

STRUMENTS FILED WITH CLERK LISTED

Following is a list of instruments filed for record the past week with County Clerk R. V. Gal...

Fights to Keep the Tears Back



His dejection near the flowing point, George Weiss, only about a quarter of a featherweight, waits in his corner for the bell to sound a new round in the Kips Bay Boys' Club boxing bouts in New York City.

NAME HEADS OF BOARDS IN SCHOOL AREAS

Announcement by County Judge W. S. Adamson and members of commissioners' court showed that canvass of returns in recent elections resulted in the following being named as trustees of common, consolidated and independent districts:

Greek Powder Keg



Potential powder keg is the Greek island of Corfu, above, since Great Britain announced an aggression against Greece would be regarded as an "unfriendly act."

SCOUT WORK TO BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY

The committee responsible for raising funds for the continued work of the Boy Scouts in Eastland will start their drive with a breakfast, 7:00 a. m., Wednesday, April 19, and will call on the citizens of the town to respond in a way that will reflect the interest they share in the program for boys.

Back to Nature



Joe Engel, star exhibitionist of the Southern Association, has added more color to his Chattanooga Lookouts in the person of Durward Hammond, 19-year-old outfielder from the hills of northern Georgia.

STORM TOLL HAS MOUNTED TO 33 DEAD

At least 33 persons were killed in a violent tornadic storm, which swept across Texas, the northwest corner of Louisiana and Arkansas yesterday. It was estimated the injured would number 100 and severe damage was reported.

200 PRESENT AT RALLY FOR FOUR-H GROUP

Annual boys' and girls' county 4-H rally brought 200 youths to Eastland Saturday morning and afternoon. The rally was held at the Eastland High school gymnasium.

New Stewards For Methodist Church Chosen at Parley

Two new stewards, J. E. Williams and Frank Roberson, were elected to the First Methodist Church of Eastland board of stewards at the church's quarterly conference Sunday night.

Big Crowds Are Expected For The P-TA Conference

Large delegations of delegates to the 28th annual conference of the First District, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, are expected to arrive in Ranger Tuesday morning, for the two-day conference to be held in the city.

Oil Hearing Is Suddenly Recessed

AUSTIN, April 17.—Chairman Lon A. Smith, of the Texas Railroad Commission, today suddenly recessed the commission's oil production hearing in an attempt to bring together competing oil fields of the state in an agreement.

Big French Fleet In Mediterranean For Maneuvers

GIBRALTAR, April 17.—The largest French fleet in many years arrived today at this strategic British naval stronghold as extraordinary military aerial and naval precautions were taken throughout the Mediterranean area.

Man Testifies WPA Workers Paid For European Visit

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today expressed gratification over the public and governmental reaction of two continents to President Roosevelt's appeal for a 10-year non-aggression agreement.

Gulf Crossing Is Nearly Scene Of Another Accident

Gulf Crossing in Eastland, scene of many fatalities, nearly claimed the lives of four persons Sunday. An unidentified group in an automobile barely missed hitting a train at the crossing.

William O. Douglas Takes His Seat On High Court Bench

WASHINGTON, April 17.—William O. Douglas, 40-year-old successor to retired Justice Louis Brandeis, was sworn into office today as an associate justice of the supreme court.

Cases Stated Next Week In 88th Court at Eastland

Forty-seven cases alleging criminal offenses have been set for next Monday in 88th district court at Eastland.

Ranger Post Office Beautification Is Progressing Nicely

Beautification work around the Ranger Post Office, which was started last week, is expected to progress rapidly this week, with the rain which fell Sunday aiding materially in the planting work that is now going on.

King Zog Plans To Visit In America

ATHENS, Greece, April 17.—King Zog of Albania is planning to leave Larissa and continue his exile with Queen Geraldine, his infant son, and a small retinue in the United States, it was reported today.

District Rebakahs and Odd Fellows to Meet In Sweetwater

A meeting of the First District, West Texas I. O. F. and Rebekah Association, will be held Tuesday in Sweetwater, with sessions conducted in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Attends National Meet Of Society

Mildred McGlamery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. McGlamery of Eastland, attended this week-end a national convention of the Phi Theta Kappa society in Monroe, Louisiana.

U. S. To Send New Expedition Into The Antarctic Area

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The United States, it was learned today, is planning to send a government expedition to the South Pole regions to "nail down" American claims to potential resources for which an international race is developing.

Two Powers Give Views On Message

BORGUS, Spain, April 17.—Spanish newspapers today condemned President Roosevelt's peace proposal, terming it "grotesque" and provocative of war.

Court Ruling On Aliens Is Given

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The Supreme Court ruled today that federal law does not authorize the deportation of non-naturalized aliens, who belonged to an organization advocating the overthrow of the government, if they no longer belong to that organization.

Club To Meet On Thursday

A meeting of the Flat-Demonstration club Thursday beginning at the home of Mrs. W. Miss Ruth Ramey, agent, will discuss...

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Degree Work Set For This Evening

A called meeting of the Eastland Masonic lodge has been set for tonight at 7:30 in the Masonic temple. Work will be given in the entered apprentice degree.

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THE WEATHER WEST TEXAS—Fair. Colder. Frost in west and north portions. Freezing in Panhandle tonight. Tuesday fair.

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A Letter to the Shade of Mario Izzo

You won't be able to read this letter, Mario Izzo, because you are dead.

But we don't entirely understand these things, and maybe there is some way you can know.

Do you know, Mario, that the people of your home town of Aliquippa, Pa., are taking up a collection to get your body removed from the potter's field, where they buried it when you died?

That's because they have been thinking about you lately, now that you are gone. That's the way people are. They are slow to give credit to the living, quick to praise the dead.

But at last they do understand, a little, that you were really a great man. They didn't realize it when you, as an elderly Italian immigrant too old to work, were sent to the poorhouse where you died. They paid you \$3.60 a week.

Only a few noticed that soon after you began to receive the checks you appeared on the streets, dabbling away with a broom slowly and not very efficiently, for you were an old man—to try to do something for the community which was paying you a pittance.

Not very many heard you when you said on receiving that first check:

"I look at it, and I think I will be an honest man with this country which has been so good to me. So I start to sweep the street. My bread it tastes sweet, and I feel like a man because I work."

You wanted "to be an honest man with this country which had been so good to you."

You make us ashamed, Mario. Many of us would not have felt that way, when we were old and had nothing, and faced nothing but the poorhouse, and \$3.60 a week, and a grave in the potter's field.

Yet you were right. Even so, your country had been in some ways good to you. It had protected you, and kept you a free man able to look other men in the eye without fear. And though its provision for you when you were old and unable to work any more was pitifully meager, still it did not forget you.

Yes, we are ashamed, Mario, and we write you this letter quite humbly. For this country has been good to us, too, much better than it was to you.

And we have done so little for our country!

Elevator strikes in the news. The public gets no lift out of them.

The poorer speaker you are, says Dale Carnegie, the more room for improvement. Yes, and the more room in the hall.

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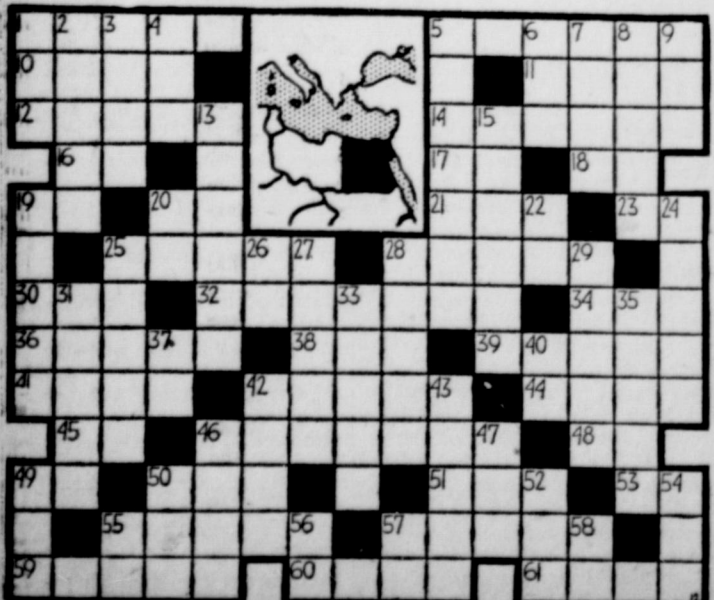
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In the Hands of the Law



Very much in the hands of the law in this picture is Henry Elberg, cornered by pursuing onlookers after he allegedly tried to rob a San Francisco store. He is shown after police grabbed him.

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BESSIE TAYLOR, Editor

CALENDAR TONIGHT

Young People's Department of the First Baptist Church will hold monthly conference at the church at 7:30. All members of the three classes in the department are urged to attend.

Pythian Sisters will meet at 7:30 in Castle Hall. Meeting of the Board of Deacons at the Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m.

Boosters to Meet

The Band Booster Club will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack O'Neal Tuesday evening, April 18, at 7:30. All members and every one interested in the welfare of the Eastland High School band are urged to attend.

Concert Slated for Thursday

Francis MacMillan, the famous concert violinist and instructor, is to be presented in concert under the auspices of the Cisco Rotary and Lions Clubs, it was announced today.

Thursday evening, April 27, at 8:15, the concert will be given in the high school auditorium in Cisco.

Several Eastland violin students are pupils of MacMillan and this concert will be of special interest to them.

All seats are reserved and those in Eastland wishing to attend the concert, may buy tickets from Mrs. J. B. Johnson.

Attend Class in Weatherford

The J. O. Y. Class of the First Baptist Church of Eastland attended church school and morning services in the First Baptist Church in Weatherford, Sunday. A program was presented by the Eastland class with Barbara

Blythe giving the devotional. Mr. W. D. Owen brought the lesson on Planting the Gospel in New Fields.

Those attending from Eastland were: Misses Rama Barber, Helen Barham, Georgia Mae Bishop, Goldia Brashier, Barbara Blythe, Juanita Cummings, Alva Roper, Irene Rick, Valera Richardson, Helen Williams, Margaret Gibson, Alice James, Jimmy Mae Mitchell, Joyce Leen Moore, Lala Watkins, Johnnie Mae Murphey, Faye Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. R. Owen, Mrs. Jared I. Cartledge and Jaromy, Mrs. W. B. White, and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Terrell.

Class Meets

The members of the Martha Dorcas Class met in regular session Sunday morning with the president, Mrs. Jack Ammer, presiding. Opening song, My Hope is Built, was followed with prayer by Mrs. Ammer.

During the business period, the class discussed plans for a Mother and Daughter banquet they will sponsor Friday night before Mother's Day.

Mrs. W. P. Leslie brought a very interesting lesson on the subject of Planting the Gospel in New Fields.

Those present: Mmes. Jack Dwyer, Lexton Morton, Robert Farrell, Ed T. Cox, Jr., H. D. Baggett, Frank Roberson, C. E. Owen, Frank Davis, Albert Fauth, Harley Fox, J. W. Miller, Herman Hague, W. H. Davidson, W. B. Harris, Guy Quinn, Geo. Lane, C. W. Young, Jack Ammer, Roy Stokes, Clint Jones, Frank Castleberry, W. P. Leslie, C. W. Hoff-

mann, Simmons, Annie Cooke, Fred Hale, and visitors, Mrs. Hubert Jones, Mrs. F. M. Kenny, Mrs. Sam Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Terrell visited in Dallas Sunday. Geraldine Terrell returned with them on their return.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stalter have returned to Eastland after spending several months in Austin.

Ruth, Virginia and Louise Weaver were visitors Friday in Mineral Wells.

John Barnes, Ranger, transacted business Monday in Eastland. Henry Davenport, county commissioner, was a visitor Monday in Eastland.

Justice of Peace R. L. (Tub) Wilson was a visitor Monday in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shipman returned Sunday from LeRoy, near Waco, where they visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Frazier, and Mr. Frazier.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McLaughlin, born last week in a Ranger hospital, has been named Patrick Denis McLaughlin. The mother and baby were reported doing nicely.

Fred Siekman of Rising Star, Newt Crawley of Gorman and Arch Bint of Cisco were visitors Monday in Eastland on county business.

First Baptist Church To Be Host to District 17 of the Texas W. M. U.

The First Baptist church of Eastland will be host to the Thirty-first annual meeting, District 17, of the Texas W. M. U., Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18 and 19.

TUESDAY MORNING

Mrs. J. B. Buckley, president, presiding. Mrs. J. M. Chandler, corresponding secretary-treasurer. Mrs. J. S. Tierce, recording secretary. Miss Annetta Fay Huffman, Miss Minnie Lee Shirley, president's pages. Mrs. Pat Crawford, timekeeper. Mrs. Frank Hicklin, chorister. Mrs. Felton Brashier, pianist.

9:45-9:55, song service. Woman's hymn, "Come Woman Wide Proclaim." Hymn for 1939, "I Love to Tell the Story."

9:55-10:05, Devotional, Mrs. James Walton Moore, China.

10:05-10:15, Special music.

Quartet, Ranger. 10:15-10:25, Greetings, Mrs. Chas. T. Talley, Jr., Ranger.

10:25-10:35, Presentation of Local W. M. U. Committees, Mrs. W. L. Jackson, Ranger. Report on Order of Business. Appointment of Committees: Nomination, Mrs. J. R. Burnett, Cisco; Resolutions, Mrs. Z. C. Steakley, Sweetwater.

10:45-11:00, President's message, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene.

11:00-12:10, Let Our Light Shine in Our Associations (7 minutes each): Callahan, Mrs. W. E. Clark, Potosi; Cisco, Mrs. J. R. Burnett, Cisco; Fisher, Mrs. J. P. Hardesty, McCaulley; Haskell, Mrs. J. O. Bowden, Munday; Jones, Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Hamlin; Jayton, Sweetwater, Mrs. C. C. Comper, Abilene. Our Service Gifts, Mrs. J. M. Chandler, Abilene.

12:10-12:30, In Memoriam, Mrs. C. R. Sims, Stamford. Special music. Adjournment.

12:30-1:30, Lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30-1:40, Song service.

1:40-1:55, Devotional, Mrs. E. A. Cain, Breckenridge.

1:55-2:40, Conferences.

2:40-4:20, Let Our Light Shine Through Christian Education, Mrs. N. A. Moore, Abilene. Southwestern Training School, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Seminary Hill. Presentation of Training School Daughters, Hardin-Simmons University. Presentation of Hardin-Simmons Student Fund. Presentation of Foreign Student, Carmen Arroyo, Abilene. Margaret Fund, Mrs. Bert Low, Sweetwater. What the Margaret Fund Means to Me, Martha Jane Moore, Abilene; Jimmy Moore, Abilene. Announcements. Adjournment. Meeting of Executive Board.

TUESDAY EVENING

7:30, Song service. Devotional, Miss Wanda Garrett, Stamford. Let Our Light Shine Through Our Young People (2 minutes each): Callahan, Mrs. L. M. Green, Clyde, Cisco. Mrs. P. C. McGahey, Breckenridge. Fisher, Mrs. A. M. Josey, Roby, Haskell, to be supplied. Jones, Mrs. Rodney Ezell, Stamford. Stonewall, Mrs. Irvin Pearson, Aspermont. Sweetwater, Mrs. B. N. Shepherd, Abilene.

9:55-10:05, Devotional, Mrs. James Walton Moore, China.

10:05-10:15, Special music.

Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary, Ranger. Address, "Our Young People," Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Dallas.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:00-9:10, Song service, Mrs. Bryan Ball, Abilene.

9:10-9:25, Devotional.

9:25-11:15, Let Our Light Shine in: Missions, Mrs. Ed Hahn, Swenson; Personal Service, Mrs. Geo. W. Thomas, Peacock; Mission Study, Mrs. R. A. Larper, Eastland; Stewardship, Mrs. B. M. Whitaker, Haskell; Periodicals, Mrs. Judson Prince, Cisco; Bible Study, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, Abilene; Young People, Mrs. Dick O'Brien, Stamford; Benevolence, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, Abilene. The Care of Orphans, Rev. Jack Badley, Abilene. Ministry of Healing, Mrs. P. C. McGahey, Breckenridge. Ministerial Relief, Rev. J. J. Ponder, Ranger.

11:15-11:25, Historian, Mrs. O. H. Cooper, Abilene.

11:25-11:50, Publicity, Mrs. E. B. Atwood, Abilene; West Texas Baptist, Mr. R. E. Dudley, Abilene.

11:50-12:00, Special music, Mr. Reginald Hobson, Ranger.

12:00-12:30, Address, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Dallas. Announcements.

12:30-1:30, Lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30-1:40, Song service.

1:40-1:55, Devotional, Mrs. Grover Little, Jayton.

1:55-2:05, Report of Methods and Finance Committee, Mrs. D. W. Arnette, Abilene.

2:05-2:15, Violin solo, Miss Muri Dean Murrell, Ranger.

2:15-2:45, Let Our Light Shine: Camp Leuders, Rev. Chas. T. Talley, Jr., Ranger. Evangelistic Campaign, Rev. B. N. Shepherd, Abilene.

2:45-3:05, Report of Committees: Election of Officers; Selection of place for 1940 meeting; Reading of minutes; Adjournment.

Committees: Registration, Mrs. Nannie Walker, Mrs. Jim Brimberry, Mrs. Colonel Brashier; Courtesy, Mrs. C. B. Pruet, Mrs. T. L. Dupree; Decoration, Mrs. R. C. Carville, Mrs. Ross Hodges; Social, Mrs. T. J. Anderson, Mrs. Bob Hodges, Mrs. Glenn West, Mrs. Nath Pirkle, Mrs. R. V. Robinson, Mrs. Doc Reuwer; Assignment of homes, Mrs. J. E. Ogg.

Danzig Agrees Is Expected BERLIN, April 17 (AP)—The return of Danzig to the Reich was well-informed today, to be near certainly. Although official extremely reluctant was persistently circles that an agreement could be expected. Whether it could be time to make the free city to Germany with Adolf Hitler's celebration on the certain.

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Advertisement for Chesterfield cigarettes featuring a woman smoking and the text 'FOR A Perfect Performance IN SMOKING PLEASURE'. Includes the slogan 'enjoy Chesterfield's Happy Combination of the world's best cigarette tobaccos' and 'The RIGHT COMBINATION of the world's best cigarette tobaccos, They're Milder... They Taste Better'.

Advertisement for Royal Crown Cola featuring a man and the text 'BELIEVE IT OR NOT Ripley is on the air for ROYAL CROWN COLA'. Includes 'EVERY FRIDAY K. R. L. D. 9:30 C. S. T.' and 'NEHI BOTTLING CO. LOUIS RIFKIN, Prop. EASTLAND'.

Advertisement for a duplicating machine with text: '500,000 FIRMS USE DUPLICATORS IN THE U. S. A. 1,500,000 FIRMS NEED THEM we want INDIVIDUAL OR A BUSINESS CONCERN TO HANDLE NEW OFFICE DUPLICATING MACHINE IN EASTLAND AND TEXAS TERRITORIES IN WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE DEALERS'.

Advertisement for Lyric featuring the text 'LYRIC LAST TIMES TODAY IRENE DUNNE "LOVE AFFAIR"'.

Advertisement for Classified with text: 'MAN for Coffee Route, Up to \$45 first week. Automobile given as bonus. Write MILLS, 7153 Monmouth, Cincinnati, O. FOR RENT—4 and 6 room apartments, furnished or unfurnished. Ideal homes surrounding. Phone 465.'

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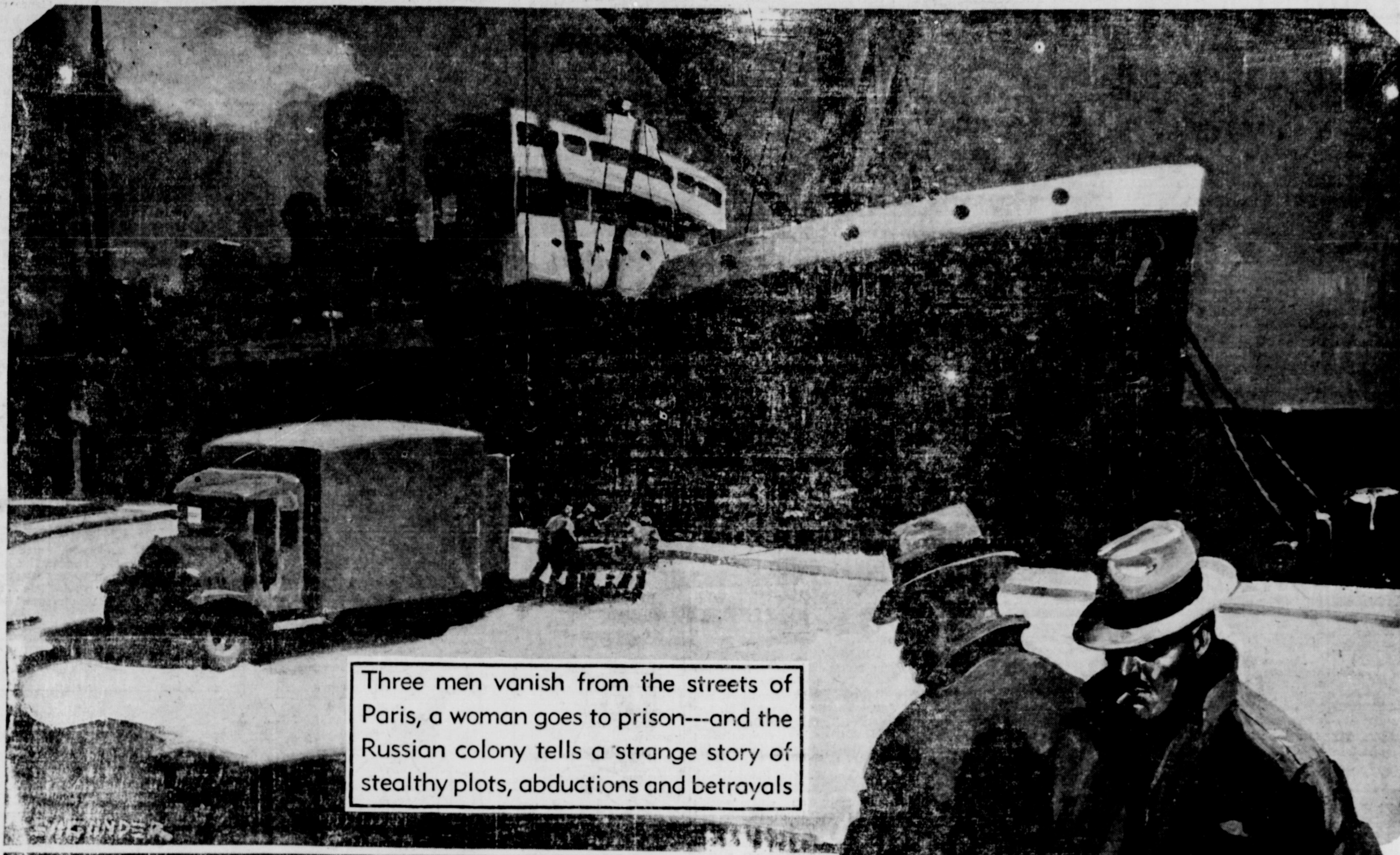
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Three men vanish from the streets of Paris, a woman goes to prison--and the Russian colony tells a strange story of stealthy plots, abductions and betrayals

WEIRD MYSTERY of the MISSING CZARIST EXILES



The night following General Miller's disappearance, a covered truck hauled up to the wharf and four Russian sailors carried out a large box, stowed it in the steamer's hold.

MANY are the mysteries hidden by the dark streets of Paris... mysteries of medieval times, of the days of the Grand Monarque, of the Revolutionary Terror, of the modern underworld.

But none of them is deeper or more eerie than the one which the Paris police have just spent 15 months trying vainly to solve—the queer, shadow-haunted mystery of the missing Russian exiles.

Its chief characters have vanished. Some of them, almost certainly, are dead—although how and where they died, and who brought death to them, are things no one knows. Others are in prison. Still others have simply disappeared.

And the one person who might have cleared up the mystery has just gone into a French prison to begin serving a 20-year term at hard labor... and she says nothing, aside from insisting tearfully that she "never did any harm to anyone."

This person is Madame Najda Skobline, wife of a former White Russian army officer, and once famous all across Europe as La Plevitskaia, concert singer and ex-favorite of the last Czar of Russia.

She was sentenced to prison just recently after a Parisian jury had convicted her of complicity in the kidnaping of General Eugene de Miller, former leader of the White Russian colony in Paris. The kidnaping was supposed to have been engineered by her husband, General Nicholas Skobline, who was also prominent in the White Russian colony. It took place on Sept. 22, 1937, and neither General Miller nor General Skobline has been seen since.

To get an idea of what the case is all about, one must first know a little something about the White Russians in Paris.

A "White" Russian is, of course, a Russian who opposes Communism and hopes to see the Russian monarchy restored. The Paris colony is largely made up of exiled noblemen, Czarist army officers and government officials, and the like. Most of these people are desperately poor. The money and jewels they brought out of Russia with them have long since been used up; former generals, barons, cabinet members, barristers, they make their living in Paris by a variety of incongruous occupations. Many of them are taxi drivers.

Anyhow, the White Russians of Paris spend a great deal of their spare time talking over the good old days in Russia and making elaborate and quite futile plans to restore those good old days. Because of these plots, the colony's activities are matters of considerable interest to the Soviet government. Red Russia speaks of the White Russians with contempt, but it keeps tabs on them; and, naturally, any White Russian who falls into the hands of the

Central figures of the mystery were General Skobline, below, his wife, La Plevitskaia, a glamorous dancer, and General Miller, right.



Soviet government promptly vanishes from sight and stays vanished.

So the White Russian colony is honey-combed with Red Russian spies and agents; and the chief of these agents is supposed to have been none other than the distinguished ex-Czarist general, Nicholas Skobline.

Skobline had been under suspicion, off and on, among the other Russians in Paris for some time before General Miller's disappearance. Away back in 1930, General Miller's predecessor as head of the colony, General Alexandre Koutiepoiff, disappeared—and it was widely rumored that Skobline knew more about the affair than he was telling. In 1935, a White Russian "court of honor" convened to hear formal charges that Skobline was an agent of Moscow. Skobline appeared before it, made a spirited denial, and was exonerated.

But the circumstances of General Miller's disappearance left no one with much doubt that

Skobline was deeply implicated in the plot.

General Miller had a date with some other ex-officers on the evening of Sept. 22, 1937. When he failed to show up they went to look for him. They found no trace of him, but they did find a note he had left for them in his office. It read:

"I have a rendezvous today at 12:30 with General Skobline at the corner of Jasmin and Raffet streets where we are to meet a German

officer who is a military attache of one of the neighboring countries—Stroman and Fleer Werner, who is attached to the embassy here. Both of them speak Russian. This rendezvous has been arranged by Skobline. Perhaps it is an ambush, and that is why I am leaving you this note."

General Miller, it was learned, had left his office that noon to keep the appointment, and had not been seen since.

The general's friends went at once to Skobline's home and routed him out of bed. He expressed his eagerness to help them find the missing man, but said that he could not understand the note. He had made no such appointment as General Miller spoke of, he said, and had not seen the man all day.

Back to General Miller's office went the whole crowd. After a good deal of talk, General Skobline announced that he was going home to bed. He would see them in the morn-

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ing, he added, and help prosecute the search. So he walked away—and has not been seen since.

The police were called into the investigation. They dug up a few grimly significant facts.

In the harbor at the seaport of Le Havre there was a Russian steamship, tied up at a dock and presumably waiting to load a cargo.

On the night of Sept. 23—the day following the evening of General Miller's disappearance—a covered truck had rolled up to this steamer's wharf. Four Russian sailors carried out a large box, which was stowed away in the vessel's hold. Immediately thereafter the steamer cast off her mooring lines and sailed away for Russia.

Every White Russian is convinced that General Miller was in that box—drugged, perhaps, or tightly bound and gagged. What happened to him after he was turned over to the police in Russia is not known—except in the Kremlin. Execution, probably; a prison cell at the very least.

Anyway, that was the last ever seen or heard of General Miller; and of General Skobline likewise nothing more was seen or heard. The supposition is that he either returned to Russia or went elsewhere to continue his espionage activities.

In his absence, Mme. Skobline was arrested. She tearfully denied all knowledge of the case, but beyond that refused to say anything at all. At her trial, to which some 80 witnesses were summoned—and at which a French police detective testified that the general atmosphere of spying, plotting, double-crossing and tale-bearing in the White Russian colony was almost beyond belief—she continued to remain silent. When she was finally convicted and sentenced, she said nothing further than this:

"I am alone in the world and completely abandoned. I have no witness except God, who knows that I have loved my husband and have never done any harm to anyone."

And with that she went away to prison.

THE circumstances of General Miller's disappearance recall those of the disappearance of his predecessor, General Koutiepoiff, who vanished on Jan. 26, 1930.

A hospital orderly apparently saw the general being abducted, and did not realize until too late what it was that he was looking at. Gazing idly from a window across the street from Koutiepoiff's home, the man saw two automobiles—a sedan and a taxicab—draw up in front of the door. Koutiepoiff came out, and two men got out of the sedan and spoke to him.

He protested, and there apparently was an argument; then the men took his arms and hustled him into the sedan, which promptly drove away, followed by the taxi.

Apparently, much the same thing that happened to General Miller happened to him—forcible abduction to a Russian steamer, in which he was carried back to Russia.

At that time General Skobline and his wife offered profuse condolences to General Koutiepoiff's abandoned wife, and vowed to do everything in their power to help solve the mystery of his disappearance. Yet the whispers that Skobline was really a secret agent for the Soviets would not down, and eventually the court of honor was convened to hear the charges. Skobline was exonerated, but the rumors were never entirely silenced.

MME. SKOBLINE—more commonly known by her stage name, La Plevitskaia—had had a colorful and eventful career.

Born in the Ukraine some 50 years ago, she had rapidly risen to the top as a concert singer in pre-war Russia, and when the war broke out she was "personal soloist" to Czar Nicholas. After the revolution had upset the Czar and destroyed the career of his personal soloist, she and General Skobline drifted to the south, where General Skobline served with the White Russian army of General Wrangel. When Wrangel's attempt to upset the Soviet government collapsed, the Skoblines drifted to Paris along with many other Russian exiles, and La Plevitskaia resumed her career as a singer.

This career seems to have been a convenient cloak for her and her husband to hide behind, as they pursued their activities as spies. For if it was reported to their associates—as it often was—that they met with strange varieties of people in different European cities, Skobline was always able to say: "Ah—but my wife is a concert singer. She must mingle in all sorts of circles and meet all kinds of people." Or if people began to complain that the Skoblines had much more money than Skobline's job would account for, there was always the concert career with its fees to be used in explanation.

But whatever the Skoblines did, this has seen the last of them. And the dark mystery of the vanished exiles remains a mystery—one which may never be cleared up publicly.

And the world may never know how it was done, who pulled the strings—or what really happened to those three soldiers of the White Russian army, Generals Koutiepoiff, Miller and Skobline.

SERIAL STORY

BORDER ADVENTURE

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Yesterday, over the protests of the officers, Betty Mary goes to Juarez where, the next day, she sees Barro enter a hotel.

CHAPTER X

BETTY MARY fairly gasped at what the traffic policeman told her.

Luis Barro! The man who had caused her so much excitement—and had caused the United States so much expense and trouble of late—had passed right before her eyes! And she, catching only a quick artist's eye of his car and clothing and general picturesque quality, had neglected to look carefully at the man himself. She couldn't even remember his face!

"I've got to see him again!" she told herself. "Just got to, somehow."

And yet, no American girls, and probably no other respectable girls, dared go into El Casino Tecolote alone, the elderly American man had warned her. Betty Mary knew that the border towns did indeed hold some "tough" places. This one, it is true, was large and almost garish outside and very much on a main street—not hidden away from law and respectability as so many "joints" are. Nevertheless this was Mexico, and a lax border town at that. El Casino might be all the elderly American had said.

On the other hand this was broad daylight. Noon. Yonder a wife or two was El Paso in the good solid old U. S. A. And she was a self-reliant, self-confident American business woman, not a rail "little sheltered girl. Hadn't he, indeed, even shot and wounded a desperate alien in a Border Patrol battle, just two nights ago? And what that same pistol in her hotel room even now? She laughed at herself.

THE head waiter in El Casino greeted her obsequiously, bowing and escorting her to a prominent if tiny table near the orchestra. Twelve musicians were playing, not the strident, terrific jazz or swing or whatever of American cafes but the soft and eternally beautiful music of the Latin lands, much the same as she had heard across the line in the Cortez. It was a string orchestra with excellent voices, too.

soft and melodious—and with irresistible rhythms. Betty Mary knew in an instant that, whatever the morals of its patrons, El Casino Tecolote could be a place for a good time. She longed for someone to talk to.

"I am an American tourist, making sketches," she smiled at the waiter when he came for her order. "I don't know much about things here. Will you just serve me an excellent Spanish meal, using your own discretion?"

"The senorita is alone?" he asked.

"Yes. Just one meal. But I'm hungry, I warn you."

She listened dreamily to the orchestra again. Now it is true that the big dining-dance room in El Casino was gorgeously decorated and that it held many exotic faces and many interesting kinds of dress. But it is also true that Betty Mary Jordan, of Washington, D. C., held that certain indefinable superiority in freshness and beauty to be seen only in a young American girl. It is a thing traceable to the fact that a girl in America is likely to have every luxury and every chance for brightness and poise, even though she be simply a salaried worker. It is one of the too-little-appreciated bounties of this land. Nature, circumstance, and general wholesomeness of character, had combined to make Betty Mary Jordan an outstanding person.

SHE could not know, of course, that many eyes had watched her enter. Some with envy, some with admiration. She had, to be sure, been warned slightly about the cosmopolitan nature of El Casino's patrons, but she really had given little or no thought to how this might affect her. She was just a hungry, curious, and rather impulsive American girl. She pitched in to eat her meal with definite zest and pleasure.

She was sampling the rare delights of combined avocado and tangerine salad when the orchestra began playing a gay waltz and a tenor began singing, in English.

It was a catchy song and he sang it with excellent showmanship so that he got a swell of applause. Betty Mary herself clapped her hands, and smiled further appreciation when he looked directly at her. Then she felt a trifle guilty, without real cause.

Nothing would have happened in America, probably, but that smile was a mistake in Mexico. Without further ado the singer came to her table, bowed and smiled.

"The American senorita weel

dance with me?" he asked.

It was all so sudden, so utter unexpected, that she just starr at him for a moment, her face poised in mid-air. He was hams some in a very dark foreign way.

"Why—why—no thank you she stammered it. "I—I don't—"

Instantly he scowled.

"Why?" He demanded. "Wh-ees wrong with dancing with me?"

BETTY could scarcely believe her own ears for a moment. And then all the things she ha been told and had imagined abou El Casino Tecolote raced throgh her mind. She stared up at th singer almost rudely. And he wa still scowling, waiting his answer. There was but one thing to do—freeze him.

"No, thank you," she said, quit haughtily, and resumed eating.

He grasped her arm and said "You'll dance!"

Betty Mary gasped in fresh as astonishment. And now, sudden fear gripped her.

She did not rise. Nor ever speak for a few seconds. She was too stunned. She thought wildly she might jump and run Or scream. Or—or—something Anything!

Then it was that the unexpecto happened again to venturismo Betty Mary Jordan, who was late to tell herself that she was late luckier than she deserved.

"The senorita has said she doe not wish to dance with me?"

His suave masculine voice purred jus behind her elbow. "The fact is she wishes to dance with me. I ah, had already made the arrangements. Is it not so, senorita?"

Something suddenly tightened inside Betty Mary; a strange, electric tenseness, of recognition. Somehow she sensed, rather than saw, who the second man was. Quite automatically she nodded then, arose and danced away in his arms.

"The senorita waltzes perfectly," he said.

"Muchas gracias, senor," she barely murmured it. Her heart was pounding and she was conscious of many people watching them.

"And speaks Spanish! She has been long in Mexico?"

"No. I—I am a stranger here. An artist, to do some sketching. I—thank you, again, for helping me out of an embarrassing situation. Thank you very much."

"It is a rare privilege to have serve so charming a senorita," he declared, swinging her in a graceful waltz improvisation of his own.

Whatever his blackness of heart, thought Betty Mary, Luis Barro was certainly an excellent dancer.

(To Be Continued)

"OUT OUR WAY" - - - - - By Williams



Child Health Day Is Scheduled May 1

AUSTIN, Texas—May first has been proclaimed May Day-Child Health Day nationally by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and State-wide by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel. The State Department of Health has been designated as the official agency to head the activities in Texas.

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, has stated that May Day is in reality an entire week's activity centered on the health and welfare of children. Every group in Texas interested in children will hold special meetings, clinics, and other projects to promote public consciousness of the development needs of childhood, so that everyone will realize that, "In the Health of its Children lies the Future of Texas."

Activities will vary in each community according to the existing problems and facilities. Many towns make this their chief activity of the year and schools, churches, luncheon clubs and women's clubs will have special programs. Merchants will use special window displays of children's clothes, toys and health aids, and carry special newspaper advertising.

This is a splendid time for parents to have their babies and children immunized against diphtheria, smallpox and typhoid fever. A thorough physical check-up is in order and should be followed by having corrections made of any physical defects. May Day gives you an opportunity to see that your child has a proper start along life's path and that proper safeguards are furnished him.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

BY JERRY BRONDFIELD
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POTPOURRI: Someone could start a swell brawl by suggesting the International Olympic Committee withhold the right of Germany to ring in Czechs, Slovaks, and any others they've matched, for their 1940 Olympic team... all of which would be a whale of an eligibility question to decide... Speaking of the Olympics, Helsingfors authorities are still wondering where they'll put 100,000 visitors in a city of 300,000... Twenty-seven steamships, which have received permission, will help solve the problem by anchoring in the harbor as floating hotels.

For those who make an issue of this sort of thing—a survey at Wisconsin revealed carmen have the highest scholastic average... and footballers, the lowest... Vince DiMaggio, late of the Bees and currently with Kansas City, is taking singing lessons—seriously—with an operatic career in mind if he fails to make the big-time grade again.

HOWARD JONES is just a little worried that Al Krueger is going "Hollywood"... So much attention and glamor has been heaped on the big pass-snatcher who beat Notre Dame and Duke last season: Chicago Blackhawk's losing to the Boston Bruins every time they met... eight in a row... Dennis Shore, South African speedster, recently scored off 300 yards in 30.6... which is moving... And we hear a Ralph Halla, Yankton College dis-

lance runner at Yankton has what it takes to be a grabber... and will, as they bring him some wilderness.

George Washington is tired of its independence, so it is said, and is angling for a spot in the Southern States... It took Frank C. two weeks to establish the best spaghetti making City after accepting a Iowa backfield coach.

IN 1928 when Helen Reddy was a lad by the name of Sam Sneed... who had developed into quite a self... Jimmy Washington first-sacker, one self bounced as a scoundrel in Cleveland by some under the stands.

Every time the Cardinals near the Reds' camp, Bordagaray hides two of which he swiped from Martin at the close of season... They're the Dodgers' Dolph Camilli, est. 251 hitter in the NNDONational League.

average sounds puny, he collected 24 homers and 100 runs, ranking second loop.

A shoe salesman one of McKechie recently, and he had a style of best it could take four to seven years first... Said the line pri "Buddy, if you do that of have to work again as a live... we'll buy your stock put."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD



ANSWER: Water moccasins are semi-aquatic snakes in lagoons and sluggish waters of the southeastern United States.

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON
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WASHINGTON.—It is just possible that a pattern of great significance for the handling of industrial and labor problems is being worked out here by committees operating under the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor.

These are the industry committees which are preparing minimum wage recommendations for Administrator Andrews. Under the wage-hour act, the present minimum is 25 cents an hour. This is to be stepped up automatically to 30 cents next October, and in 1945 to advance to 40 cents. The industry committees are trying to work out scales somewhere between the 30-cent level of next October and the 40-cent level of 1945, so that 1945 will not bring too great and sudden a dislocation to low-wage industries.

So far, seven of these committees have gone into operation, and two have submitted their recommendations. The committee for the cotton, silk, rayon, and synthetic textile industry has called for a 32½-cent rate, and the woolen textile committee has come out for 36 cents. Committees now holding sessions are those for the apparel, hosiery, hats, millinery, and boot and shoe industries.

When Commissioner Andrews receives a committee recommendation, he may approve it and embody the recommended rate in a wage order. That rate then becomes the legal minimum wage for that industry until 1940. The commissioner may send the report back to the committee for revision or he may set up a new committee and start afresh. He cannot, however, make changes in the recommendation himself.

But what is really significant here, for one, capital and labor are getting another lesson in the art of sitting down at a council table and going through problems, seeing each other from a point of view and looking at the industry as a whole. For another, the fact that general public has an interest in these problems is getting recognition. For still another, responsibility which rests on the consuming public is being—its responsibility, that matter of wage levels and margins as well as its every-day retail costs.

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RED RYDER - - - - - By Fred Harman



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