion of Finland, would be maintained indefinitely regardless of the Baltic peace.

The president laid down the "moral embargo" on the shipment of airplanes and parts to Russia in December. This was later amplified by the state department to include materials going into the manufacture of airplanes, and also plants and plans for the manufacture of aviation gasoline.

No move to lift any of these embargoes will be made for some time, it was learned, because: 1. Officials are not sure that Russia will not again move against a weakened Finland. 2. Nor are they sure that Russia will not move against other nations, perhaps in the Balkans or the Near East. 3. Nor are they sure that materials sent to Russia are not going on through to Germany.

FINAL PENDERGAST CASE COMPLETED

KANSAS CITY, March 14 (AP)—U. S. District Attorney Maurice M. Milligan's docket of cases against Pendergast machine leaders is empty.

Conviction of Matthews S. Murray, former state WPA director and former city public works director, cleaned up the list.

Boss Tom Pendergast, R. E. O'Malley, former state insurance superintendent; Otto Higgins, former police director; John J. Pryor, machine-favored contractor, and Charles Carroll, gambling king, all are in Leavenworth.

All pleaded guilty to income tax evasion. Angelo Donnell, pudgy tavern keeper who headed a million-dollar-a-month narcotics ring, also is in the federal prison.

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Calls For Manifestation Of Spirit, But There Is No Response To Plea CHICAGO, March 14 (AP)—Claude Noble, a magician, stood on a bleak bridge in Jackson park, held out a hymn book, and called upon the spirit of Clarence Darrow to manifest itself if it could.

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Reduced Cotton Acreage

Many Texas interests are concerned, and rightly so, we think, over the reduction in Texas' cotton-acreage allotment for 1940. They think it has been put too low, and there is an organized effort to persuade the department of agriculture to make a correction.

The three regional chambers of commerce in the state, ginners, seed-crushers and others directly interested in the cotton industry are cooperating on this undertaking, with the program headed up through the State-Wide Cotton committee, of which Burris C. Jackson of Hillsboro is chairman. Whether the campaign will be successful remains to be determined, but Texas should be able to marshal some facts to support an increased allotment.

The allotment this year has been put at 8,824,000 acres. This is compared to 9,004,000 acres cultivated last year, which yielded three million bales. When the cotton industry was at its peak in 1928, Texas had almost 15 million acres in cotton and harvested more than 5,600,000 bales. Just three years ago, the state hit a production level of five million bales on 12,500,000 acres.

There is evidence that farmers are learning how to produce more cotton from fewer acres, and that is a worthwhile trend. Further improvement of the quality of cotton would be a greater step toward solving the whole problem. That is a long-range proposition, however; and the matter of acreage curtailment is an immediate one.

Mr. Jackson makes a strong point in asserting that the less cotton acreage, the less labor to be employed on Texas farms. "Idle acres mean idle men," is his way of phrasing it. That fact accounts in great degree for the 70,000 evicted share-croppers, tenants and farmhands who are wanderers today, looking for employment of any sort, yet knowing how to do little except plant, cultivate and harvest cotton.

The answer will be, of course, that the law of supply and demand is still operative, and that markets for Texas cotton have all but disappeared. The doctrine of scarcity, however, can be carried too far, and there are encouraging signs of increasing exports. If renewed market opportunities do come, Texas should be able to take advantage of them.

George Tucker

Man About Manhattan

NEW YORK—It is interesting to watch John Barrymore play to street crowds while pretending to be unaware of their existence. As you know, the day of the real matinee idol in New York has long since past. We haven't had one since Leslie Howard was a young man just over from London, in the old Berkeley Square days, so to speak. But now and then some actor takes the fancy, and when his presence is noised about a considerable crowd gathers. This year it's Barrymore again, just as it was in the days of his Greek-coin youth, and on any fair matinee day you will see a couple of hundred people on the curb at that iron-gated alley next to the Belasco theatre on 44th street. The crowd knows that if it stands there long enough it will see Barrymore in street clothes.

This usually happens about 2:15 in the afternoon. A long black car rolls up to the curb. Elaine Barrie, his wife, a black-headed girl who is nicer looking than her pictures, gets out first and bolts up the alley, but no one pays any attention to her.

Then John and his manager get out. He has a homburg at a sort of dejected angle on his classic brow. He has on a heavy, belted, below-the-knees overcoat. His pants could stand a pressing, but as he only earns slightly less than \$5,000 a week, the crowd doesn't hold this against The Profile.

On these occasions Barrymore is very gay and jovial. From his manner you would think that he and his manager were all alone on a deserted street. But he suddenly thinks of something very funny to say. So he throws his arm around his manager's shoulder and as they move into the alley Barrymore makes gestures with his free hand while confiding some piece of intimate gossip in a loud stage voice to his friend. This pretense is maintained until the stage door shuts them from view and then Barrymore, for all I know, slumps down into a chair to rest.

Reason? Well, that's the actor of it. That's just a wee bit of stage alley Hamlet that takes place every matinee day in New York.

Exact whereabouts of Lowell Thomas' office in Rockefeller Center must be a deep secret. He comes in every day and gets on the elevators—and disappears. The elevator boys are no help either. Ask them where Thomas is and they say, "Who, me? I dunno from nuthin." They don't neither.

We don't know how it is elsewhere, but around this neighborhood the cut-rate drug stores aren't a cheaper than the pharmacies. Tube for tube, the toothpaste and shaving creams all have the same price. Use, we use 48-cent cream. What do you use?

You can win bets by arguing that rubber and wax aren't used in phonograph records. There isn't an owner of either in any records on the market today. The stuff is mostly resin and shellac, wadded into a wafer and then spread out.

The chemical industry of Germany complains that the rising generation does not take to chemistry sufficiently to assure Germany's continued leadership in this branch of science.

Are You Listening?



Here To Open Texas Animals Stock Show Weather Unit Win Honors At Fort Worth

Charles H. Newton, stationed by the U.S. weather bureau at El Paso for the past six years, arrived here Wednesday to assume charge of a new unit to be opened at the local airport as soon as possible.

He said that one other man had been assigned here to date. Wesley Irving, formerly of Galveston, is on hand to take up his work with the bureau, said Newton.

Most of the equipment and furnishings needed for operation of the station has been received, but the immediate lack of personnel may delay the opening of the station for another month. Newton said that he hoped to have the unit in operation by May 1. Its services will not affect those previously handled by the CAA bureau at the airport. Those of the new unit will be more extensive and are due to include the restoration of balloon runs to check on winds aloft.

Safety Notices Are Distributed With Car Tags

Admonitions to obey the rules of good driving and to drive safely are being inserted into the package containing each set of 1940 automobile license tags issued in Howard county this month.

The message, printed on red cardboard, is furnished by the Big Spring Safety Council as one of its steps in promoting increased traffic safety this year.

It is estimated that around 4,000 will read the appeal by registration deadline time April 1. More than 60 persons registered passenger cars Saturday to bring the total number to date to 450.

Included in the safety council's advice are these suggestions: Be courteous, giving right-of-way to other fellow, thereby avoiding collisions even if in the right; never pass cars on hills or curves; never speed; check lights, brakes and tires regularly; think how many fewer funerals there would be this year, how many less hours of pain and suffering, how much money would be saved in repair costs, doctor and hospital bills if everybody drove safely in 1940.

FORT WORTH MAN JOINS INSURANCE FIRM IN BIG SPRING

M. O. Dingler, formerly of Fort Worth, moved to Big Spring this past week to be associated with J. M. Mobley as agent for the National and Accident Insurance Co. Mr. and Mrs. Dingler and son, Wayne, have moved to 1211 Scurry. They are members of the Church of Christ.

The company is well pleased with the reception Big Spring has given it and Mobley and is adding Dingler in order to be able to give even better service. Mobley has been one of the company's leading representatives since coming here to open this territory last May.

M'Casland Takes Shooting Honors

TAMPA, Fla., Mar. 13 (AP)—Marksmen blasted away here today in the second day's competition of the national mid-winter pistol matches. Firing continues through Saturday.

L. P. McCasland, Big Spring, of the Texas state police, fired 288 points in six events to take top honors in yesterday's principal competition, 22 calibre pistol matches.

MOHAIR OUTPUT FOR TEXAS 85 PCT. OF NATION'S TOTAL

AUSTIN, Mar. 13 (AP)—Reviewing 1939, the agriculture marketing service of the U. S. department of agriculture reported today Texas produced 15,960,000 pounds of mohair or 85 per cent of domestic production.

The clip was the largest since 1931 when 18,400,000 pounds were produced. It compared with 14,040,000 in 1938 and 13,760,000 in 1937.

The service said indicated income from mohair was more than 50 per cent above the 1938 figure, being \$7,520,000 compared with \$5,044,000 in 1938.

LANDSCAPE WORK IS ACCOMPANYING WAREHOUSE JOB

Beautification and building were going hand in hand on the five-acre Howard county tract in the northwest edge of town Friday.

Special duties were assigned to several members of the unit, including: Concessions, Tom Ashley; advertising, John Davis and W. S. Satterwhite; clerk, W. S. Satterwhite; washracks, R. V. Middleton and Arthur Woodall; stalls, O. P. Griffin.

Meanwhile, the entry list pressed near the 150 mark with a few counties still to be heard from. From over the area come reports of uniformly better jobs of feeding by the 4-H club boys and Future Farmers of America.

Howard county will present its best crop of calves in the three years of the show this season, it was predicted.

JAKE DOUGLASS TO HANDLE DECORATIONS FOR WTCC MEET

Jake Douglass was appointed Wednesday as chairman of the decorations committee for the west Texas chamber of commerce convention here May 15-18 by Edmund Nostein, general chairman.

It was the first sub-committee appointment announced by Nostein in preparation for the regional chamber meet.

TRAVEL FILM IS SHOWN TO LIONS

Spring weather brought out a travel film for the Lions club members Wednesday when motion pictures of Oregon's scenic wonders were projected at the regular meeting at the Settler hotel.

Burke Summers, vice-president, presided in the absence of Dr. J. E. Hogan, club president.

Washington Daybook

WASHINGTON—Uncle Sam is conducting a treasure hunt—the most thorough in the country's history.

It's a scientific search for seven minerals essential in the making of war weapons. They are: manganese, tin, nickel, chromium, tungsten, antimony and mercury.

The army and navy munitions board lists all seven as "strategic minerals"—that is, if this country went to war, all would have to be obtained, in whole or in part, from sources outside the United States.

A four-year investigation of ore deposits is being made by experts of the geological survey and the bureau of mines. Ore samples are being analyzed in government laboratories, and the bureau of mines is doing research on metallurgical methods.

There have been no startling discoveries since the work got under way last fall. However, bureau of mines engineers say there is hope that potential resources of three metals—chromium, tungsten and antimony—will be found adequate for wartime needs. The outlook isn't so bright, however, for manganese or tin. Most of the excavation work thus far has been in the west and southwest.

WHAT WE HAVE—AND HAVEN'T

Here's the situation on the seven sought-for metals: MANGANESE—Probably the most critical mineral deficiency. Little U. S. ore is of a type suitable for making ferro-manganese, the alloy used in steel manufacture. Needed for airplanes, other weapons and precision machinery. Chief hope is future development of methods to improve the considerable quantity of low grade manganese ore.

TIN—Second most serious mineral shortage problem. Domestic production less than one-tenth of one per cent of consumption. Some native undeveloped resources. Most of our supply comes from Asia. Used in gun metals, solders, bearings, and for protective coating on steel "tin" cans.

NICKEL—Hardly any domestic resources but Canada has about 90 per cent of world supply. Essential in toughening steel and manufacture of armor plate. Nickel steel used in large caliber rifles, marine shafting, autos and bridge construction.

CHROMIUM—Current production insignificant but considerable undeveloped chrome ore which could be used in emergency, provided methods are worked out in advance. Essential for rust-resistant steels. Used in armor plate, projectiles, high speed cutting tools.

TUNGSTEN—Domestic production, about half of nation's consumption, could be stepped up in an emergency. Ores widespread in U. S., but commercial production confined to 11 western states. Essential in certain tool steels and incandescent lamps.

ANTIMONY—Most of our supplies come from a Texas smelter which treats Mexican ores. U. S. resources in this country very limited, but proximity to Mexico helps our strategic position. Used in bullets and shrapnel, and alloyed with lead for storage batteries.

MERCURY—U. S. imports about half of its required supplies. Self-sufficiency might be attained for a brief emergency period under stimulation of high prices. Used for detonating high explosives and for many industrial activities. Several substitutes, but for military use mercury is considered safest and most reliable.

Robbin Coons

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

HOLLYWOOD—Free-hand portrait of Warner Baxter talking to himself:

This thing is getting me down. I'm a ghost. I've been a ghost since we finished the first 30 pages of this 'Earthbound' script. I'm a ghost that's always talking to people who don't hear me. The way this Lucien Andriot has fixed things I talk to people I don't see. Lucien's fixed us movie ghosts. We used to be photographed as transparent reflections on plate glass. Or through double exposure. Now Lucien takes us off the set entirely. The live people get the breaks. They get to use the camera. We ghosts live in a black world apart. The camera reaches out and puts us in the set, transparent, on the screen—but here I am, now, shunted aside.

I have to act as if I'm on the set where I'll be in the picture, and I have to talk to other people in the set—but I'm acting in front of a black backdrop, and I'm saying lines to people I'm not looking at. I'm talking into space. I can see what they're doing because Lucien, my friend, has put up a mirror. Ever try acting a scene talking to people who aren't there?

I suppose it's a great idea, Lucien's. He has a prism that reaches out and picks up me, the ghost, and sets me down again on the celluloid grid beside the live people. Uses one camera—the trick's in the lenses. A great idea, but it's getting me down.

I've become so accustomed to ghost-tal' that I can carry on a conversation without looking at the person I'm talking to. I'm looking away from you, see, but we can talk right on. It's a ghastly habit I've picked up. I go home at night and I kiss my wife over here, see, when she's standing over there.

A ghost? Time was, last year, when I was so ill I thought I was a ghost. That's when I talked about retiring from pictures. Feel fine now, so I mean to keep on working. No more long-term contract, though. I'll do just two pictures a year—one for Uncle Sam, one for me. I'm doing this one for Uncle Sam. Baxter was a top money-earner in 1938, as you may have read in the papers. So he gets sick in the spring of '39, and can't work—and he's got to do something to pay tax on that top money. Sold all his stocks and bonds, and this picture will pay up the rest. Not complaining—I owe it.

Quit! After 27 years in the business, I couldn't quit. But this picture winds up my contract. I want to have something to say about my pictures after this. This script is fine—picture ought to be good. But even so, I think I've been around long enough to deserve the courtesy of being consulted. Maybe I wouldn't change anything, but I'd like to be asked. Why, even the hat I wear has to be okayed by Zanuck.

Think I'll practice my magic. Great hobby, magic. A lot of people think it's childish, but you've got to have something to take your mind off your work.

Oh, excuse me. Got to go into my black-out again.

Mrs. Fred Clarke of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been collecting clippings on insomnia for 10 years and her suggestions include counting sheep and walking barefooted in the dewy grass.

Away from British rule, remote tribal country around Assam, Burma and Tibet is still a center of activity, but steady progress is being made by international officers towards its abolition.

Daily Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1. Small explosion, 4. Station, 11. Get up, 12. Draw plans, 13. Unit of heat measurement, 17. Approaches, 18. Cereal seeds, 19. Bow, 21. Targets, 22. Pin used in a certain game, 23. Musical work, 24. Fur samples, 25. Prosperous periods, 26. Type up or over, 27. Aerial railway, 28. Allows the use of, 29. Flutter, 30. Measure of time, 31. Punished by exacting money, 32. Inertia, 33. Magician's stick, 43. Sweetheart, 44. Stronger, 45. Poem, 46. Proverb, 47. Feminine name, 48. Aeriform substance, 49. Goes at an easy gait, 51. Make needle-work, DOWN: 1. Lumberman's half-boot, 2. Money of account in medieval England, 3. Navigating instrument, 4. Arrow, 5. Goddess of discord, 7. Bone, 8. Bowling game, 9. Move sudden, 10. Ventilate, 11. Word of awe, 12. Sturdy tree, 13. Corrodes, 14. Short dramatic piece, 15. Grinaces, 16. Common fruit, 17. Transmits, 18. Depart, 19. Urgan, 20. Part of shoe, 21. Panses along from mouth to mouth, 22. Solitary, 23. Full of curves, 24. Grotesque, 25. Progress, 26. Trunk of a felled tree, 27. Room in a hall, 28. Changes, 29. Preceding night, 30. Notified, 31. Answer the purpose.

Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbers 1 through 51 indicating starting points for words.

KBST LOG

KBST LOG listing radio programs for Thursday and Friday evenings. Thursday Evening: 5:00 Herbie Kaye Orch., 5:30 Shelby Collier, 5:45 North Star Gleaser, 6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr., 6:15 Statewide Cotton Program, 6:30 Sports Spotlight, 6:45 Segar Ellis Orch., 7:00 To Be Announced, 7:15 News, 7:30 Hardin - Simmons Cowboy Band, 8:00 Songs and Sonnets, 8:15 Talk: Rep. Ralph E. Church, 8:30 Midweek Prayer Service, 9:00 Jerry Livingston Orch., 9:30 Fort Worth Stock Show, 10:00 News, 10:15 Goodnight. Friday Morning: 7:00 Texas Drifters, 7:15 Rhythm Ranch Boys, 7:30 News, 7:45 Sandy Hollingsworth, Piano, 8:00 Morning Devotions, 8:15 Tonic Tunes, 8:30 Hilo Hawaiians, 8:45 The Serenaders, 9:00 Dr. Amos R. Wood, 9:05 Morning Melodies, 9:15 Radio Bible Class, 9:45 Musical Interlude, 9:45 Dick Jurgens Orch., 10:00 News, 10:15 Musical Impressions, 10:30 Keep Fit to Music, 10:45 Organ Melodies, 11:00 News, 11:05 Agriculture on Parade, 11:15 Neighbors, Blanchard McKee. Friday Afternoon: 12:15 Sunstone Reporter, 12:30 Family Doctor, 12:45 Perfect Host Entertains, 1:00 Backstage Wife, 1:15 Easy Aces, 1:30 Julian Akins, Singing Cowboy, 1:45 Our Gal Sunday, 2:00 Marriage License Romances, 2:15 Texas School of the Air, 2:30 Intercollegiate Debates, 3:00 News: Markets, 3:15 Texas State College For Women, 4:00 W. P. A. Program, 4:15 Crime and Death, 4:30 The Johnson Family, 4:45 Concert Memories.

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Bride-Elect Given Surprise Shower In Coahoma

COAHOMA, Mar. 14 (Sp)—Miss Dorothy Gens Mullins, bride-elect of F. W. Talley, was honored Wednesday with a surprise miscellaneous shower in the home of Gladys McGregor with Mrs. W. J. Jackson and Mrs. K. G. Birkhead as co-hostesses.

Hours were from 8:30 o'clock to 5:30 o'clock. The pink and white register book was made in the shape of a wedding bell. The table was lace-laid and centered with a miniature figure of a bride. Pink tapers in blue candelabra burned on either side.

Miss McGregor led the games and the honoree was presented with a gift box covered in blue and pink and trimmed with small gold hearts.

Pink and white cofers were carried out in the refreshments of angel food cake, heart shaped sandwiches and punch. Bride and bridegroom figurines were plate favors.

Present were Mrs. George McGregor, Mrs. George Pagan, Mrs. Roy Mullins, Mrs. Louis Pope, Mrs. C. H. DeVaney, Mrs. Elmer Lay, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mrs. F. P. Woodson, Mrs. K. G. Birkhead, Mrs. C. T. DeVaney, Mrs. Cora Echols, Mrs. E. T. O'Daniel, Mrs. J. E. Adams, Mrs. J. H. Finley, Mrs. D. L. Townsend, Mrs. J. R. Harris, Mrs. V. W. McGregor, Mrs. W. J. Jackson, Bessie Lee Coffman, Gladys McGregor.

Those sending gifts were Mrs. T. K. Hardy, Mrs. D. S. Phillips, Mrs. Bill Hunter, Mrs. A. H. Bennet, Mrs. Alvin Lay, Mrs. Rachel Bell, Mrs. Aron Rose, Mrs. Jimmie Thorpe, Mrs. Oscar O'Daniel, Mrs. Chester Coffman, Mrs. B. R. Thomason, Mrs. A. W. Thompson, Mrs. Carl Bates, Dorothy O'Daniel of Abilene, Deveda Lee Moore of Big Spring and Vada Bell Dunn.

Rainbow Sewing Club Includes Three As Guests At Party

Mrs. D. T. Rogers, Mrs. Buford Bly, Mrs. A. C. Pruitt were guests of the Rainbow Sewing club when it met in the home of Mrs. F. L. Eudy Wednesday.

Crocheting and embroidery were entertainment and the hostess was presented with a gift. Pineapple cake, tuna salad and punch were served.

Others present were Mrs. Stewart Womack, Mrs. R. M. Huff, Mrs. L. C. Nanny, Mrs. W. T. Stewart, Mrs. L. H. Dudley, Mrs. J. J. Porter and Mrs. C. E. Morgan, who is to be next hostess on March 27th, 506 E. 16th.

Mrs. Gerald Liberty Entertains For The Kongenial Klub

Mrs. Jack Smith won club high score and Mrs. John Connel of Eastland won guest high score for the Kongenial Klub when it met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Gerald Liberty.

Mrs. Esol Compton binged. Other guests were Mrs. Robert Sattinwhite, Mrs. Leo Hair, Mrs. Jake Bishop.

Easter colors were used and a salad course was served. Others were Mrs. Elmer Dyer and Mrs. Liberty. Mrs. Wayne Pearce is to be next hostess.

Game Party Given By Los Troubadores Club

Easter games and contests were played by the Los Troubadores club members when they met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Grant Tuesday with Euna Lee Long as hostess.

Bob Smith won high score at the quiz given and Wanda Horn won the prize in a contest held. Rabbit and chicken shaped balloons decorated the rooms and refreshments of sandwiches shaped as rabbits and Easter eggs in baskets and lemonade were served.

Chuck wagon supper was planned for next month and guests present were Mary Virginia Lamb, Floyd Dixon, Bob Smith and Harold Beyerley.

Others were Robbie Elder, Winell Fischer, Mary Evelyn Lawrence, Ann Griffin, Georgia Griffin, Elnora Hubbard, Bill Graves, Jack Stiff and Bill Evans.

Two New Members Meet With Happy Aces Club

Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mrs. Vernon Stepp were new members of the Happy Aces club when it met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. O. C. Thresher.

Mrs. Happy Hatch won high score for club and Mrs. Gordon Meeks received guest high score. Mrs. Milton Reeves was also a guest.

Banana splits and cookies were served and others present were Mrs. Doyle Vaughn, Mrs. Donald Anderson, Mrs. W. G. Hampton. Mrs. Anderson is to be next hostess.

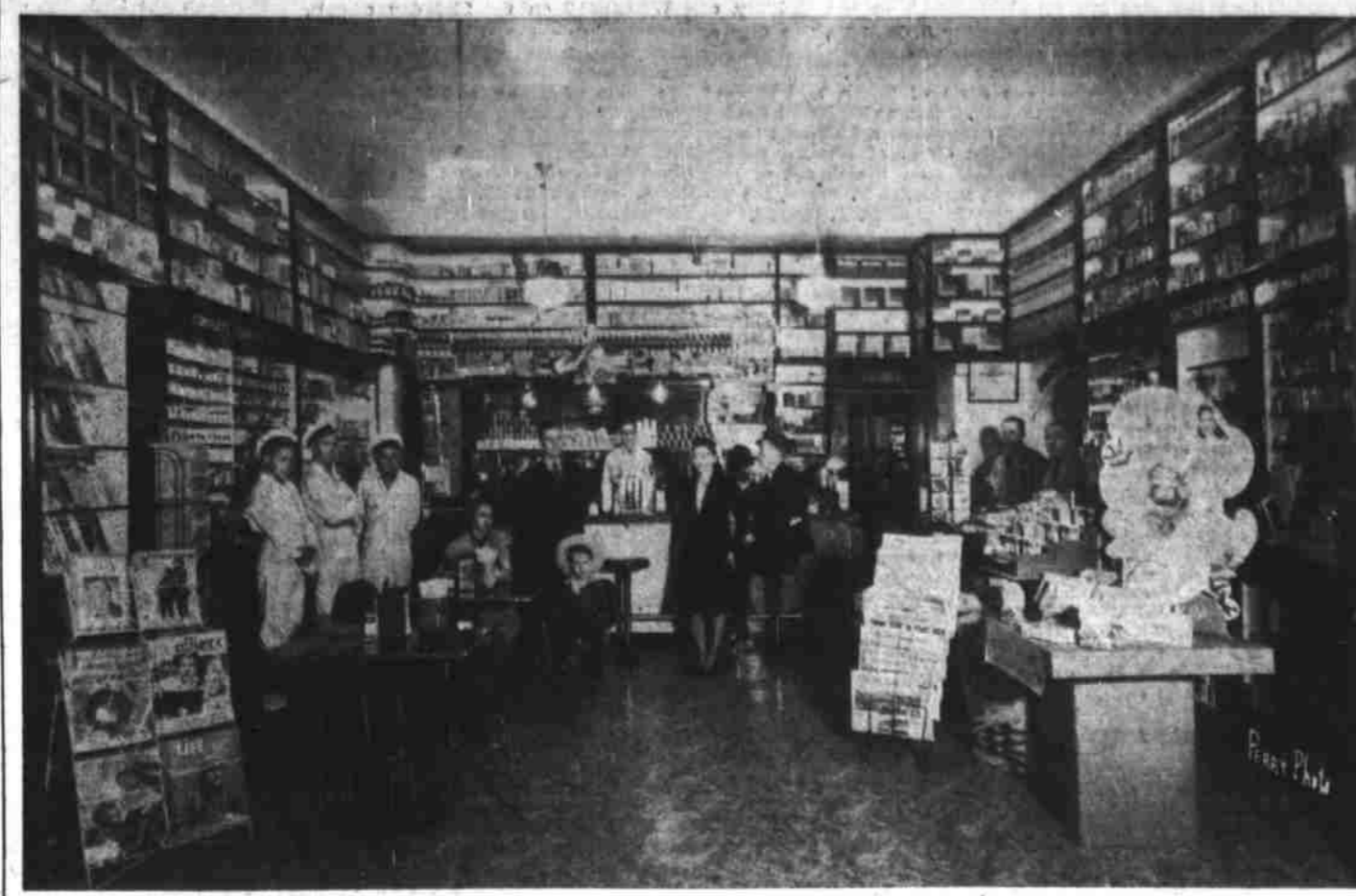
Baptist Class To Have Weiner Roast Saturday

East Fourth Baptist Shining Light class will have a weiner roast Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and all members are urged to meet at the church promptly. Mrs. R. M. Huff, teacher, will be in charge.

BANK PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14 (Sp)—Secretary Hull said today the United States government was prepared to sign, on April 14, a proposed convention for the establishment of an Inter-American bank, capitalized at \$100,000,000.

Formal Opening For Elliotts' Remodeled Store Is Scheduled Friday



Picture above is the enlarged and modernized Elliotts' Crawford Pharmacy, which will celebrate a "formal opening" Friday with an invitation to the public to call. From 2 to 4 p. m. Friday, there will be souvenirs and fountain drinks free to ladies, cigars to men, and ice cream free to children accompanied by their parents. The new Elliott store represents extensive remodeling and expansion, the floor space having been more than doubled. In addition, a new fountain and new soda tables have been installed, fixtures re-

arranged and modernized, new floor covering laid, and up-to-date lighting fixtures installed. A new neon sign graces the outside of the store, which is floodlighted, and neon tubing is used in interior lighting. In addition, a handsome new fountain pen case—containing a large display—has the modern fluorescent lighting. Enlargement of the store has resulted in expansion of the prescription department, to make it one of the most complete in the city. The store has been made much more attractive with re-arrangement of shelving and displays. Said J. D. Elliott, who with Mrs. Elliott, owns the store: "The new expansion comes as a result of the fine business we have enjoyed in Big Spring, and we are enlarging the facilities of our Crawford store to give better service than ever before. We believe our patrons will be pleased to see the new and up-to-date accommodations we have arranged for them." The Elliotts first opened their Ritz drug store here six years ago, and have enjoyed expanding business. The Lyric unit was added, then the Crawford store was opened July 15, 1937. A fourth store was opened last March 1 at 114 West Second street. Store associates pictured above include Mr. Elliott at the left of the fountain and Mrs. Elliott at the right; at the far right, at entrance to the prescription department, Fred Baldwin, pharmacist; and Dick Hitt, store manager; behind the fountain, Henry Long, fountain manager; and at the right delivery boys, Paul Cochran, Roy Ponder and C. L. Allen. (Photo by Perry.)

Scout Leaders Meet Tonight

Boy Scout leaders of the Big Spring district will participate in a rally billed as a "shindig" at the scout hut in the city park at 7 p. m. Thursday.

C. S. Blomshield, district chairman, anticipated a large attendance and said that 91 invitations had been mailed to scouters in Howard and Martin counties.

An executive board meeting of the Buffalo Trail council, scheduled for here Thursday afternoon, was postponed until March 18.

A program of activities and brief informational talks has been arranged under the supervision of Jack Hodges, field executive. Handling program details will be Fred Mitchell, John R. Hutto, Garrett Patton, William R. Dawes, George Thomas and members of his troop No. 2, Joe Pickle and Earl Scott. Walton Morrison, district commissioner, will speak on "fundamental principles of scouting," George Boswell, Coahoma, on "The Boy, the Man, the Institution," and Blomshield and S. P. Gaskin.

Is Sentenced, Fined

BUCHAREST, Mar. 14 (Sp)—Romania's armaments king, Max Auehnitt, today was convicted of criminal mismanagement of the Restia Iron works, sentenced to six years imprisonment and ordered to pay approximately \$218,000 to the firm.

The case had jarred the Balkans since Auehnitt's arrest in November.

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MARKETS

Wall Street

NEW YORK, March 14 (Sp)—The question of what will happen in Europe following the Russian-Finnish peace apparently did more than anything else today to stymie stock market speculation.

Leaders tackled up minor fractional changes either way at the start, and that was just about the way they closed. Transfers were around 650,000 shares for the full session.

While bullish forces were encouraged by further signs of a lessening of the business downturn, and comfort was derived from the fact offerings of important stocks never assumed threatening proportions, traders were disposed to keep commitments light pending more definite transatlantic news.

Livestock

FORT WORTH, Mar. 14 (Sp)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle salable 1,500; total 1,650; calves salable 1,200; total 1,300; most medium and good fed steers and yearlings 7.50-9.00; three loads 1,059-1,081 lb. steers 9.00; common steers and yearlings largely 6.50-7.25; odd head choice yearlings to 10.50; beef cows 4.50-6.00; bulls 5.00-6.25; slaughter calves 6.00-8.50; choice stock steer calves to 10.50; load fleshy yearling stockers 9.15; part load 9.25; six loads southern calves 7.00-7.75 on stocker account.

Sheep salable and total 1,700; spring lambs 9.50-10.50; shorn yearlings 6.50; shorn 2-year-old wethers 6.50; shorn fed wethers 4.50; shorn ewes 3.25; woolled feeder lambs 7.50-8.00; shorn feeder lambs 5.50 down.

Cotton

NEW YORK, Mar. 14 (Sp)—Cotton advanced sharply near the close and finished 6 to 17 points higher.

| | Open | High | Low | Last |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| Old contract: | | | | |
| Mar. | 10.79 | 10.89 | 10.68 | 10.87-89 |
| May | 10.66 | 10.67 | 10.59 | 10.62-64 |
| July | 10.36 | 10.40 | 10.31 | 10.39 |
| New contract: | | | | |
| Mar. | 10.78 | 10.76 | 10.76 | 10.79N |
| May | 10.47 | 10.45 | 10.47 | 10.53 |
| Oct. | 9.73 | 9.85 | 9.71 | 9.86 |
| Dec. | 9.39 | 9.74 | 9.59 | 9.70-74 |
| Jan. | 9.54 | 9.58 | 9.53 | 9.65 |
| Middling spot (7-8 inch) | | | | 10.88 |
| N—nominal. | | | | |

26 ARE INDICTED IN MAIL FRAUD CASE

SANTA FE, N. M., March 14 (Sp)—A federal grand jury today indicted 26 persons on mail fraud conspiracy charges in connection with the sale of New Mexico oil leases.

A blanket indictment charged that the 26 defendants operated as an interstate ring with headquarters in Santa Fe for the sale of oil and gas leases on state-owned land under "false and fraudulent pretenses."

None of those indicted has been taken into custody, and their names were withheld.

TWO KILLED IN CLASH

MANILA, Mar. 14 (Sp)—Two socialists were killed and eleven others were feared drowned in a clash between 500 socialists and a constabulary patrol in Bataan province today. Two other socialists were reported dying from wounds.



RUSSIA SLICES FINNISH PIE—The 105-day-old undeclared war between Russia and Finland came to a close today with a peace treaty which gave Russia the Karelian Isthmus (1) and the city of Viipuri. Russia also got a 30-year lease on the southwestern Finnish "Gibraltar" of Hangoe (2) and the far north Srednj and Rybachj peninsulas (3). A railroad is to be built from Kandalaska (4) to Kemijarvi (5), eastern terminus of the Finnish railway westward from the Gulf of Bothnia. (AP Photo.)

HEARING ON RADIO LICENSE ADJOURNED

DALLAS, March 14 (Sp)—The hearing on concealed ownership charges in connection with station KRBA of Lufkin, was adjourned today until Ben T. Wilson of Nacogdoches is able to testify.

Wilson, reputed head of the Redlands Broadcasting corporation, licensee for KRBA, was reported ill at home.

George Henry Payne, member of the Federal Communications commission, announced that hearing of similar charges against KNET, Palestine, would be resumed shortly, possibly later today.

SHOT TO DEATH

CENTER, Mar. 14 (Sp)—Forest Dillon was shot to death at the Dillon home three miles south of Timpan last night.

Authorities were holding a relative. The victim lived with his mother, three sisters and a brother.

SENTENCED FOR 1925 KILLING

FORT MORGAN, Colo., Mar. 14 (Sp)—A district court jury today convicted Henry Harrison Markley, 31, of first degree murder for the drowning of a boy 15 years ago, deciding he was sane at the time and ordered him sent to prison for life.

Markley has been on trial for the deliberate drowning of Frank Myers, 10, near Brush, Colo., in 1925.

At the time, Markley escaped trial by claiming insanity. That defense also was offered for him at his trial.

The state accused Markley of drowning the boy after an unsuccessful homosexual attack. The state, pressing the murder charge after Markley was released from the Colorado hospital for the insane, sought to show that Markley had feigned epileptic seizures in order to be committed to the hospital.

ICRES TO SPEAK

KILGORE, Mar. 14 (Sp)—Harold Ickes, secretary of the interior, will address the annual dinner of the Kilgore chamber of commerce March 27. Oscar P. McCary, president of the chamber, said today.

Public Records

Building Permit Mrs. J. W. Barnett to add a bathroom to house at 410 Nolan street, cost \$100.

Marriage Licenses L. H. McGlothlin and Irene Mize, both of Big Spring. Glen Bearden and Carlene Green, both of Lamesa.

In the 70th District Court Ollie Mae Walker versus Allen Walker, suit for divorce.

New Cars R. W. (Bob) Smith, Ford tudor. A Valois, Ford tudor. Shirley Fryar, Knott, Plymouth coach. J. E. Calcoote, Forsan, Chevrolet coupe.

MAN'S STORY FAILS TO CHECK WITH FINGERPRINTS

City police said Thursday either a man giving the name of Buddie Martin or his fingerprints were in error. Picked up on a vagrancy count, he told officers he had never before been in custody except for misdemeanor offenses. Fingerprints sent to Washington returned with a list of 20 brushes with the law and sentences aggregating 14 years since 1927.

FIREMEN TREATED TO BARBECUE DINNER

Members of the fire department, volunteer affiliates and other friends, were feted to a barbecue dinner in the fire station Wednesday evening by A. L. Wasson and Cecil Wasson.

The dinner, attended by some 30 persons and featuring barbecued beef and all the trimmings prepared by Travis Reed, was given in appreciation of the work by the fire department in combatting a recent feed blaze on the place operated by the Wassons four miles south of town. Olie Cordill, fire chief, expressed thanks of the department for the gesture.

CITY DOG CATCHER IS BACK AT WORK

Bill Hart, city dog catcher, was back at work Thursday bagging orphaned mongrels.

He already had a few stray dogs on hand and with many complaints to work on, stood a chance of packing in a goodly canine population at the dog pound near the city disposal plant. The dogs are kept there for 72 hours and if not claimed are dispatched to the happy hunting grounds.

LIQUOR CHARGES

Liquor law violations were charged against two local men Thursday in complaints filed in county court by J. W. Morrow, district liquor control board supervisor.

C. T. Hanes was named in a charge alleging sale of liquor to a person under 21 years of age, and W. M. Whitlow in two complaints charging sale of liquor on Sunday.

NORTON IN ODESSA

Former students of Texas A. and M. college and who now reside in the Permian basin area have been invited to attend a showing of A. and M. football pictures by Homer Norton, coach, and E. E. McQuilley, ex-student association secretary, in Odessa on April 2.

ENTOMOLOGIST DIES

COLLEGE STATION, Mar. 14 (Sp)—R. R. Reppert, 59, entomologist of the Texas A. and M. extension service since 1920, died at his Bryan home last night of a heart attack. He will be buried in Bryan Saturday.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE The State of Texas, County of Howard. WHEREAS on the 23rd day of November A. D., 1939, The City of Big Spring, as Plaintiff and The Big Spring Independent School District, The State of Texas, and Howard County, Texas, as Impleaded Taxing Units recovered a judgment in the District Court of Howard County No. T-1136 on the docket of said Court, against J. H. Parker, the unknown heirs of J. H. Parker, deceased, and the unknown owner and owners for the aggregate sum of One Hundred Eighteen and 11-100 (\$118.11) Dollars for delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs on the same, with interest on said sum at the rate of 6% per annum from date of judgment together with all costs of suit. Said judgment directs that a foreclosure of plaintiff's lien together with lien of the taxing units which were parties to this suit and established their claims thereto for the amount of said taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs as apporportioned to each tract and--or lots of land as described in said order of sale.

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LEAP BEFORE YOU LOOK

By Peggy O'More

Chapter One
"Look Before You Leap!" Tomi Toland would always remember that afternoon as a period of calm before the storm.

True, there was a storm outside, but that was a mere gale which howled in from Lake Michigan to dash itself against the windows and pile snow on the ledges.

Within the offices of Mid-Western Fruits, Incorporated, there hovered a portentous calm. Radiators sizzled contentedly; from the outer office came the lethargic rhythm of a dozen typewriters, and even Johnny, coming in from the street with the Market Edition, failed to slam the door.

Tomi glanced at the clock. The hands hovered encouragingly near the five. She looked over her shoulder. Her employer, A. J. Morris, was comfortably slumped behind his newspaper.

"Now, if he'll just stay that way," thought Tomi, "I'll reach home on time for a change."

Stealthily he brought from her desk a mirror to be braced in the typewriter carriage; a powder-puff to be rubbed over the smooth planes of her cheeks, and a lipstick.

The lipstick was poised, ready to add further definition to a mouth which, when A. J. barked, "Tomi! Tomi jumped, and the lipstick missed its mark.

"Yes, A. J.," she answered, resignedly, reaching for a paper handkerchief and wondering why he always waited until five minutes of five to hold a conference with her.

"Tomi, ever hear of a fellow named Timothy Toland?"

Tomi's mirror revealed startled black eyes and a distinctly crimson nose. She admitted, "I had a great-uncle by that name. He died a month ago."

"Worth anything?" pursued A. J.

Tomi smiled. "According to the family, he wasn't worth powder to blow him up. He was the black ram of the Tolands. Aside from your private secretary, Mr. Morris, he was the only member of an old and honorable clan to grow gray hairs on the pates of his elders."

"Must have been a nice fellow," chuckled Morris. "Did you ever meet him?"

Tomi, her nose again becoming sheathed in powder instead of lipstick, turned around. "Rather," she confessed. "He spent a few weeks with us about a year ago. We both ran true to form. We fought from the moment we met until we parted. It was lots of fun. But why this catechism?"

Morris rustled the newspaper. "Little piece in the about him. Seems his will's about to be offered for probate. A fellow by the name of Bartell, an attorney, is here from California to settle the estate. He's the administrator."

Tomi read the article. Morris passed to her. It carried an Alameda, California, dateline and stated that Bartell was flying to Chicago to confer with the heirs.

"That can't be my Uncle Timothy," she disparaged. "The poor old fellow didn't have anything to will anyone. Why, I—she stopped short."

Morris grinned at her. "Come on, 'fess up, how much did you loan him?"

"Not a cent," replied Tomi firmly. She hurried to her locker, a slim figure in parrot-green wool, black hair severely cut, straight black brows like menacing guards to alert black eyes.

She hadn't loaned Uncle Timothy anything, she defended. But he had looked so seedy and pale that last evening, she'd decided she didn't seem a doll and she'd slipped fifty dollars into his hand and made him promise he would take a berth instead of a chair car and eat nourishing meals.

Morris was watching for her when she reappeared, a small green hat riding triumphantly on the glossy black hair, a fur coat pulled high about a determined chin, and galoshes buttoned snugly about trim ankles.

Living In Yesterday

"In a hurry?" he teased.

Tomi looked at him and shook her head in exasperation. "A. J. you know Great-uncle Hannah makes the family wait for their dinner until every member is there and seated. This is mutton night and I can't eat cold mutton."

"Ugh," shuddered Morris. "Why do you put up with it, Tomi? It's all right for the full-blooded Tolands to bow to the matriarch, but you're only half Toland. You had ten years—"

"Ten years as a guttersnipe?" inquired Tomi, perky. "Only, in France, we called them gamins. It was fun," she murmured dreamily. "I was too young to know about my father's death. He was just another Yankee captain who went down under a Bocha bullet. I was four when Mimi died. After that life was one long stretch of freedom and trying to find bread to soak in the gravy I'd hope to have."

"Oh, well—," she straightened and began pulling on her gloves—"It taught me lots of things. How to look out for myself first, and then laugh off insults. You know, A. J., I can laugh off anything."

"You're certainly had plenty of practice in that family," interposed Morris. "They've never given you a decent break."

"Yes, they have. They didn't have to spend years trying to locate a child who was only half Toland. And, looked at from their viewpoint, you know I've given them a lot of bad moments since they found me and brought me to Chicago. I'm the only member of the family save Timothy, rest his soul, who hasn't been brought to Great-uncle Hannah's head. And if

I don't get away from here right now—," she fled from the laughing Morris.

The elevator carried her swiftly to the street; wind and crowds buffeted her. She ran up the stairs to the elevated and crushed into the narrow aisle.

Swaying along with the other snow-damp passengers, she thought longingly of a downtown apartment, steam heated; of a tiny white kitchenette where she could prepare her own food; of freedom from family conclaves; of friends she could invite there, without their first having to be checked in the ultra-conservative blue book.

Catapulted out on the South Side, she raced against the wind. She had complete financial obligation to the family. Everything from her fare to the States to her board and early schooling had been repaid. Much against the wishes of the Tolands, she had taken a business course and paid for it herself.

The Tolands lived in yesterday. They had money enough to remain there, undisturbed.

The old estate before which Tomi stopped was encrusted with tenements. The Tolands closed their eyes to this encroachment, denied its existence. Tomi admitted this quality of self-sufficiency, even while she squirmed under its heavy domination.

"Well," she decided, hurrying up the last flight of stairs. "I'll have to do one of two things, if I am ever to have any life of my own; exasperate Aunt Hannah enough to have her ask me to leave, or leave and tell her about it afterwards."

Judson opened the door and immediately Tomi knew that something unusual was going on. All five globes in the chandelier were burning.

That chandelier was the Toland social barometer. One globe meant the normal pursuance of life; two indicated that relatives or guests were under the roof; three had burned at the arch-bishop's visit; and far back in Tomi's memory was a vision of four globes burning at May's belated wedding.

But five?

Flamingo

The butler had disappeared. Tomi contemplated going to her room. Then, hearing voices, she tiptoed to the door of the front parlor and peered in.

Front and back parlors had been thrown into one room, and dressed in deepest mourning, the family sat about the wails like a gigantic funeral wreath.

"Tomi!" Great-aunt Hannah's heavy voice boomed out. "Here, instantly!"

Reflex action, the outgrowth of habit, sent Tomi flying to obey. Down the long waxed floor of the hall she sped, to wheel at the door of the rear parlor and, as she wheeled, to look down. Below her, crouched, ready to spring, was Ming Toy, Ming Toy, the kinking, with his penchant for stockings well filled with snickers.

Tomi sprang into the air. She curvied down, her foot on a throw rug. The rug, traveling under her momentum, slid swiftly into the parlor. Arms widespread, hat over one eye, and with one foot still elevated, Tomi came to a belated stop in the arms of a strange man.

Her mind photographed every detail of his appearance. He was tall. He had broad shoulders. He had crisp wavy hair which came to the center of his brow in a sharp peak, then, contrarily, swept back on either side. It was light brown, with a touch of gold in it. And his eyes? They were clear gray-blue with golden tints of laughter in them.

Laughter? Tomi's motto had been, "Be nonchalant; laugh first." She hadn't had time. She decided she hated this man.

"Tomi!" came the outraged voice of Great-aunt Hannah.

Tomi regained her balance with a sharp click of her heels and flipped her hat to a less ribald angle. "Yes, Aunt Hannah?" she questioned.

"Will you never learn to look before you leap?"

Tomi looked at the voluminous skirts which swept the floor around Hannah Toland's chair, and answered sweetly, "If Ming Toy ever learns that you don't go around on wheels, you'll leap too."

There was one sharp, quickly controlled laugh, then deep silence, broken by Major John Toland's gruff voice. "Apologize to your aunt and go to your room. Tomi, dress in something appropriate to this occasion and return immediately. Mr. Bartell has come from California to read us the will of our dear departed brother, Timothy."

Tomi couldn't think of an apology, because she was recalling the newspaper item. So Timothy had had something to bequeath? Insurance, probably. She smiled at her great-aunt and made a graceful exit.

The exit was a signal for the conversation to continue. One remark reached Tomi's ears.

"Not that poor dear Uncle Timothy would remember Tomi in his will," purred May Toland-Carrington, evidently to Bartell. "He didn't approve of her. He said he took his girls old-fashioned."

"And," piped Harold, May's seraphic son. "Tomi said she took her old-fashioned with lemon peel."

Tomi's slim ankles went up the stairs in full flight. Darn such a family, she thought. Why did they always manage to make her look the fool before strangers?

"Something appropriate to the occasion," she murmured and her eyes began to twinkle.

Uncle Timothy once remarked that her mind was as streamlined as a fish.

flame-colored frock which would establish the accuracy of Timothy's observation.

Tomi squeezed herself into it, powdered her face to a white mask, painted her lips a defiant scarlet, then tripped downstairs to sit like a flamingo at a blackbirds' party.

**Chapter Two
A MILLION FROGS**

Allen Bartell gave one look at Tomi's flamingo dress, then focused his attention on the long legal document in his hand. Tomi wondered if he usually breathed so heavily. It couldn't be the man was laughing at her again. It seemed to her that he was having difficulty with his facial muscles.

He started reading and Tomi found she was having a singular difficulty with her own facial muscles.

The will was a masterpiece of satire. Each bequest, from the dozen pairs of silk stockings to Great-aunt Hannah to the turnip watch, which didn't run, to Major Toland, was pointed. These bequests were something more. Each had a stated value. They established Timothy's remembrance of each and acted as a curtailment of a will contest.

Looking at the dismayed faces about her, Tomi reflected that this was the first time she had not been made the butt of whatever joke was in the air. She regretted she had not made friends with Timothy. She hadn't known a Toland was capable of under-surface discernment.

"And to my great-niece, Tomi Toland—"

She jerked upright in protest. She had done nothing to deserve inclusion in this ghoulish joke.

"I do hereby bequeath the bulk of my estate, liquidated and established in the following, to wit—"

Red lips parted, Tomi leaned forward and listened. "Farm, all buildings and implements, ten-room house and furnishings as listed, herds—last count one million head—"

Herds! Tomi nearly bounced on the prim sofa where she sat hedged in between the Major and Aunt Augusta.

Herds! For one heavenly moment she visualized herself in a ten-gallon hat, riding the plains. Oh, blessed Uncle Timothy. She'd better pinch herself. In a moment Molly, the cook, would be shaking her and telling her she'd be late at the office.

No, that shaking was the Major, getting up breath for a pronouncement. In a moment he'd burst forth. There it came.

"Farm," he belloved. "No farm was ever mentioned to me. What does it grow?"

Allen Bartell looked up. His eyes meeting Tomi's, "Frogs," he answered.

"Frogs?" questioned Tomi, faintly.

"Frogs," continued Bartell, and Tomi had a ludicrous vision of little green frogs growing in long green rows, and herself standing over them with a watering can.

"That the herds," purred Aunt Toland, the legal list of the family. "You specifically mentioned herds."

"Frogs," elucidated Bartell. Tomi closed her eyes. "This was a colossal joke. Imagine inheriting a million frogs! What would anyone want of even one frog?"

"What is the value of this property?" demanded Great-aunt Hannah.

"The value of the physical property, land, house, buildings, and implements, is, roughly, fifteen thousand dollars. The value of the commercial frog farm must naturally vary from month to month."

"And why must it vary?" challenged Hannah.

Bartell's eyes twinkled, although his voice expressed nothing but serious consideration of her question.

"The value must depend upon the marketable legs, frogs' legs, Miss Toland. In the winter months these would be scarce. In the spring your herds would present you with about five million eggs, but the mortality rate on eggs is heavy. Allowing one-fifth of these to reach the tadpole stage, you have again the mortality rate on tadpoles. How many of these will sprout legs before some natural enemy dines on them, sans legs, is questionable. After that, the market value of those left is a potential value. It takes three years for a frog to grow an edible leg. The Great-aunt Hannah's face was stiff with indignity. "Young man, I am not interested in legs, frogs or any other kind. Give me the approximate value of the entire estate."

Tomi's eyes were bright with interest. Was she such a child of the pavement that she had thought frogs' legs descended onto platters out of this air? This inheritance was beginning to look like something, after all.

Bartell seemed reluctant to comply with this strange glance at Tomi. He said, "According to the inheritance tax, the estate is valued at thirty thousand dollars."

"Sell it immediately!" ordered the matriarch.

Tomi smiled. That was an excellent idea. Sell it. She could use thirty thousand dollars, and goodness only knew she couldn't use fifteen thousand for herself and divide the rest of it amongst the family.

"I'm sorry," Bartell was saying, and he didn't look sorry. "There is a stipulation that Miss Toland must take immediate possession of the farm and maintain it at its present financial status for five years before it becomes hers to dispose of as she desires."

There was a moment of tense silence, then May Toland-Carrington purred across to Tomi, "Never you mind, dear. We'll help you run the place. I'll take charge of the house and Carrington will run the farm."

Other voices evinced a similar intent, nearly drowning Bartell's protest. It seemed he was again sorry.

"But under the terms of the will, Miss Toland can accept neither personal nor financial aid from any relative. Nor can she, during this probationary period, entertain any relative on the property more than once a year and for more than twenty-four hours at that time."

Tomi, listening, flamed with indignation. Not that she hadn't been planning to get a-ay from the family; not that she didn't long to have something of her own without their directing its use, but she most assuredly was not giving up bondage to the Tolands in the flesh to go into bondage to a Toland in the spirit.

The Old Fossil

"Of course," she remarked, "I don't have to accept."

"No," agreed Bartell, soothingly. "Mr. Toland didn't expect you. He said you had neither the vision to see the possibilities in the farm nor the stamina to face the work."

"Oh, he did, did he?" flared Tomi. This sounded more like Timothy. She hadn't known a Toland was capable of under-surface discernment.

"And if I haven't these two priceless qualities, what becomes of the estate?" she asked.

Bartell's gray eyes met hers, their expression hidden quickly by short, black lashes. "Failure on your part to live up to any stipulation, in any way, will cause the estate to revert to me, to be disposed of in any manner I choose."

Right there was a catch. It settled the whole matter as far as Tomi was concerned. Sooner than see this person in possession of her frogs, she'd go out and live with the things.

"When do I assume control?" she asked.

Bartell seemed to relax. "Immediately," he replied. "I'd like to leave for the coast tomorrow; however, if that isn't convenient—"

"It isn't!" Hannah Toland answered for Tomi. "And the only place that young lady will go will be to her room... and immediately. As for you, young man, I'll handle you. I'll contest this will. I'm out of your mind. I'll prove he was a victim of senile dementia; that you preyed upon his good nature, and he allowed you to do this document to fit your schemes. Tomi, will you go to your room?"

Tomi arose. "But Aunt Hannah," she protested, "isn't this my inheritance?"

"Definitely not!" came the reply. "And if you persist in interrupting and assuming, I shall have to ask you to make an immediate choice between the family and the... the..."

"The..." suggested Bartell.

Tomi debated only a moment. The Tolands didn't need the money. For her to give up this breathtaking challenge, perpetrated by Uncle Timothy's ghoulish joke, was unthinkable. She couldn't. She'd accept her loss graciously, if she failed. Meanwhile, she would have the fun of trying to win.

"Aunt Hannah—," her voice begged for understanding—"if you don't mind, I think I'll have a go at the frogs."

**Chapter Three
LAWYER AND CLIENT**

Not until the heavy front door had been slammed behind Tomi, her many bags and boxes, did she realize she should have called a cab.

But then, her denouement had been too swiftly paced to realize anything other than that the family had, to put it mildly, resented her choice. They had refused to listen to her explanations. They couldn't comprehend her reasons.

"Oh, well," she thought, pulling her collar high so the snow wouldn't blow inside, "they'll get over it."

Meanwhile, how would she reach the nearest public telephone and how would she carry her bags through the storm?

Like an answer to her question, the headlights of a car filtered through the midnight darkness and, at her hall, drew up to the curb.

Tomi helped the driver stack her luggage in the front; then, with a deep sigh of relief, she stepped through the door he opened and bumped heads with a man who was just emerging.

"Heavenly night," murmured Tomi, rescuing her hat.

"Isn't it?" murmured Bartell, reaching his hand to the cab, and returned with it. Though you might be needing one."

Tomi considered sending for another cab, then thought of the storm and reconsidered. "Very thoughtful of you," she commented, sinking into the seat as the cab lurched forward.

"Not at all," the attorney disparaged. "It is my duty to look after the welfare of my clients."

"Hm," said Tomi, and lapsed into silence. So she was to be considered a duty. She supposed she shouldn't blame the man. She'd been a great disappointment to him. She should have refused the estate and saved him months of trouble. That was what he wanted her to do; that was what the family had wanted her to do. "And that," thought Tomi, "is probably why I decided to take it."

She realized she usually reacted perversely. She excused it because everything she had ever dearly wanted had been won over the objections of the family.

"You are naturally interested in the farm," Bartell ventured.

Tomi didn't respond. He hadn't said your farm; he had said the farm.

"Rancancure"

Ignoring her silence, Bartell continued. "It is located on Bay Farm Island, a part of Alameda, which is another island, both lying directly across the bay from San Francisco. There is an old house, well-built but not at all modern. And there is an old caretaker, much like the house, though not so steady on his underpinnings. He's known as Old Abe. It will be up to you to decide whether or not he remains. I might mention that he is an authority on rancancure."

Tomi nodded, and wondered what in the name of goodness he meant by rancancure.

"We will fly west. The farm is within a few miles of the Oakland airport, one of the largest..."

Tomi's mind was occupied with other things. She was beginning to realize that she was truly alone in the world. Her heart felt a little bruised over the family's behavior.

"Across a narrow stretch of bay from the Pan American clipper port..."

But she had Old Abe, if she wanted him. What did one do with Old Abe?

"...new Naval Air Base will be located..."

Oh, why didn't the man keep still? Was he trying to sell her on the place? Didn't he know she would remain long enough to gain legal possession and then sell it?

"...that section of the island is peculiarly isolated by fields and water. In fact, you could call it a country."

Tomi didn't like the country. She liked pavement, tall buildings, lights and crowds.

"Poor transportation, but we will correct that."

Tomi was exasperated. She was tired. She was nervous. She had carried the family scene with gay flippancy. But A. J. Morris, her employer, could have told that family that the more flippancy Tomi acted the more deeply she was hurt.

She was still hurt and she took it out on the one nearest. "Goodness," she breathed in awe, "you must be at least the president of your local chamber of commerce."

Bartell said no more. Only when they reached the hotel Tomi had designated did he speak, and his voice was brittle. "I will deposit a thousand dollars to your account in the morning, Miss Toland. Kindly communicate with me at your earliest convenience. I am very anxious to return home."

Tomi, who had been handed out of the cab, looked up at him and detected him for being so... so everything she had ever hoped to find in one man. "Don't let me detain you," she suggested, meaningly.

"Unfortunately—" Bartell stressed the word—"my duties are not at an end until I have delivered you on the premises."

The cab door slammed behind him as though the driver had been imbued with his anger.

Tomi followed the doorman and the bellhops into the lobby, feeling very young and inexperienced. She was recalling that, since coming from France, she had never spent a night under any roof but a Toland's.

His signature went onto the registration card with a flourish of defiance, and she added Alameda, California, as an address. It was the only one she could claim. In her room she stood listening to the storm outside and considering the word "home."

"Home," she said at length, "is a place where you can move the furniture around and no one tells you to put it back where it belongs."

She was to live in such a place. Not even in her own room at the Tolands' had she been allowed to change the furniture arrangement. There, each piece had been placed by Great-grandmother Toland—now in that portion of heaven reserved exclusively for Tolands—and there it would remain until it or the Toland strain collapsed.

Tomi slipped into bed and lay thinking of Bartell, wondering if he had a home. He might even have a wife, she thought, and was amazed to find herself sitting up in protest.

Tomi thought of Bartell's smile, a lazy, teasing smile. She had thought, when he started reading the will, that he was going to be nice, the kind of man you would like to know better. That smile had invited her to share his amusement.

And then... Tomi pounded her pillow. Thirty thousand dollars. And he based that figure on the inheritance tax. Its general value would be considerably higher. They would probably have a real quarrel before the estate was finally settled. She'd have to watch him, be one jump ahead of him on every move.

**Chapter Four
LASS LEAPS TO LUXURY**

At least she was free from the family. They'd forgive her in time, perhaps in the morning.

Morning brought Tomi at a taste of sheer joy. Jumping out of bed to close the windows, she stood a moment, shivering but delighting in the view, looking out on a city white with snow and washed with the gold of the sun. The storm had blown away during the night, leaving ice-blue shadows in the street canyons, a cerulean sky overcast.

"And," breathed Tomi, "for the first time in twelve years I won't have to eat oatmeal for breakfast."

She chose a table near a window when she entered the hotel coffee shop. The sunshine slanted in on snowy lines, shining silver and a slim vase of futed jonquils. Breakfast was a full glass of orange

juice, crisp toast with marmalade, and a whole pot of steaming coffee.

It was also Tomi's first introduction to the press.

The young man who seated himself across from her with an abrupt, "So you're Tomi Toland," looked as though he had arisen recently, and reluctantly.

"Understand you've inherited a million dollars," he commented.

"A million what?" asked Tomi, and while he went sleepily through a wad of copy paper, she escaped.

Hurrying from the lobby, she was aware of clicking cameras and arms that reached out to detain her; voices that asked her to wait a moment, other voices begging her to pose.

She was aware of further clicking, as she stepped into a cab.

The office provided a steady anti-climax. Midwestern Fruits, Incorporated, was unaware of harboring a celebrity. This gave Tomi time to orient herself.

She must first arrange for someone to take her place. Perhaps A. J. would give her a leave of absence so if she failed with the farm she'd have a job to which to return. Then she must buy something new to help her morale.

She wished she had time to take a course in frog raising; she supposed agricultural colleges had frogs in their curriculum. At least she could purchase books...

At that moment A. J. Morris burst into his private office, his face beaming. "And you said the old boy didn't like you," he ejaculated. "Have you seen the afternoon papers? Left you sole heir to a million—"

Tomi arose in protest. "A. J., please wait a minute. But my employer went on joyously."

"It gives me faith in human nature to see you getting a break, little girl. Hate like the dickens to lose you as my secretary, but I won't stand in your way one minute. What's the girl's name who relieved you last vacation? Call her in; break her in."

"A. J., please—" Tomi got no further. Johnny had come into the room like a young cyclone, an afternoon abloid in his hair.

"Looky!" he caroled. "Look what's on the front page about Tomi. Can you beat it?"

A. J. snatched the newspaper from his hand, and Tomi, looking over his shoulder, gasped and read:

**LASS LEAPS TO LUXURY
ON FROGS' LEGS**

Beneath this was a photograph of Tomi's stockinged extremities, generously exposed as she stepped into a taxi.

"French Femmes"

"Frogs' legs!" exploded A. J. "Are they intimating those are frogs' legs?"

Tomi jerked her employer's sleeve. "Will you listen to me?" she demanded. "I did not inherit a million dollars—understand? I did inherit a million frogs."

Fortunately A. J.'s chair was both handy and spacious, for he sat in it without a backward look.

"Frogs' legs!" he repeated, protesting, when he could stop laughing long enough to talk.

"Don't happen to anyone but me," Tomi corrected him.

A. J. sobered. "Tell me about it," he ordered.

Tomi spared herself nothing. She went into every gruesome detail. "There I went leaping into the parlor like an inebriated Mercury, to come to a stop in the arms—"

"Yes, yes, go on," urged Morris.

"But Tomi couldn't go on. How could she hope to put how she could describe what he appeared to be and wasn't?"

"You can at least tell me what he looks like," grumbled Morris. "I suppose he's tall, dark and handsome."

"He's tall," conceded Tomi, "but he isn't dark. He has golden eyes—no, I don't mean that—he has gray-blue eyes with golden glints in them."

"See, A. J., if I fail to make good out there the place reverts to him."

She explained the ramifications of Timothy Toland's will and A. J. Morris, listening, nodded as though he understood better than Tomi.

When she had concluded, he remarked, "The old fellow has given you a sporting chance to show your stuff."

"If you call dumping a million frogs into the lap of a stenographer who has never before seen one in the raw, sporting," flashed Tomi.

A. J. drummed on his desk for a few minutes then ordered, "Call this fellow over here. I want to talk to him. As long as the family is acting as usual, someone had better investigate him."

Tomi wondered at her breathless excitement as she waited for her operator to reach Bartell's hotel; for the hotel operator to locate Bartell. When she heard his voice she marveled that she could give her message in the crisp, businesslike tone she achieved.

However, when he replied with a brief and all-inclusive "Quite," she longed to tear the telephone out by the roots and hurl it at him.

Another period of calm ensued. Tomi called Leola Lloyd from the outer office and introduced her into the mysteries of A. J.'s private business life.

For a little while she forgot Bartell, the farm, the frogs and the family. Then came an eruption.

Allen Bartell and Major John Toland arrived simultaneously. The Major quivered with wrath, Bartell with poorly suppressed laughter.

"It is an outrage!" the Major proclaimed, advancing upon Tomi. "Hannah is protested with mortification. Have you seen this?"

He thrust a newspaper at Tomi and she had a second glimpse of herself going into a cab.

"Yes," she admitted.

"And this?" He thrust a later edition at her.

Tomi looked at a glaring headline

FRENCH FEMME FAVORS FROGS TO FAMILY

"No, I hadn't seen that," Tomi murmured and wondered how the newspapers had learned of her preference.

"And this?" It was Bartell who handed her the third newspaper. **TOLANDS TOUCHY ON TOMI TOFIC**

The story below this head revealed that a door had been slammed in the face of the inquiring reporter, but not before he had learned that Tomi didn't live there any more; that the Tolands didn't know where she had gone, and cared less.

Insane?

"Well, now," grunted the Major, "what do you think of those headlines?"

"The alteration," murmured Tomi, "is practically perfect."

"Alteration?" roared the Major. "You speak of alteration at a time like this. Young lady, we've had enough. We've stood for you for twelve years. We know you planned this campaign of publicity. You've bragged of your ability to write advertisements, promote campaigns. You know that our Chicago newspaper would be interested in a thirty-thousand-dollar legacy. And you knew they would be vitally interested in a million frogs. You knew they would play such a ridiculous tagline to a finish."

"Tomi looked at Bartell. She hadn't thought of the feature value of frogs. Could he have been the one to instigate this newspaper publicity? The Major was creating."

"I've sorted you to use the name of Toland further. We are giving a statement to the press. We are telling the world that our brother, our own blood brother, Timothy Toland, was insane when he drew up that will."

Bartell spoke. "May I suggest you do not broadcast such a statement unless you want it generally known that there was a strain of insanity in the Toland blood?"

"Insanity in the Toland blood!" roared the Major. "How dare you suggest such a thing? Young man, we trace our family back to the year fourteen hundred, and never has there been even a taint of suggestion of insanity!"

Tomi, who had wondered at Bartell's signal to Leola Lloyd and had watched her taking the Major's words down in shorthand, looked up at the young attorney spoke.

"And of course you will sign a statement to that effect," he was suggesting.

"Gladly, young man, gladly," agreed the Major, and proceeded to elaborate on the theme.

Tomi watched Leola's fingers flying over the keys, saw her handing out duplicate copies of the statement, and watched the Major's signature go down and be witnessed. She felt she should do something, but didn't know what.

**Chapter Five
One Jump Ahead**

Then somehow Major John Toland was eased gently from the room. Bartell and A. J. disappeared into another office, and Miss Lloyd returned to her own desk.

Tomi stood at the window, brow pressed to a cold pane. Of course the California attorney was trying to forestall a will contest based on Timothy Toland's mental incapacity. Oh, he was clever, this Bartell. She felt a little chill of apprehension when she realized just how clever and quick thinking he was proving to be.

And he was young. The Major was old. Poor old Major. Tomi knew he was mostly noise. Oh, she'd been afraid of his noise when she first came from France. Many a time she had covered in a clothes press until his breath had petered out.

Then one night when she had been ill he had tiptoed in to pull the covers snugly over her shoulders. One couldn't take even a big nose seriously, after seeing its portly form in red-striped pajamas.

Moments passed. Tomi tried to complete her preparations for departure. She felt as though only one half of her was going West; the other half would remain in the gloomy old Toland house, hating it, pitying those who were incarcerated there through their fear of attempting to face a new world.

A. J. came in from his conference with Bartell, rubbing his palms together in a pleased fashion.

"Bartell's gone after your reservations. There were two cancellations on the night plane, and he was able to catch them. This will enable you to get away from this unsavory publicity."

Tomi frowned. Of leaving within twenty-four hours of hearing of her legacy seemed too abrupt. She hadn't had time to adjust herself mentally. And then she remembered what Bartell had said the previous evening. He had been eager to leave. Perhaps he had inspired this publicity to force her to leave at once.

"So nice of him to let me know my plans," she observed. "I don't jump every time he whistles."

"Now, Tomi," soiled A. J., "he's only looking out for your interests; trying to help you out of a difficult situation. See how quickly he grasped the insanity possibilities? Probably saved you a lot of litigation."

"Saved himself," countered Tomi. "Doesn't it occur to you that he won't stand a chance of winning the estate for himself, even though I do fall, if the family wins a contest?"

Shopping Tour

A. J. Morris shook his head. "Ah, me," he murmured. "I suppose living with that family would put such suspicions into one's head. Besides, what's the use of crossing bridges until you come to them?"

"It's a good plan," snapped Tomi, "to look ahead and make sure somebody hasn't stolen the bridge you'll have to cross if you want to reach the other side."

Morris decided to chuckle. "May-

be this will either you up. Bartell asked me to tell you I had deposited a certified check for a thousand to your account. He said there was more where that came from, and advised you to invest in light luggage for your plane trip. Now get out of here and go shopping. I'll have your hotel baggage transferred to my apartment. Mrs. Morris will be glad to help you repack and will forward by train what you can't carry. And remember you're having dinner with us and staying until time to go to the airport."

For the first time, Tomi actually felt like an heiress. One thousand dollars awaiting her checks against them, and more dollars where those came from.

Money, to Tomi, meant the clothes she had always wanted to buy. Not the slightly worn models of excellent cut and material which she had followed from salon to bargain rack, but originals still in their pristine freshness.

Hours away, when Tomi started for the Morris apartment, twilight was a cold, blue haze over the city. Tomi, however, didn't sense the cold. She had run into a summer cruise sale. She had revealed in flowered print, in sheer white linens, gay peasant kerchiefs, sandals, great wide-brimmed hats, California. She had reasoned, was south.

Her Reactions

She was conscious of the translucent air. She was swimming in the intoxicating air. Occasionally, when her hair brushed to a sud-en stop and the bones and muscles pined atop her, she was aware of terra firma some place beneath them.

Much to her amazement, Bartell, as well as Mrs. Morris, awaited her. And between them was a pair of scales.

Tomi staggered into the door, followed by the cab driver and doorman, both loaded with other purchases. She decided, she liked Bartell. He seemed as delighted as she over her shopping spree.

Later, as he freely said no to everything she wanted to carry, and proved it by the scale—twenty-five pounds were all that would be allowed on the plane—she decided he had merely been easing his conscience by allowing her one good time before he closed in on her expenditures.

A. J. came in to relieve her of Bartell's presence, and Tomi, passing through the living-room door where the two men had gone for cocktails, caught snippets of their conversation. She assumed they were speaking of the Major.

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Publicity On Safety Is Planned

An extensive publicity campaign to acquaint the public with aims and purposes of the organization and to enlist public support in all efforts to cut down accident tolls was mapped at a Monday afternoon meeting of the Big Spring Safety Council.

The Council will carry its appeal through the churches, schools, and through the press. Arrangements will be made to enlist cooperation of ministers, and speakers will be sent before school groups. First of a series of radio broadcasts has been scheduled for Wednesday of next week, over Station KBBT.

Road Work Is Now Underway

Work was launched officially Friday morning on the county-wide Elbow lateral road project. Thurston Orrenbaum, county road engineer, said that 12 men had reported for duty and had been assigned to grubbing right-of-way on a mile section of the road.

Grubbing was due to be completed within the first two days and by Monday the task of establishing grade and installing drainage structures on the three-mile project will be confronted.

City Is Named In Suit For Damages

The City of Big Spring was named defendant in a \$3,100 damage suit filed in 70th district court here Saturday.

SUIT IS FILED ON FARM CONTRACT

Jose Salazar, Mexican farmer, entered suit in 70th district court here Saturday, against Mrs. Eugenia Liberty and husband, Gerald Liberty, for alleged breach of contract and damages aggregating \$2,431.34.

NEW AIRPORT MANAGER HERE

Art Wintheiser, new manager of the Big Spring Municipal airport, arrived here Monday to assume his new duties.

For the past four years Wintheiser has been at Tuscaloosa, Ala., as operator of the port there before it became an army training post. He relinquished his leave there to make way for developments necessary for securing the post.

A veteran flier, Wintheiser has been interested in aviation for more than a score of years. During the World War he was assigned to the fighter-then-air division in the army and subsequently switched to planes. Prior to the cancellation of the normal contracts in 1933, he was a pilot for the U. S. Airlines, small which was not then successful.

Wintheiser went into business for himself. He took a home from CAA and, through a number of years, will continue to do so. He has been given a license to operate the local airport. Wintheiser will be in a position to offer charter plane and other services. Mrs. Wintheiser accompanied him here and they will be in the city for a few days.

Scores Of Baby Beeves And Lambs To Be Displayed Here

Third Annual Club Boy Show To Open Monday Week In New Building

Scores of sleek baby beeves and fat lambs fed out by 4-H club boys and Future Farmers of America in this area will go on display here one week from Monday.

The occasion will be the third annual Big Spring district club boy livestock show, and the show place will be the new Howard county warehouse in the northwest quarter of town.

By Saturday no less than 75 milkfed and dry lot calves were entered in the show along with around 33 lambs. Still, the Martin county entries — normally among the largest of the show — had not been received.

Indications were that there would be more than 50 lambs and possibly three times that number of calves in the show. In addition, a few head of brood sows and pigs were to be shown.

For the first time Nolan county will be represented in the competition for prizes aggregating \$200 and a hat full of ribbons. R. H. Tate, Nolan county agent, said that his boys would bring four heavyweight and four lightweight milkfed beeves and one each in corresponding dry lot divisions.

Favorable Vote On Conservation Dist.

Establishment of the Sulphur Draw Soil Conservation district, composed chiefly of Howard and Martin counties, was favored overwhelmingly Saturday in a referendum by landowners, incomplete and unofficial returns showed Saturday night.

With three of five boxes reported, the vote stood: Favoring the establishment of the district, 166; against, 23. Two rural boxes in Martin county, Lenorah and Flower Grove, had not reported, but possibly not more than 50 votes were in the two of them. Observers considered it improbable that the 6 to 1 trend would be altered.

The only box reporting a negative opposition vote was at Big Spring where 18 cast negative ballots against 78 for the district, according to George White, polling supervisor. Coahoma reported 28 for the two against, E. T. O'Daniel, judge said, making the Howard county complete total 116 for the 20 against.

Stanton, said Joe Poindexter, the election judge, had 40 for the district and three against.

Should the state soil conservation board give final approval to the district, an election will be called later to choose a board of five members to administer its affairs.

The district will be without power to levy taxes or vote bonds, but can call for soil conservation service technical assistance for those who voluntarily enter into a concerted conservation program.

Borders of the district are identical with the Howard and Martin county lines except on the south where the Sulphur Draw and North Concho divide the line. Thus, a small portion of northwestern Glasscock and northeastern Midland counties are included.

Thrifty Big Springer Sends Only A Dime To Pay Illinois Fine

Someone from Big Spring has the Bloomington, Ill., police department behind the eight ball. Clyde Hibbens, police chief at Bloomington, said that he had received a letter postmarked at Big Spring, Tex., enclosing an overtime traffic ticket and a dime.

No note or name was attached to the ticket, issued on Feb. 16 for overtime parking in the metered area of the Bloomington business district.

"I guess he's got us," commented Chief Hibbens. "He didn't sign his name and it would cost us more than we collect (minimum fine 50 cents) to identify him by his license plates. Anyway, a dime's a dime."

Spring Has Come, If Complaints On Dogs, Chickens Are A Sign

An official memorandum at the city hall Tuesday had this to quote: "Confucius say one of sure signs of spring is increase in number of complaints about chickens and dogs."

City officials, who may have inspired the observation attributed to the Chinese sage, said that fair weather had brought a deluge of complaints about wayward canines and nomadic fowls. So pronounced were the dog complaints that E. V. Spence, city manager, announced that a dog catcher would be pressed into service within a few days. Those who have chickens were advised to fix their yards so that the birds will stay at home instead of scratching for a living in neighbors' flower beds.

Residential Additions Are 10 Years Old

R. F. Lyons, Lamesa, who developed the Washington Place and Highland Park additions, recalled here Thursday that the two residential districts in southeastern Big Spring are now 10 years old.

Not only have the two areas built up, but the Big Spring Club Boy Reunion and Rodeo grounds and the high school football stadium and tennis courts have been erected adjacent to them.

Both were virtually open pasture a decade ago, and Highland Park was just being discarded as the city's airport. Years before that Washington Place had been known as the "fair grounds" and was the site of the famous oil celebration promoted by S. E. J. Cox.

Show Entries Now Up To 125

Entry lists for the third annual Big Spring district club boy livestock show increased sharply Tuesday morning with a total of 125 fat animals pledged for the exhibit.

County agents and vocational agriculture teachers in this area had entered 76 milkfed and drylot calves along with 49 lambs. In addition, there were a few head of brood sows and fat pigs listed. Meanwhile, work on the county's \$6,000 warehouse building, which will quarter the show, progressed rapidly with most of the galvanized iron covering going into place during the day.

Contractors told the county commissioners court that it appeared they would be able to pronounce it a turnkey job by Saturday. The show opens on Monday. Erection of cyclone fences around the property likewise was due to be finished by the end of the week.

Some 'Dont's' For Kite Flyers

Local kite flyers have been asked to seek wide open spaces in which to enjoy this pastime, to avoid any danger of getting their kites tangled in the electric wires.

In addition to losing a kite, there is a possibility that someone may be injured, according to C. S. Elomash, manager of the Texas Electric Supply company. He declared that each year a number of children are injured, some fatally, by accidents resulting from flying kites into electric wires.

According to comprehensive records gathered by Freese and his aides, the worst overflows in the history of the city occurred in the years mentioned with a more recent overflow having been recorded in June of 1938.

In his study of the watersheds which converge and flow through Big Spring, Freese was mystified by the fact that the natural lakes lying in Sulphur Draw to the west had never overflowed into channels leading through town. Had this been the case, he pointed out, the worst floods on record likely would have been dwarfed by the volume washing down upper Sulphur Draw.

SAFETY TALK GIVEN BEFORE LOCAL CLUB

A talk on safety by Joe Pond, local insurance man, featured the program at Friday's noon luncheon session of the American Business Club. There were 39 present, including four visitors.

The club president, Fowler Faubion, was displaying a new "ten-gallon" hat, an award from the national president of Business Clubs, who is honoring club leaders who lead in a campaign of enrolling new members. Faubion signed up three.

LEG IS BROKEN IN TRUCK-CAR CRASH

T. J. Williams was in the Big Spring hospital Saturday suffering from a broken leg as the result of a truck-car crash in the 600 block on West Third street at 8:15 a. m. Saturday.

To Start Work Soon On NYA Lake Project

50 Boys Due To Get Work On Concession House Job

Start of work on the first major NYA project ever undertaken in Howard county has been set tentatively for next week, Orris M. Cosby, Jr., Abilene, area supervisor, said here Friday.

Work on the project here will bring the total under NYA supervision to 11, employing approximately 240 youths in addition to the few associated with area-wide projects.

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Soil Conservation Districts Created

By the Associated Press. Unofficial and incomplete returns from Saturday's elections for the creation of 22 soil conservation districts in Texas indicated most of the districts were approved by the farmers.

A two-thirds majority was necessary to create a district. Harrison county reported 659 votes for the creation of a district there, with 41 against.

That county represents 558,000 acres of the 22,875,000 acres involved in the referendum. Partial returns from Caldwell county gave 521 votes for creation of the district and 19 against. Returns from Hays and Travis counties, parts of which are in the proposed district, were unavailable.

Earlier reports had indicated that the Sedalia Creek district, consisting of 82,000 acres in Madison, Grimes, Walker and Leon counties, 419 for the district and 319 against. Some 250 votes remained uncounted.

Conservation leaders explained that official results would not be available until the state soil board meets, probably this week.

Seeks Information As To Son's Whereabouts

Information as to the whereabouts of his son, Lincoln Christopher, is sought by F. C. Christy, 799 Indianapolis street, Muskogee, Okla.

In a letter to The Herald, the elder Christopher said that he had been two years since the family had heard from the son, and that the last letters came from Big Spring. He said he would appreciate any information which would enable him to get in touch with the son.

Food, Clothing Valued At \$27,000 Passed To Needy Here During '39

Fifty-eight tons of foodstuff and more than 13,700 articles of clothing totaling more than \$27,000 in value were distributed to indigents here during 1938, according to a report from V. M. Diewas, San Angelo, supervisor for commodity distribution in WFA District No. 19.

Total pounds of food distributed in Howard county under a set-up sponsored by the State Department of Public Welfare and through the county welfare agency stood at 114,195 for last year. Articles of clothing for infants, children, men and women climbed to 13,754 with an additional 568 pieces of miscellaneous household material and mattresses distributed.

Diewas estimated the total retail value of foods at \$10,497.91 and the clothing value at \$17,495, giving a total retail value of distributed products of \$27,992.91.

Foods and pounds apportioned here for the year were: Fresh apples 21,337, dried navy and lima beans 3,518, fresh butter 11,012, corn meal 9,893, Graham flour 5,980, white flour 25,199, dried fruits 2,007, fresh grapefruit 17,939, dry skim milk 1,030, dried onions 8,860, rice 866, rolled oats 1,832, and wheat cereal 6,993.

Clothing totals stacked up like this: Children 4,055, infants 4,172, young men and women 2,823, men and women 2,784, mattresses 114, miscellaneous household 354.

Two Trustees To Stand For Reelection

Annual election of trustees for the Big Spring school district was formally fixed for Saturday, April 6, in an order passed by the board Monday evening; and at the same time it was made known that the two trustees whose terms expire this year—J. Y. Robb and Marion Edwards—would agree to submitting their names for reelection.

The board named W. R. Purser as election judge, and he will name his assistants.

Only the two trustee terms expire this year. Robb and Edwards each have served one term, and they signified they would be willing to continue in office.

Trustees Monday evening devoted considerable discussion to repair work at the various school buildings, as outlined in a recent recommendation by a construction engineer. It is planned to replace plaster ceilings with a composition material, and to make some changes in electric wiring. The old school problem of insufficient finances is a handicap; but officials believed that essential safety repairs may be financed without borrowing.

Plaster already has been removed from many rooms in the high school, and it is tentatively planned to delay repair work until the close of the school term.

The board heard routine reports from Suppt. W. C. Blankenship and Business Manager Edmund Notestine. Blankenship submitted a membership report in the various schools, showing a total of 2,326 actually enrolled in classwork as against a total scholastic figure of 3,334. Blankenship also reported on the current scholastic census, and asked again for public cooperation so that every eligible child will be included.

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Explosion Rips Wall Off House

An explosion of accumulated gas ripped out the entire east wall of a vacated apartment of a duplex at 306 W. 17th street here at 5 a. m. Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McPherson, who occupied the adjoining apartment on the west, were unharmed. Firemen said that gas apparently had filled the apartment when a wooden peg driven in a pipe, from which a gas cock had been removed, blew out. An automatic hot water heater ignited the accumulation when the gas level reached the pilot.

There was a flash, but the only fire resulting was that at the end of the pipe where the gas apparently had escaped.

McPherson, who is a U. S. Border Patrolman, said that when he and Mrs. McPherson were awakened by the blast, he ran to the front door of the adjoining apartment, shook it violently to get it open, only to learn that the entire east wall had been blown out almost as cleanly as if carpenters had done the job.

Oddly, not a window in the house, even in the affected apartment, was broken by the explosion, although one was lost when someone stepped on the blasted section. The property is owned by C. M. Pinkston. The apartment was formerly occupied by John Reeves.

To Push Work On Scout Hut

Preparatory work for building a scout hut was underway at the East Fourth Baptist church Tuesday after the "go ahead" signal was given at the regular monthly Brotherhood meeting in the church basement Monday evening.

At the meeting Johnny Moreland spoke of the need for providing more room for church programs in the building and W. R. Puckett discussed plans for launching a mission Sunday school in the northern part of town.

Entertainment included accordion numbers by Alphene Page; string band music by H. C. Burnett, Jr., Walter Deats and Kid Fuller; readings by Mrs. Gene Buckner; a male quartet composed of Arnold Marshall, Loraine, Wayne Nason, Dorman Kinard and Woody Cason. Marshall favored with several basso selections.

Dorman Kinard, president of the organization, presided over the dinner affair which drew approximately 95 men.

BIG SHIPMENTS OF FEEDER CALVES GO OUT OF STANTON

STANTON, March 9.—Several carloads of feeder calves have been shipped from here during the past week to the corn belt, for finishing.

Del C. Hayes of the Hayes Livestock Commission company, Chicago, Ill., has been making purchases from Martin county ranchers and is still in the area for further trading. Most of the calves sold moved from eight and a half to nine and half cents a pound, it was reported.

Among those selling stock to Hayes were Joe Poindexter, who shipped a carload, Frank Orson and Alfred Tom, who had a carload between them, Tom Bros. (Jim and Ed), who sold around 300 head, and J. R. Sales, who had a carload.

Ed Merrill, J. C. Loper Announce As City Commission Candidates

Business picked up Saturday, as far as the April 3 municipal election is concerned, with announcements from two candidates for city commission places. The two were Ed Merrill, rail-

and honest manner. He was, he said, for a progressive administration of municipal affairs but favored a sound fiscal policy.

Merrill said many friends had urged him to offer his candidacy for the post. "I have no axe to grind," he said, "but I want to see the city go ahead on a pay-as-you-go program."

Merrill said he was particularly interested in the city cemetery, and would see that this project gets a fair share of attention and that needed improvements are made. "I will give the best thought and attention, and cooperate with the other commissioners in seeing that the city gets full value for all monies expended. If elected, I will endeavor to carry out the wishes of the majority of the citizens and will be happy to be guided by all suggestions and constructive advice."

An engineer with the Texas & Pacific, Merrill has resided in Big Spring since 1906. He has been connected with the railroad since that time.

LAKE BUILDING JOB DELAYED TO MAR. 18

Launching of a National Youth Administration project to erect a caretaker's cottage and concessions building at the Moss Creek lake site, originally scheduled for this week, has been reset for March 18.



ED MERRILL

road man and long-time resident of the city; and J. C. Loper, agent in Big Spring for an oil company.

There are three commission places to be filled, and the deadline for filing is next Saturday. Others who have announced are R. V. Jones and Elmer Cravens, incumbents.

A resident of Big Spring for 10 years, Loper has been in business here that length of time, is a home owner and a taxpayer. In announcing he cited no platform except to do his best to discharge the duties of the office of commissioner in an efficient, fair

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For State Senator, 20th District
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MARSHALL FORMBY

For State Representative
61st Legislative District:
DORSEY B. HARDEMAN

For District Attorney:
(70th Judicial Dist.)
MARTELLA McDONALD

For County Judge:
WALTON MORRISON
GROVER B. CUNNINGHAM

For Sheriff:
JESS SLAUGHTER
R. L. (BOB) WOLF
BOWAN SETTLES

For District Clerk:
MORRIS (PAT) PATTERSON
HUGH W. DUNAGAN
J. M. COBLEY
E. H. (HUB) RUTHERFORD
J. D. (DEE) PURSER
JOE T. HARRISON
C. B. (TRUETT) DEVAKEY
JOENNIE NALL

For County Clerk:
LEE PORTER

For Tax Assessor-Collector:
JOHN F. WOLCOTT
R. L. (LEE) WARREN

For County Attorney:
JOE FAUSETT
GEORGE T. THOMAS

For County Treasurer:
MRS. IDA COLLINS

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:
T. M. ROBINSON
ROY WILLIAMS
J. E. (ED) BROWN
C. T. McCAULEY
J. L. W. COLEMAN
C. B. (CLAUD) HARLAND
EMMETT GRANTHAM

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
T. C. THOMAS
H. T. (THAD) HALE
A. W. (ARCHIE) THOMPSON
W. E. HARRIOTT

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3:
J. S. (JIM) WINSLOW
DENVER H. YATES
BURNS J. FETTY
A. J. (ARTHUR) STALLINGS
CLOVIS E. McDANIEL
W. C. (BILL) EVERETT
RAYMOND L. (PANCHO) NALL

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:
ARIN SIMPSON
ED J. CARPENTER
GLASS GLENN
E. H. FOQUA

For Justice of Peace Precinct No. 1:
J. S. NABORS
J. W. JACKSON
W. E. (WALTER) GRICE
LOUIS A. COFFEY
NEWTON ROBINSON

For Constable:
CARL MERCER
J. F. (JIM) CRENSHAW

CRIPPLE DIES IN FIRE

TUCSON, Ariz., Mar. 14 (AP)—Mrs. Helen Metz, 46, who was partially crippled, died before she could be rescued today when fire broke out under her bed. Origin of the fire was not determined.

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FURNITURE repairing. Phone 50
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SPENCER Corsets provide relief from backache, headache, nervousness, indigestion, constipation; poor circulation when caused by poor posture or sagging organs. Call Mrs. Ethel Sewell, Spencer corseteer. Phone 918-W.

EMPLOYMENT
Help Wanted—Male
JOBBER wanted in Howard County to distribute products of refinery producing exceptionally high quality gasoline, tractor fuel, and other products. Good opportunity for right party with operating capital. Also want service stations and station locations. Will buy or lease. Address Box EE, Big Spring Herald.

Help Wanted—Female
LADY COOK for the Round Top Cafe. 2405 South Scurry.

WANTED: Licensed beauty operators; guaranteed salary. McDowell Beauty Shop.

FINANCIAL
Business Opportunities
FOR SALE a clean, good paying, permanent business; small amount of cash handles it. Investigate. 1109 1/2 W. 3rd.

WANTED: Party to look after a business, short hours, pleasant work, income starts at once; no selling; around \$35 weekly to start; \$400 investment required; state if you have cash available. Write Box 23, Herald Office.

FOR SALE: Grocery and market well located, nice cash business; living quarters if desired. For further information call at 116 East Second St.

WANTED a man or woman to buy half interest in small cafe and put in beer to serve. Good location, Big Spring. Answer Box AL, Herald.

Legal Notice
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Allen Walker by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published there in, but if not, then in the nearest County, where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County, to be held at Court House there, on the 1st Monday in April A. D. 1940, to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of March A. D. 1940, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 3851, wherein Ollie Mae Walker is Plaintiff, and Allen Walker is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:
Plaintiff alleging that she and defendant were married March 1, 1923, and continued to live together until December 18, 1934 when defendant abandoned plaintiff with the intention to abandon and neglect and not perform his matrimonial obligations to this plaintiff. That such abandonment has been for a period of more than three years. That plaintiff is and has been an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas for a period of more than one year and an actual bona fide inhabitant of the County of Howard for a period of more than six months next preceding the filing of this suit. That both of this neglect was one child who is now under the age of sixteen, namely, D. C. Walker, resident of Howard County, Texas. That plaintiff is the proper person for the control and custody of such child. That there exists no property of such wedlock for adjustment. Plaintiff prays for a divorce, that the custody of such minor child be granted her, and for such other relief as this court shall deem her entitled to receive.
Herein Full Not to be before said Court, at its next regular term, 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 Big Spring, Texas, on this 14th day of March A. D. 1940.
W. S. MORRISON, Clerk District Court Howard County, Texas. (SEAL)
Issued same day.

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Commissioner Named

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14 (AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated Roy M. Green of Kansas to be federal land bank commissioner; succeeding A. S. Goss whose resignation, accepted yesterday by the president, becomes effective tomorrow.

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ter an extended illness at her daughter's home in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Daniels and children Helena May, Wanda Jo, Murphy Lee, and Sherran Jane, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barber and sons Donald Ray and Billy Junior, and Mrs. D. C. Turney of Big Spring spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rowland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cook of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Les Massey and children Ted, David and Joan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dillard of Big Spring spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Merrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barber and family Billy Jr., Donald Ray and Rozona Faye visited in the Centerville community Sunday evening.

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City Running Under Budget After making transfers of \$2,327 to the interest and sinking fund and \$21,623 to the FWA (waterworks improvement) construction fund, the City of Big Spring finished February—the 11th month of the fiscal year—with a cash balance of \$12,652 and assurances that the expenditures at the end of March would show a net under-run of budget appropriations for the fiscal year.

"We are on the last month of our fiscal year and I can assure you that the city will complete its year within its budget allowance, taking into consideration the approved expenditures not included in the budget which were absorbed by the delaying of other improvements which will follow in the next fiscal year," said City Manager E. V. Spence in a letter to the city commission.

General fund receipts totaled \$17,003 for February, including \$731 in current and \$2,969 in delinquent taxes. Expenditures aggregated \$17,006 which included the transfer to the bond fund. Operating expenses and capital outlay accounts for February totaled \$14,474, under budget allowances by \$4,740. For 11 months of the fiscal year, disbursements have been \$233,250, under budget estimates by \$2,006. Only two departments showed overruns, and neither was over \$42. For 11 months the administrative unit was \$1,012 over allowance, the water \$14,130, and park \$1,328. All others were well under.

Odessa Group Here To Boost Stock Show

More than two-score good-will ambassadors from Odessa, on a jaunt to advertise the forthcoming Sand Hills Hereford show in that city, were visitors in Big Spring Thursday morning.

The trippers spent 30 minutes here, offering a brief program of entertainment and publicity that went out over station KBST, and members of the party making visits to downtown business establishments.

The Sand Hill Hereford show will be March 21, 22 and 23, and Odessans were issuing a broadcast invitation for West Texans to attend. The boosters had a long trip ahead of them, traveling eastward as far as Abilene, then doubling back to San Angelo for the night. Friday they were to continue westward from there to Fort Stockton, then were to go to Pecos and back in to Odessa.

The trip is being made by bus, accompanied by two highway patrol cars. Sponsoring organization is the Odessa Junior Chamber of Commerce, with Jerry Debenport, chamber of commerce manager, in charge.

Dorchester Farms Win Honors At Stock Show

FORT WORTH, Mar. 14 (AP)—Glenn Retreat Farms of Dorchester, Tex., today won the gold ball trophy, indicative of being the premier exhibitor of the sheep division of the 1940 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show.

This special award is offered by the Union Stockyards of Chicago and becomes the permanent possession of an exhibitor after being won three times.

Glenn Retreat Farms had both the champion ram and champion ewe in the Hampshire division. Oscar Winchester & Sons of Waukomia, Okla., took all championship awards in the Shropshire and Southdown breeds. Winchester & Sons won the gold bell in 1937.

Early exhibition goes, including the Coleman delegation, and the Mason visitors, completing their two-day visit today, gathered in the coliseum arena at 8 a. m., and divided their attention between the dairy cattle, draft horse, jack and mule, and the beef cattle judging.

GOSS QUILTS OFFICE
WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—Albert S. Goss has resigned as federal land bank commissioner of the Farm Credit Administration. His action had been generally expected since the agency was transferred to the agriculture department's control. President Roosevelt accepted the resignation "with regret" yesterday.

HOMER HOOPEE



All Bets Off



Death Claims Mrs. Hall, 85

Mrs. Flora Lambie Hall, 85, mother of George W. Hall, died at the home of her son at 2204 Runnels street here shortly before midnight Wednesday.

A native of Humbolt, Kas., Mrs. Hall had been ill almost all of the two and a half months she had been visiting with Hall and his family. Her condition was thought improved until late Wednesday when she took a sudden turn for the worse.

Survivors include one son, George W. Hall, Big Spring; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Schaffner, Humbolt, Kas., but who came here after her mother was taken ill, Mrs. H. E. Duncan, Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. J. H. Adams, Humbolt, Kas.; five grandsons, three granddaughters, two great-grandsons and three great-granddaughters. Grandchildren residing here are Ward R. Hall, Mrs. Harriett Smith, and Harold Hall.

The body was to be sent Thursday evening by the Eberley Funeral home to Parsons, Kas., from whence it will be taken Sunday to Humbolt for services in charge of Rev. Martin, Presbyterian minister. Interment will be at Humbolt.

DAUGHTER WINS

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Mar. 14 (AP)—Luther Smith probably won't be helping his daughter with her eighth-grade homework much longer. Both took part in a public spelling bee—and the daughter won. Smith came in second.

O'Daniel Meets With Labor Group Which Marches On The Capitol

AUSTIN, Mar. 14 (AP)—A group of more than 80 roughly-dressed laborers today marched to the capitol, asked an audience with Governor W. Lee O'Daniel, got it, and were promised the chief executive would "look into" their grievances.

Harlan Armstrong and Leroy Wier of Austin, leaders of the group, informed the governor they had been out of work for months and asserted they were being discriminated against on a local low-cost housing project being built by an independent contractor.

One of the governor's secretaries first barred the press when the laborers were escorted into the richly-furnished reception room but the secretary later called in reporters who witnessed the conference.

The governor told the group: "I'll have to investigate this matter. It's all news to me. I'll get all the information I can." When one suggested they had had time enough to explain their grievances and reminded "the governor's a busy man," O'Daniel said:

"Take all the time you want, boys. I'll see what I can do." "All we want is a square deal, governor," Wier said. "Some of our families are hungry and we've got to feed them. They promised us some jobs and we haven't gotten them. We belong to a local labor union. We've taken it up time after time with heads of the

job. Many of us have been registered at the employment office and at the WPA a long time." For several days, white laborers have sought through the project contractor, Mayor Tom Miller of Austin, and union heads to be placed on the work.

Recently, Miller stated the matter was settled.

STORM DAMAGE AT \$2,000,000

SHREVEPORT, La., Mar. 14 (AP)—Approximately 2,500 units of property, including homes, business establishments and public buildings, were damaged by the tornado which swept a path through Shreveport and environs late Tuesday, leaving in its wake ten dead, more than two acres injured and a property damage roughly estimated at \$2,000,000.

Today the community was engaged in the task of burying the dead, attending the injured, providing relief for the homeless and rehabilitating the damaged areas.

CONSOLING THOUGHT

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—Here's a consoling thought for those who are figuring furiously to have their federal income tax returns ready before the deadline tomorrow night. A bill is pending in congress to permit the deduction of funeral expenses in future income tax returns.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE WAR DEVELOPMENTS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Of highest importance—especially with all Europe in ferment over the Russo-Finnish "peace" and its potentialities — is Italian Undersecretary Soddu's announcement that Italy is ready to defend its liberty of action with a million trained men under arms and with a fortified bulwark across its Alpine frontiers.

The general added that the frontier defenses facing both Germany and France had been strengthened. That's making distrust, or caution, on both ways. This supplement, accidentally or otherwise, the straight-from-the-shoulder message which Nazi Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop is understood to have taken back to Fuehrer Hitler from Signor Mussolini earlier this week—that Italy will stay out of war so long as the fascist chief considers it advantageous.

What these two announcements amount to is that Il Duce—who is a very practical man—is free-lancing. And he will fight to maintain his prerogatives. You couldn't ask for a more blunt definition of policy, though you probably would like more details.

It isn't that Hitler wants his partner in the Berlin-Rome axis to come into the war, for I don't believe he does. But there must be an anxious question in the fuhrer's mind as to which way the Italian leader will go if and when he does get into the conflict.

The duce's statement of policy stops short of clearing up that point, so far as the public knows. And it is a vital point for Hitler. Wisdom dictates that Il Duce refrain from being rough with powerful Hitler, and cautions him against raw-hiding England and France enough to draw French troops across his border and set the Anglo-French navies to blockading his almost never ending coast lines.

As a non-belligerent Mussolini can set his merchant marine to sailing the seven seas, picking up profitable markets which formerly belonged to the combatants.

In short, while the other major powers of Europe are doing a fine

job of burning up their economic resources in war, Il Duce is trying to make Italy prosperous. And he is bent on keeping war away from the Balkans and the Mediterranean.

Hospital Notes

Big Spring Hospital
Mrs. F. T. Mitchell of Odessa was admitted to the hospital Wednesday for medical treatment.

J. R. Nichols of Stanton was admitted to the hospital Wednesday for medical treatment.

Baby Carlton Dearing, 13-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dearing, 11th Place, was admitted Wednesday for medical treatment.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abbott, 1609 Gregg street, a son, hospital Thursday morning, a son. Mother and child are doing well.

'NO LEFT TURNS'

MINNEAPOLIS, Mar. 14 (AP)—Traffic Patrolman Roger Rydland swears it's a fact—Trudging through the snow on an avenue where "No Left Turn" signs abound, a woman stopped to ask him:

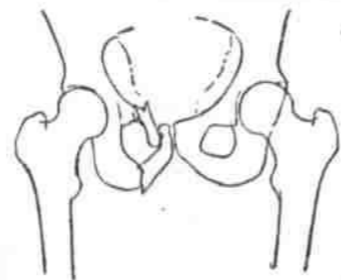
"I see those 'No Left Turn' signs all the way and I'm tucked out. How much farther do I have to walk through this snow before I can turn left?"

"Turn left right now," replied the flabbergasted Rydland.

T&P MEN HERE

Chester G. Hayes, vice president-traffic, Dallas, and W. R. Daniels, general agent, Abilene, of the Texas & Pacific Railway company, were visitors in Big Spring Thursday.

LEAVE 'EM WHERE THEY LIE



If the Pelvis (Hip Girdle) Is Broken Treat Shock—Leave 'Em Lie

Usually shock is severe following injury to the pelvis and so it is very necessary to protect them as much as possible.

Such an injury requires that they be stretched out flat—kept warm and given a drink of something—in most bad accidents the driver had had a drink—so how about giving the fellow that is hurt some?

Such a break cannot be splinted as a leg or arm but can be supported and helped a lot by strapping the pelvis tightly with one or two belts or using the sleeves of a couple of shirts to tie tightly around it.

They must NEVER be lifted into a sitting position as a jagged piece of bone inside may stick into the bladder or injure a gut or tear something else.

You ask how you'd know? There is pain of course, unless shock is too severe to feel pain. It hurts to move—worse to try to sit up; there is often numbness of one or both legs; the lower part of the spine may be injured too.

If the bladder is punctured or ruptured, there is severe pain in the lower part of the abdomen and of course shock would be greater, and the urine would be bloody.

Treat shock—lay them flat—keep them warm—strap the pelvis—give them drink.

Don't pile 'em into the back of a car but remove the back seat to carry them out—wait to feel pain. It hurts to move—keep 'em flat—strap 'em tight—treat shock—don't move 'em until shock is less—always flat—never sitting up. Leave 'em lie—warm—quiet.

(Prepared by the Fracture Committee, Texas State Medical Association, sponsored by Texas State Highway Department, and Texas Public Safety Commission.)

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It's hard to describe a taste to someone else, but this smoked ham flavor is different—it really is. That real, smoky taste is still there, but it's been sort of streamlined—smooth and mild and sweet. It's the Ham in Bright Orange Wrapper.

EASIER TO COOK. This smoked ham requires no parboiling. Have ham at room temperature. Bake according to your favorite recipe 16 minutes to the pound for whole ham (19 minutes to the pound for half ham) at an oven temperature 325° F. to 350° F. This shorter cooking time saves fuel and reduces shrinkage.

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| Tropic Sweet Grapefruit JUICE | 2 46. oz. Cans | 25c | Farmer - Consumer Sale Cherub Milk | 3 Lge or 6 Sml cans | 19c |
| Strictly Fresh EGGS | 2 dozen | 25c | Farmer - Consumer Sale Choice Dried Apples | 2 lb. Cello Pkg. | 29c |
| Safeway Fresher BUTTER | Solds or Quarters | 1 lb. 29c | Farmer - Consumer Sale Apricots | 1 lb. Cello Pkg. | 19c |
| Sunny Down Tomato Juice | 23 oz. Can | 10c | Farmer - Consumer Sale Raisins | 3 lb. Cello Pkg. | 25c |
| Lux Flakes | 5 oz. Pkg. | 10c | Firm Green Cabbage | lb. | 1 1/2c |
| Mammy Lou Meal | 20 lb. Bag | 45c | Yams | 4 lbs. | 19c |
| Quick Mixing Snowdrift | 3 lb. Tin | 45c | Extra Fancy Winesap—120 Size Apples | doz. | 19c |
| Excel Graham Crackers | 2 lb. Box | 17c | Hot House Rhubarb | lb. | 10c |
| Chase & Sanborn Coffee | 1 lb. Pkg. | 22c | Idaho Rural Potatoes | 10 lbs. | 19c |
| Sleepy Hollow Syrup | 12 oz. Tin | 17c | Texas Marsh Seedless—64 Size Grapefruit | 6 for 19c | |
| Sunray Crackers | 2 lb. Box | 15c | Fancy White Cauliflower | each | 15c |
| Raleigh Cigarettes | Pkg. | 15c | Fancy Texas Carrots | 4 Large Bchs. | 5c |
| Farmer - Consumer Sale Su-Purb | 24 oz. Pkg. | 17c | | | |
| Farmer - Consumer Sale Edwards Fine Coffee | 1 lb. Tin | 21c | | | |
| Farmer - Consumer Sale Airway Fresh Coffee | 2 one lb. Pkgs. | 25c | | | |
| Farmer - Consumer Sale Canterbury Tea | 1-4 lb. Pkg. | 15c | | | |
| Walker's Austex Chili | 300 8 1/2 oz. Pkg. | 19c | | | |
| Farmer - Consumer Sale Duchess Salad Dressing | 16 oz. Jar | 17c | | | |
| Farmer - Consumer Sale Fluffiest M'mallows | 1 lb. Cello Pkg. | 10c | | | |
| Perch—Boneless Fillets | lb. | 23c | | | |
| Sliced or Piece Bologna | lb. | 10c | | | |
| Sliced All Pork Ready Cooked Meat Luncheon | lb. | 25c | | | |
| Pure Pork Sausage | lb. | 10c | | | |
| Safeway Maximum Sliced Bacon | lb. | 23c | | | |
| Cudahy's Extra Lean Sliced Bacon | lb. | 18c | | | |
| Quality Branded Beef Round Steak | lb. | 29c | | | |
| Quality Branded Beef Loin Steak | lb. | 25c | | | |
| Quality Branded Beef Seven Steak | lb. | 17c | | | |
| Dry Salt | | | | | |
| JOWLS | lb. | 5c | | | |

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