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LA GUARDIA IS FEARFUL OVER STOPPING WPA

By United Press
WASHINGTON, May 8.—Mayor Fiorello La Guardia of New York, testifying before the house WPA investigating committee, today praised the federal relief program as "the American way" of dealing with unemployment, and said that its discontinuance would be "tragic."

Ranger Has Most at County Day at the Ft. Worth Exhibit

Ranger ranked first in the number of National Youth Administration visitors at the Eastland county day at the "American in Action" exhibition at Ft. Worth Saturday, it was announced today by Mayor Hall.

Frozen Foods Are Good to Families of U.S. Each Year

By United Press
USTIN, Tex.—"Frozen food" is in which a million American families save \$50,000,000 a year by preserving seasonal foods described here recently by A. Geiger, refrigeration expert in York, Pa.

Urges Congress to Remain in Session Throughout Year

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Rep. Louis Ludlow, democrat, Indiana, said today that, because of the international situation, he would introduce a resolution to keep congress here until the next session begins on Jan. 2.

Girl Due to Get Horned Toad

Waller, secretary-manager of Eastland Chamber of Commerce Monday answered the letter of Betty Simons of Iowa, and sent her a toad.

Ruth Coaches Softball as Other Half Of Home Run Twins Runs Out of Gas



As Lou Gehrig broke his consecutive game record at 2130, Babe Ruth, the other half of the New York Yankees' famous home run twins of other years, coached girls' softball teams in batting at St. Albans, Long Island. The Bambino is shown casting a critical eye at the stance of Millie Deegan of the Roverettes.

Tom Won't Talk; She Gets Divorce



Shown in court after divorce from 'movies' Tom Brown, Natalie Decker won decree with charges that actor refused to talk to her for days at a time.

Hopkins Says ICC Spreads Gloom By Its Resolutions

By United Press
WASHINGTON, May 8.—Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins declared today that the resolutions passed at last week's U. S. Chamber of Commerce meeting were unnecessarily gloomy and unwarranted in the face of improving business conditions.

"Excellent Show" Reported In Well

Shallow oil potentialities of the Cisco area Saturday had assumed greater extent with reports of an excellent showing in the Joseph L. Fainer et al No. 1 Mary Guyton in the Atwell community southwest of Cisco. Reports said that the showing, obtained in the caprock of a Canyon series sand similar to that from which the Warren et al Cozart strike in the Seranton area is producing was about the same as that which the Cozart yielded.

Excelsior Show Reported In Well

Five-inch casing was being run and was expected to be landed and cemented Saturday with drilling in scheduled for Monday or Tuesday. Usually 72 hours is required to let cement set before the plug is drilled.

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B. E. McGlamery Returns From Meet

B. E. McGlamery, supervisor of crippled children's work in this area for the State Department of Education, Monday had returned from a crippled children's conference held in San Antonio.

EASTLAND WILL TAKE PART IN W. T. C. C. MEET

Eastland plans to participate in a fitting manner in the annual West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week at Abilene, according to plans outlined by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce.

Although it is impossible at this time to estimate the number to attend from Eastland, it was apparent Monday that many will be at the convention activities.

The band will be at the convention on Tuesday. Robert Leslie will represent Eastland in the "My Home Town" speaking contest.

T. E. Richardson is Eastland director for the WTCC. Maurice Harkins of Eastland will sing at one of the luncheons during the convention.

Eastland husbands may be obtained at the chamber of commerce from H. J. Tanner, secretary-manager.

Youth Is Held In Double Slaying Of Car Salesmen

By United Press
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 8.—Robert Burgunder, Jr., 22, who learned about crime while his father was a prosecuting attorney, will be returned to Arizona today to be charged with two murders.

He is charged with slaying two men, Jack Peterson, 35, and Ellis Koury, 24, near Phoenix, Ariz., on April 30, for a new automobile and a few dollars.

Peterson and Koury were automobile salesmen. They took a prospect out for a demonstration in a new machine and were never seen alive again.

Their bodies were found in the desert near Phoenix last week. Both had been bound, then shot.

Burgunder attended Sunday School in Johnson City, Tenn., yesterday morning and when he walked out of church the sheriff grabbed him. He had arrived the day before, driving an automobile which has been identified as that of Peterson and Koury.

MARKETS

Courtesy D. E. Pulley

Am T & T	158 1/2
A T & S F	28 1/2
Chrysler	67 1/2
Col Gas & E	6 1/4
Cons Oil	7 1/2
Elec B & Sh	7 1/2
Gen Mot	44 1/2
Gulf Oil	33 1/4
Houston Oil	5 1/2
Humble O & R	55 1/2
Montg Ward	47 1/2
Packard	3 1/2
Pure Oil	8
Radio	6 1/2
Socony Vac	11 1/2
Studebaker	6 1/2
Texas Co	38
T P C & O	7 1/2
U S Steel	46 1/2

Chicago Grain

Range of the market, Chicago			
Grain:	High	Low	Close
Wheat	75 1/4	74	74 1/4
July	73	72 1/2	72 3/4
Sept.	73	72 1/2	72 3/4
Corn			
May	49 1/4	49 1/4	49 1/4
July	50 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2
Sept.	51 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/2
Oats			
May	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4
July	32 1/4	31 1/4	32 1/4

Poet Laureate to Speak In Abilene

ABILENE, May 8.—Lexie Dean Robertson, poet laureate of Texas, elected recently by the forty-sixth legislature, will speak to members and guests of the McMurry College Press Club at their annual banquet, May 9.

Mrs. Robertson is an honorary member of the Press Club and has held that position since her appearance at the banquet in 1929. At that occasion she read selections from her book, "Red Hills," which had not then been published.

May 9 will be her third visit to the McMurry campus and students are eagerly awaiting that date.

BRECK VISITOR
Sheriff Loss Woods was a business visitor Monday in Breckenridge.

Quebec, First Host to British King and Queen



Quebec, first Canadian city to greet King George and Queen Elizabeth, is pictured framed in the outline of the maple leaf, national Canadian symbol. Above airview shows the St. Lawrence river in background, grain elevators and skyscrapers of the trans-Atlantic port. Inset center is Lord Tweedsmuir, governor general of Canada, with the King and Queen on either side.

ITALIAN - NAZI ALLIANCE NOT CAUSE OF FEAR

By United Press
The announcement of a military alliance between Italy and Germany caused little concern in most European capitals today. On the contrary it was regarded as likely to promote a settlement of Germany's claims on Poland without military force.

Belgian quarters pointed out that Italy is opposed to military action by Germany against Poland, and would not enter such a pact if Germany planned to use force. In Paris it was believed that Premier Mussolini may seek a peaceful solution now that he is in a military alliance with his axis partner, Adolf Hitler.

Germany, however, pursued its usual course in preparation for getting concessions from another country. The nazi press intensified its attacks on Poland, demanding that "terrorism" against Germany be stopped at once.

London reported that Mussolini entered the military alliance only after France had rejected an apparent invitation to settle his Mediterranean "aspiration."

Informed sources said that Mussolini demanded no territory but asked for two seats for Italy on the governing board of the Suez Canal, a free port for Italy at Djibouti, a new arrangement regarding the French railroad from Djibouti to Addis Ababa, and a new agreement on the status of Italians in French Tunisia.

An encouraging word came from Madrid, where the Italian and German troops were preparing to go home, and Generalissimo Francisco Franco took the first step towards demobilizing the 1,000,000 men he has under arms. The foreign troops were expected to start home immediately after the Madrid victory parade, which will be held within the next two weeks.

Style Show to Be Held On May 18 In Connellee Theatre

Announcement was issued Monday that the style show to be presented by the Eastland Lions Club will definitely be held on Thursday night, May 18.

Forced to Razor Surgery by Gun



With razor blade and pair of tweezers his only surgical implements, 70-year-old Dr. Sigmund Hirschfeld re-enacts how he was forced at point of gun to operate on bandit in Chicago apartment, remove a bullet.

Summon Jurors to Report on Tuesday

Following is a list of petit jurors called for service Tuesday, May 9, in 88th district court.

John D. Seal of Eastland, Roy Acker of Carbon, R. L. Tucker of Cisco, J. W. Roach of Rising Star, J. E. Burnam of Cisco, Nick Higginbotham of Rising Star, LeRoy Patterson of Eastland, H. P. Perrin of Ranger, J. H. Rushing, Jr., of Desdemone, John C. Penn of Cisco, Roy Shugart of Eastland, Route 2, H. H. Monk of Cisco, O. R. Buchanan of Gorman, Strad McMurray of Cisco, L. H. Qualls of Cisco, Tom Fuller of Gorman, Bascom Roberson of Eastland, Tom Thompson of Gorman, H. L. Capers of Gorman, G. E. Allison of Ranger, G. D. Chastain of Ranger, L. E. Clark of Desdemone, P. C. Long of Ranger, R. S. Balch of Ranger, J. T. Cavanaugh of Cisco, Route 4, H. O. Satterwhite of Eastland, J. D. Pittman of Seranton, Bob Key of Cisco, Dee Anderson of Ranger, Virgil McCaughey of Rising Star, J. H. Allen of Nimrod, J. G. Stuteville of Cisco, Route 4, Cecil Joyce of Rising Star, D. Joseph of Ranger.

A & M Students Spend Much On Their Good Looks

By United Press
COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—College girls who worry because it costs them so much to keep beautiful should look at the expense accounts of their boy friends and take heart.

E. L. Angell, manager of student publications at Texas A. & M. College, took a survey to find out how much the Aggies spent to improve their looks. He found that the students at A. & M. spend a total of \$14,000 a year for hair oil, \$12,474 for razor blades, \$81,581 for cleaning and pressing, and \$35,954 for barber work.

They spend \$40,486 a year for presents for their girl friends, but their parents can't really kick about this expense, because the Aggies spend \$66,186 a year for presents for their fathers and mothers, the survey showed.

Cyclone Cloud Is Seen at Eastland

Pictures of effects of the cyclone which hit the western section of Eastland county Sunday afternoon were obtained by James Reid, amateur photographer.

One picture, taken in the western part of Eastland, clearly shows a funnel shaped cloud.

He also went to Putnam and took pictures of the area where the high wind struck. At Seranton, in Eastland county, it was reported two houses were badly damaged by the wind.

Highest School In U.S. Is Located

By United Press
FORT WORTH, Texas.—Regional officials of the Public Works Administration, who gather many odd bits of information while handling out taxpayers' money from their headquarters here, have learned that the Wilson Mesa school 10 miles south of Vanadium, Colo., is the highest ranking school in the United States—in elevation above sea level.

JAPAN PLANS AN ALLIANCE WITH THE AXIS

By United Press
TOKYO, May 8.—War Minister Gen. Seishiro Itavaki said today that Japan may conclude a military agreement with Germany and Italy.

The Domei News Agency gave out the following statement by the war minister:

"The moral spirit which animated the anti-communist pact is deep-rooted. Therefore if Germany and Italy desire it is not impossible that Japan will conclude a military agreement with the axis powers."

Gen. K. Koiso, overseas minister, said:

"It is inconvenient and dangerous for Germany and Italy to exercise their national policy in the face of encirclement by other powers without seeking the full cooperation of Japan, which is the greatest power in East Asia."

By United Press
SHANGHAI, May 8.—Japanese troops and airplanes today started a general offensive in northern Hupeh Province, intended to annihilate a force of 20,000 troops under Gen. Tang En-po, which constitute the main Chinese defense force in the fifth war zone.

A Japanese communique, issued at Hankow, said that despite severe heat, the Japanese forces had advanced on an 80-mile front, extending from Sinyang to Chungking, and that the Chinese had lost 1,000 dead.

To Honor Youth At Baptist Church Service Tonight

Tonight in the services of the First Baptist Church revival, a special program favoring the young people will be presented, it was announced today.

A quartet from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, will be presented at the 8 o'clock service period. Dr. Ben M. David, evangelist conducting the services, will present the singers.

A growing interest was noted the latter part of the week in the revival which will continue through this week, closing Sunday, May 14. Services are conducted each morning at 10:00 o'clock, prayer meetings at 7:15, and evening services at 8 o'clock.

Cemetery Working to Be Held On Tuesday

A large crowd is expected to attend the cemetery working to be conducted at the Old Ranger Cemetery all day Tuesday, with a basket lunch being served at noon.

V. V. Cooper, Sr., who has charge of the working, has sent out letters to a large number of people who have friends and relatives buried in the cemetery, urging them to be present.

Those who live in or near Ranger have been asked to bring small tools, such as hoes, rakes and shovels, while heavier tools will be furnished.

April Assistance Totals \$13,076

A list of county recipients of assistance in April was filed Monday in the office of County Clerk R. V. Galloway and showed that the payments for the month totaled \$13,076. A total of 882 persons received checks.

In March this year 885 checks were issued and payments totaled \$6,513. In February 888 checks were issued amounting to \$13,068 while in January 879 checks were issued, totaling \$12,895.

In April, 1938, 838 checks were written for a total of \$12,443.

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From Hindenburg to Schurz

One of the first principles of politics is that in order to stop any movement to which you are opposed, you have to present a positive program. Mere opposition is not enough.

Americans of German blood in Milwaukee, one of the great "German" cities of the world have learned this truth. And they have used it in neutralizing and nullifying a budding Nazi Bund movement in that city.

In 1935, when Nazi Bund influence began to be strangely felt in Milwaukee, it made an effort to control the Wisconsin Federation of German-American Societies.

But fortunately those societies were under dynamic control, and Bernhard Hoffmann, their leader, was ready with a positive program. He well knew that many of those who thoughtlessly join the Bund were simply victims of pressure of one kind or another, and that if they knew their own organizations were standing firm, they could stick with them and not be drawn by pressure into Nazi organizations with which they really had little sympathy.

The Nazi group, led by George Froboese, started one of those "summer camps where young men were taught the Hitler salute beneath the Hitler Youth flag. It was named Camp Hindenburg.

Hoffmann was not content with protesting. He had his federated societies lease the camp for this summer. It will be operated this year on American principles for the sons and daughters of the members of the German-American societies.

They will change the name to Camp Carl Schurz and run it with all the advantages of outdoor and camp life but without any "heiling" or foreign-inspired trimmings.

The change of name from Hindenburg to Schurz is symbolic of the change in spirit. For it replaces the name of the reactionary Prussian Junker militarist with that of the Republican rebel who fled Germany in 1848 after an unsuccessful effort to set up free government.

Schurz's career in the United States continues to be a greater inspiration to Americans of German blood than that of any Prussian Junker. For Schurz took a brilliant part in American politics as a supporter of Lincoln, served as minister to Spain, distinguished himself during the Civil War as a volunteer officer, became the outstanding editor of the Westliche Post, and later United States senator from Missouri.

Negative opposition to the ideals of Hindenburg is not enough. The Milwaukee German-Americans have shown a splendid example in turning instead to a positive and constructive devotion to the ideals of Schurz.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawyer of Poplar Bluff, Mo., won tickets to see the movie, "Huckleberry Finn." Of course, the judges will protest the name had nothing to do with it.

Why All That Worry About a Coal Shortage, Anyhow?



• BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—The government debt is something like the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, or some other great work of nature. It can be great work of nature. It can be studied from all kinds of angles, and you are always seeing something about it that you never noticed before.

Uncle Sam started to go in the red in the fiscal year which ended in June, 1931. He has gone in the red every year since then. And since both receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year—the one which will end in June, 1940—have been fairly accurately estimated, it is possible to figure out the totals for the entire 10 years—the deficit decade.

During those 10 years, the federal government's revenue from all sources—income taxes, customs taxes, internal revenue levies, processing taxes and what-not—comes to \$41,033,000,000.

The public debt at the end of the 1940 fiscal year will stand at just less than \$44,500,000,000—substantially more than the entire government revenue for 10 years, which gives you an idea of the time it will take to get that debt wiped out.

During those same 10 years, while it was collecting 41 billions in taxes, the federal government was spending \$68,312,000,000, not counting what was spent on debt retirement. Expenditures exceeded income during the decade, then, by something more than 27 billions.

Ordinary operating expenditures for the regular government departments took \$6,747,000,000. That is what you might call the cost of running the government, exclusive of military preparedness, relief, emergency expenditures, the unpaid balance of the last war, and so on. It is a lot of money, but it is only a tenth of the total expenditures for the decade.

What else, then? Well, interest on the public debt—which stood at \$612,000,000 annually in 1930 and will be upwards of a billion in 1940—accounts for \$8,045,000,000.

National defense took \$8,019,000,000. Veterans' pensions and benefits called for \$9,050,000,000. The triple-A program runs to \$3,820,000,000. Social Security accounts for \$2,915,000,000.

Railroad retirement funds took \$390,000,000. Refunds of tax and customs receipts ran to \$750,000,000. Four hundred and twenty-eight million dollars went to government employees' retirement funds. Some \$171,000,000 went to settle various war claims, to meet commodity credit losses, and so on. Supplemental items account for \$180,000,000.

Public works received \$7,952,000,000. This includes highways, TVA, reclamation, rivers and harbors, flood control, public buildings, grants to various public bodies, and a host of smaller items.

There is unemployment relief, which stands at \$16,231,000,000 for the 10-year period. A breakdown on that shows that \$4,048,000,000 was spent on direct relief, \$7,198,000,000 on the Civilian Conservation Corps, and \$2,435,000,000 on supplemental items in connection with the various relief activities.

Meanwhile—to whom do we owe all this money? The general public—banks, corporations, insurance companies and individuals—holds \$35,449,000,000 of government bonds. The Federal Reserve System has \$2,564,000,000 more. Government trust funds and government agencies hold \$1,861,000,000. Various special issues, held by the Old Age Reserve Account, the Railroad Retirement Trust Fund, the Railroad Retirement Account, divers veterans' funds, and so on, come to \$4,584,000,000.

Cave Dwelling If World War Comes May Be Expected

PHILADELPHIA—A new cave-dwelling era may result if another European war comes, Dr. Edward Lotholz, University of Pennsylvania physiology professor, believes.

Millions of human beings will be killed off by the rigors of cave existence, Dr. Lotholz said, because the race lost its virility with its domestication.

"Some men are thinking about returning to caves already," the Penn professor said. "War clouds loom over Europe make destruction of civilization seem a very real possibility in the event of another terrible conflict."

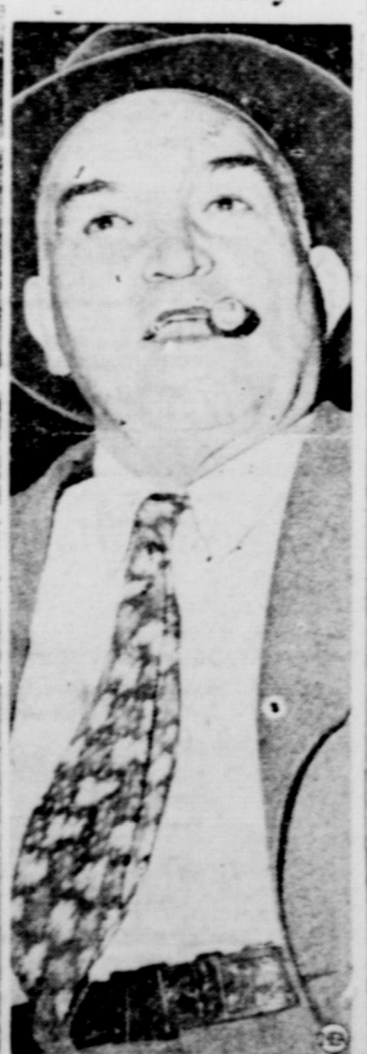
But science holds out hope for the race through developments leading to a super-race, Dr. Lotholz added. Control of heredity and sterilization of the unfit will better the race, he said.

"Science tells us that the world has too many people," he said, "and that many of those who are here never should be permitted to be parents. Unfortunately, the unfit have as many children as the fit. Science aims at control of that condition."

"The scientist is also going to be able to control the sex of children in the not too distant future."

Field Marshal Goering is losing weight. Maybe he's worried about having to deliver on some of those threats he's made.

Jeff Today



This closeup makes it clear that the years have been kind to James J. Jeffries. The former heavyweight champion leads the peaceful life of a farmer at Burbank, Calif. He is 64.

Triple Pendergast



In whispered conference over the defense table, Tom J. Pendergast, right, Kansas City political overlord, appears in Federal Court to answer income tax evasion charges. With him are James M. Pendergast, left, nephew and heir-apparent to the crumbling Democratic machine, and T. J. Pendergast, Jr.

LOCAL—EASTLAND—SOCIAL

PHONE 601

BESSIE TAYLOR, Editor

National Music Week Opened

The annual observance of National Music Week opened in Eastland Sunday with special musical programs in the churches. The programs for the week are fostered by the Music Study Club in their recognition of this effort to promote good music in America.

In recognition of the week, Mrs. Grady Pipkin was presented as guest soloist at the Rotary luncheon. She sang a beautiful selection of well known favorites, "My Heart," and "Thy Sweet Voice," from Samson and Delilah, and "I Love Life."

Tuesday, Mrs. Victor Ginn will be presented on the program of the Lions Club at their weekly luncheon at the Connellee Hotel. A number of other musical pro-

grams have been planned for the week that will be announced later.

Eastland Personal

Earl Taylor of Philadelphia, Pa., arrived in Eastland for several weeks' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor.

General Seibert, L. J. Lambert, Robert Henderson, students of A. & M. College in College Station, spent the past week-end in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Day announce the birth of a 7-1-2 pound baby girl, born Friday, May 5, in the Payne Hospital. The mother and baby are doing fine.

Judging from early season returns, all a ball club needs to beat the Yankees is a no-hit pitcher who can work every day.

"EGGS ARE FINE" special page headline. That way, we usually back.

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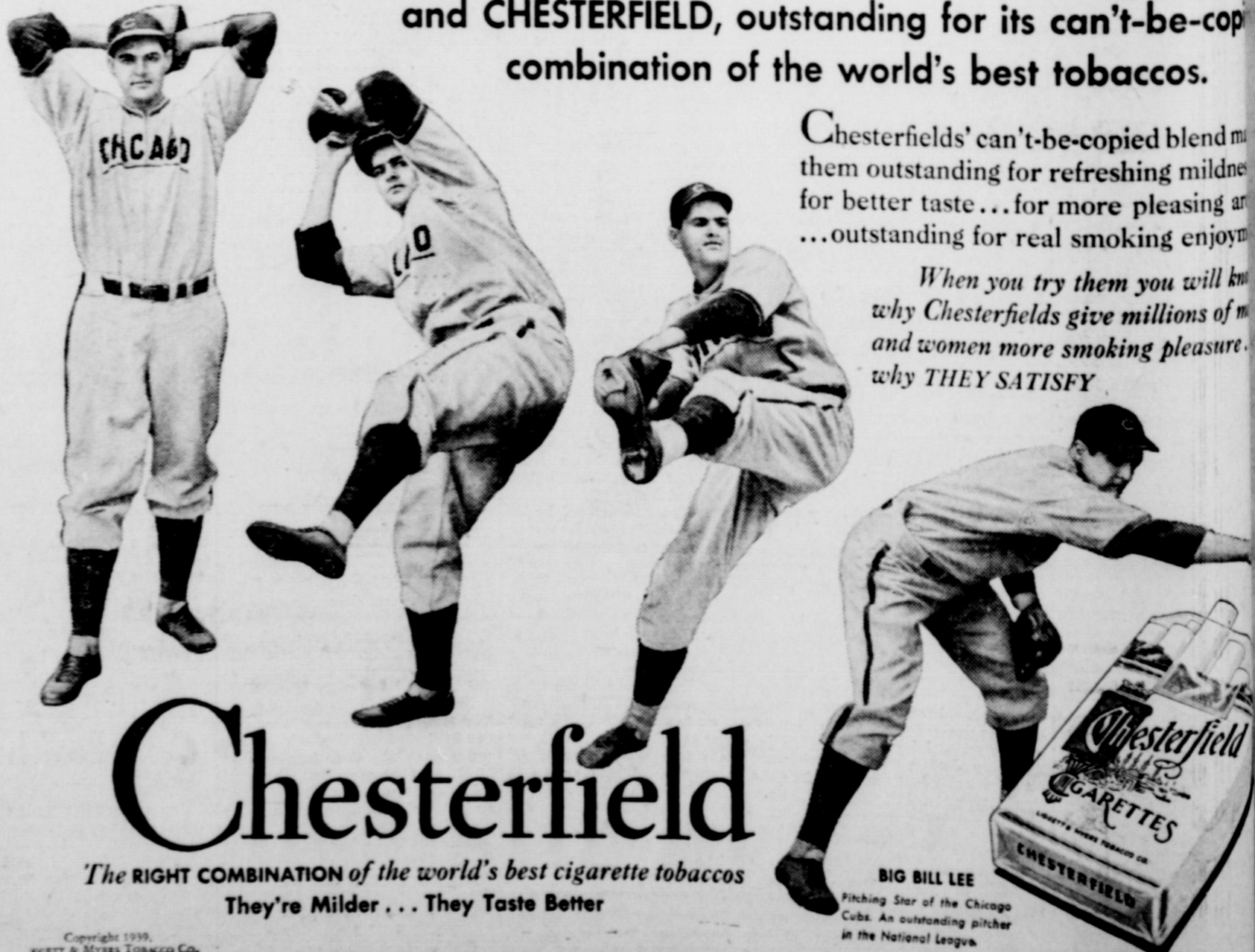
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FAMOUS CONDUCTOR

HORIZONTAL

1. 6 Pictured radio conductor.

13 English coin.

14 To retail.

15 Definite article.

16 Gentle push.

18 Kind of rubber.

20 To bail.

21 Pressed grape skins.

23 Serrated tool.

25 Must.

26 Court.

28 Eyelid.

30 Bone.

31 Musical note.

32 To disbevel.

33 Insurgent.

34 Above.

35 Stripped.

40 Road (abbr.).

41 To counter-sink.

44 Acts as a model.

45 To move.

47 Mistake.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

31 To scorch.

32 Pronoun.

33 Distributes.

34 To divert.

35 He has delivered many musical.

36 Tots.

37 Not cultivated.

38 Strings.

39 Sot.

40 Profound.

41 Due reward.

42 Direction.

43 Custom.

44 To discern.

45 Electrical term.

46 Bower.

47 Much (music).

48 Row of trees.

49 Secred interdiction.

50 Second note in scale.

51 Senior.

52 Expert flyer.

53 Branch.

54 Chaos.

55 Subjects.

56 Half an em.

49 Thing, same as a conductor.

50 Condition.

51 Noise of a sheep.

52 Brazilian Indian.

53 Negative word.

54 Grasshopper's noise.

55 Mine shaft hut.

56 He was born in —.

57 Covered cloth.

58 Leather strip.

VERTICAL

1 Grief.

2 Buffalo.

3 Extols.

4 Unit of work.

5 Lode.

6 Doctor.

7 Lava.

8 Mountain.

9 Corded cloth.

10 Subjects.

11 Half an em.

The COWBOY LEARNS to SING

Maybe he can't ride or rope, but if he can look and talk the part (and croon it, also) he's okay. For the dude ranch is doing some queer things to the west

By Mildred Gordon

HI-YAH, podner, unhitch yuh poultrie and give yore gee-gee a rest. Jest park yer sougan and hev sum chow."

Such is the lingo that cowhands all over the West are learning these days, and which any dude will tell you means, "Unsaddle your horse, stay for the night and have dinner."

Along with the more modern but prosaic speech of the West, the cowboys are shelving their overall pants and zipper jackets for fancy trousers and leather vests, and every night out behind the bunkhouse the rehearsal of cowboy songs goes on to the accompaniment of a guitar and a band of prop coyotes.

Time was when the city tenderfeet brought snorts of scorn from everyone from the lone puncher to the top hands, and anyone who took in boarders was a traitor to the code of the West. But as news circulated around that these boarders from the East could lift the mortgage off the old homestead faster than a yearlin' could throw a professor, the ranchers changed their point of view.

Invading the West this year will be a half million dudes, casting along with them 100 million dollars to scatter between 1400 great ranches which range from one-man outfits hidden in the cañons and mesquite to half-million-dollar hostleries planked down like mirages in the wide open spaces. During the cold months, the amateur punchers and their cowgals hover close to California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Nevada, but as soon as the sun begins to thaw out the trails northward, many of them trek to Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

What the cayuses, the coyotes, the WPA and the cowboys themselves could not do, the dude is doing. He is saving the "Old West," of the movie and pulp thrillers, which was dying a lingering death. He is resurrecting a language that was almost as cold as Latin, range songs that were buried for the most part in historical collections or in the hearts of wizened graybeards, bunkhouses and chuck wagons that were headed for the museums, and Indian arts that were virtually forgotten.

And not to be neglected, the dude is bringing back sagebrush romance, with yellow moons and gentle breezes and mysterious canyon perfumes and horses that know and appreciate young love at first sight and never snicker.

THE dudes want the West as it is in the movies and the pulps. As everyone knows who ever saw a western celluloid opus, most cowpunchers are handsome and they croon. They can play a guitar, roll their own, chew tobacco and speak the lingo. They can plug a buzzard at 100 yards, bulldog a steer in 16 seconds flat, and ride the strawberry roan. And just as long as the dudes are willing to pay



Society girls flock to the West in summer and winter. Many find romance, a few marry cowhands. . . Here is Alice Walker, of Washington, D. C., showing what the well-dressed dude will wear.

Miss Barton was spending the winter on a dude ranch near Hereford, Ariz., and now they are operating a spread of their own near the same spot, dealing not in dudes and romance, but in dairy farming.

Dressed in approved movie-cowboy regalia the warblers wait the old melodies with gusto although they'd faint at the sight of a Gila monster.

Joe) Newt, who has been riding herd for a quarter of a century on Southern Arizona ranches. "The real horse first threw us for a loop and then along came the horseless buggy to smell up our air and destroy our privacy. The airplane and the radio took us when we were down and wheezing like a throwed steer."

"Why things got so bad in these here parts that some punchers didn't know how to stay for their wives, they were that dumb ignorant. Now these doods are changing everything. They want a West where the rammer runs, shoot and shoot, all in the same breath. Come I'd rather ride herd on a bunch of cattle, rather than doods, since the cattle can't talk much, but just the same I take my hat off to the furriners from the East."

The trouble with the dude ranches is that the tophand can't teach an old cow pinto to be a circus horse. And he can't expect a buckaroo who's been to the best high school in Rattlesnake county to say "git" for get, "tuh" for to, "yore" for you're, and to disregard his final "g's." It takes a little practice even for the bright young cowpokes recruited from Harvard or Yale to learn to say "fork a cayuse" instead of mount a horse, "part leather" for get thrown, and to pronounce corral "kah-rell," and doggie to rhyme with stogy.

THE language handicap, however, is not even the beginning of the trial and tribulations of the cowhands. There's a pleasant little item of the campfire sing out in front of the bunkhouse where the happy cowboys always gather after a day or a week on the trail.

To begin with, the ranch probably doesn't even own a bunkhouse, since only spreads covering as much territory as Rhode Island are able to afford them. So the dude cowboys have to build one, and age it with oil paint and alkali mud so that it will look rustic.

The better guest ranches keep a few good tenors and baritones around for any emergency. Perhaps the warblers have never seen a cow before and would faint at the sight of a Gila monster, but they can wait the old melodies that the tophand teaches them, such as "Tying a Knot in the Devil's Tail," "Go Slow Doggies," or "My Orney Little Roan." And almost anyone can wring a few tears with "Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie."

The old fence riders, who couldn't tee off a note if their lives depended on it, naturally would like to get their hands on one Gene Autry who started the tradition that cowhands are in the operatic class. Autry may be the greatest two-gun hero on the screen today but nevertheless the gaunt, howlegged cow tamers would like to see him to the Indians.

Neither, of course, is the principal stock article of every dude ranch. One cow boss who "likes to guests" in Colorado sends around a memorandum to western universities every spring in his effort to recruit romantic atmosphere.

"If there are any good-looking six footers who want to spend the summer on a ranch and earn their grub, let me know," he writes. "They must be handsome. No plug-uglies need apply."

The dude ranges did right well by Dan Cupid last year. They "hitched" a couple score of eastern heiresses to sombreroed cowboys who never thought they'd marry into royalty.

Most notable of last winter's crop of weddings was that of Helen Louise Barton of Pittsburgh, daughter of a steel company executive, and Harvey Saxby, a rancher. They met while

THE waddies naturally rescued from the trash heap the paraphernalia necessary for love in the wide open spaces. They scraped the mildew off the chuck wagon, which in this generation of automobiles had become almost as obsolete as the bustle. They dug up the triangle iron dinner gong that used to call the fence riders to chow. They took off their leather, slip-on pants and donned curly-haired chaps, which look picturesque but snag the tough chaparral of the desert. They found that it paid dividends to wear sombreros, the bigger the better, and to sport blazing shirts that look like they came right out of Hollywood.

The oldtimers praise the dudes, too, for injecting a hypodermic shot into such hazardous sports of the cowlands as hugging leather on wild horses and bulldogging steers. Until a few years ago a rodeo was about as rare an event as a schottische dance, the corral sport being confined to Cheyenne, Wyo., Pendleton, Ore., Calgary, Canada, and a few other spots where the waddies got together yearly. Not until the western towns discovered that the dudes were willing to pay good greenbacks to see the punchers perform, did the rodeo enter the big ten list of western sports.

Every crossroads settlement that can spy as many as 100 dudes on the horizon is downright ashamed of itself if it fails to stage a boss opera for the edification of the tourists. During 1938 some 6700 rodeos provided 15 million customers with thrills.

Like romance anywhere, the cost of atmosphere and love in the sagebrush country is as elastic as a balloon. Dudes may smell fresh air for \$25 a week, including beans and room. If they want a fancy bed, a bedroom the size of a pocket sawtooth, and Navajo rugs to do the jitters on, they may have the privilege of paying up to \$500 a week. This price, of course, includes one penning pinto at the guest's service night and day, and pony trails that are at least 12 inches wide.

To keep the Old West intact, the dude ranch cowboys of college age get just their grub, room and cigaret money. Professional dude cowhands draw an average from \$50 to \$100 a month. Several western universities have opened classes in phases of dude ranching to teach the boys horse and cow rearing.

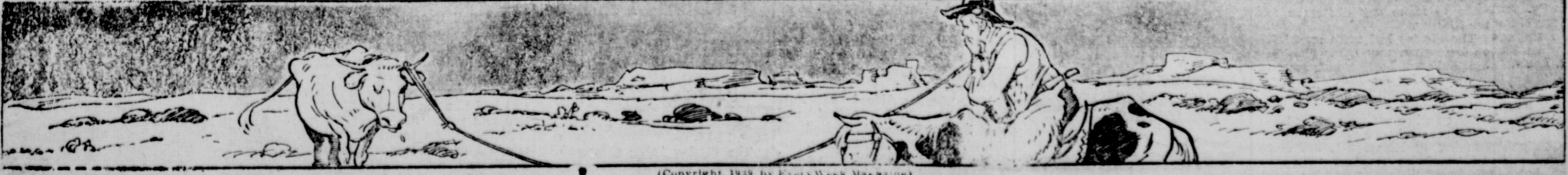
The dudes may only go so far. They mustn't hold up any stage coaches of the auto variety, or string up any folks they don't like, or pester any cows. Despite the renaissance, the West is not quite what it used to be.



Dude ranching has sent cowmen hunting for antiques of the Old West. . . This ancient stagecoach hauls dudes.

enough per head in one season to keep a cowpuncher and his flaves at college longer than a football star, that is exactly the way they are

going to find the West. Wild and Woolly. "The old West was sure 'nough gone before the dood discovered it," said Joseph (Injun



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SERIAL STORY BORDER ADVENTURE

BY OREN ARNOLD

Yesterday Hope reaches the Barro rancho, so off his horse and then across a Barro horse to ride with the aliens themselves across the Rio Grande!

CHAPTER XXVIII

THE Rio Grande, like all rivers, frequently forms islands by its shifting currents in flood time. Usually these are little patches of half an acre or less, and may be washed away again before anything but grass can grow on them. They are of little consequence, ordinarily.

But when the Rio Grande slashed hard into its eastern bank during a flood several years ago, it struck a deposit of soft earth, cut over into an old arroyo, and with a sudden dramatic rush left its old bed completely. For an hour it flooded a big field, then began slowly to eat out a new route. Soon it was back in its regular course, but removed a mile down stream. Meanwhile silt and debris had completely dammed the upper end of the now waterless stretch.

The result was that a piece of land nearly a mile long and averaging 300 yards in width lay now on the west bank of the Rio, whereas it had formerly lain on the east. This oblong area was called "New Channel Island," even though the river's old bed remained dry. There were some large boulders on it, and countless smaller rocks, and little patches of trees, scrubby like most of the growth in that western arid zone.

Hope Kildare had a good mental picture of this place and, as he rode along in Barro's cavalcade of aliens he realized anew that this New Channel crossing was ideal for smugglers to send over their human contraband. The island was miles down stream from El Paso or any other settlement. Yet it was relatively near a transcontinental highway in Texas, and near open fields suitable for airplane landings. Moreover, the terrain on the eastern or American side of the river was almost entirely clear of trees and rocks because a farmer had cleaned it, trying to make a dry-land crop there. Abandoned now, it still was flat and barren, and so held no place where Border Patrol officers, for instance, might hide.

"It's Barro's idea to lead his men right to that river bank, where the water is broad and shallow enough for wading, and send them across," Hope was thinking again. "As usual, he probably won't cross himself, even if he thought no officers were over there. He'll play safe. But—this may be once where we hold a trump card!"

HOPE had kept silent as he rode. The cavalcade, moving at a

fast walk, rode four abreast, and Hope maneuvered his horse to follow an inner row, the better to escape suspicious glances from Barro or his henchmen. Beside him now rode two Chinese and another Asiatic whose nationality he couldn't quite guess. None of them spoke either English or Spanish, he discovered. Apparently they believed he was in his Mexican disguise, another of the aliens anxious to be sent across the International line. In the darkness he was simply another human form.

"Keep moving and make no unnecessary noise," Barro and his interpreter, Gonzale, urged the line of riders, riding up and down speaking in low voices. "No talking, no breaking line. We can't afford to scatter. If strangers appear, say nothing. I will handle it."

Hope wasn't at all sure why he had slipped into the line of men himself. Still, he couldn't possibly have worked his way back to El Paso in time to join his fellow officers in the mobilization which his red signal flares would surely cause. He would have been afoot, and he would have had to keep under cover lest he be caught or detained. This way, riding boldly with the smuggler and aliens themselves, he would certainly, be on the scene if and when any action occurred. The thought gave him a certain boyish exultation.

"I've just got a pistol," he told himself, glancing around. "I wonder if I could conk one of these aliens on the head and take his rifle."

He considered that at length but finally gave up the idea for the time being. Maybe later, if the chance presented. Or maybe, at New Channel Island, he could maneuver then to ride in the darkness right beside Luis Barro himself, and render a genuine service to the United States Border Patrol!

"Hot dawg!" breathed Hope, thinking it out in detail.

WHEN the radio call for mobilization was sent out, Sheridan Starr paused only to drop a few more clips of ammunition in his pockets, and to say a last word to Betty Mary.

"Listen, Yank," he had slipped into calling her that pet name.

"We're about to have some fun, and I have a hunch it may be the old rootin' tootin' two-gun shootin' variety before it's done. You'll naturally be jittery to know what happens, so don't go to your hotel. Hang right here—you can doze in there on the old couch if you like—and the radio operator will tell you everything that comes in. Every bit of news. He'll get every

telephone report, and put everything on the air that needs to go. I've asked him to keep you posted right up to date."

"But Sherry—" "It's all right, don't thank me. I just wanted it fixed so you'd know it promptly, when I bat down Luis Barro's ears. Or get mine batted down. Well, hell's a poppin'—so long!"

He was out the door, whistling, before she could get in a word of protest. He had been unusually sober of late, seemed actually happy, now about the impending battle down the Rio Grande. His face had been more animated, his eyes had held a devilish, teasing expression. The last thing she saw of him was a wink and a quick smile. And yet—fear gripped her in that instant, using steely hands.

Dutifully, she went back to the radio room and sat down. The operator was busy and so ignored her until once he turned to say, "They're coming together by now, at the appointed place. I'll tell you when I learn anything, ma'am."

"Thank you kindly," she said.

After that she just sat and thought.

She tried to envision Sheridan Starr in action. By now he would be in a car. She wondered what car, with whom. His teammate, Hope, was in Mexico. They had long functioned as a Border Patrol team. Would Sheridan be confused now without him? Sheridan was fiercely loyal to his friend, she knew. She admired loyalty.

She envisioned Sherry's very broad shoulders, his lithe grace. He moved in an easy flow of muscle, quick, effortless. His face was at once refined and strong, his lips full, his eyes deeply set, his chin chiseled as if by some sculptor's tool.

"He carried me across the river last night as if I were a baby!" she was thinking now. "I wonder why he hasn't already—why he hasn't married."

For another half hour she sat there quietly, but after that she could stand it no longer. She tried to interest herself in a magazine that was at hand; she tried looking out a window over the city lights; she tried to interest herself in the radio equipment. But it was futile.

"I think I'll walk outside a little while," she told the operator. "But I'm anxious to know if anything happens."

"Yes, ma'am." Outside she paused for another moment of silence alone. Then with sudden snap decision she walked a block and hailed a taxicab.

(To Be Continued)

"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams



ALLEY OOP By Hamlin



RED RYDER By Fred Harman



FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS



THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



Cowboy Musicians to Accompany Train



Cowboy music and ten-gallon hats will enliven Broadway when the Texas Press Industrial Train takes a sample of Lone Star spirit to the New York World's Fair May 14. The Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band will be on the train to "whoop it up" at every stop through middle west and Eastern cities. The boys have already won international repute on European tours.

Sport Glances By Grayson

BY HARRY GRAYSON, NEA Service Sports Editor. "I," said Traynor, solemnly, "break into a cold sweat."

JOE MEDWICK is using the shortest and lightest bat he has swung since the Carteret Cloutier broke in with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1932. But that doesn't mean that Muscies is no longer a heavy hitter. The great outfielder started with a rush this trip . . . is batting .429.

UNION NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Nabors were Eastland visitors Saturday. Mrs. P. G. Wright and daughters, Flora and Rebecca, went to the Merriman Cemetery Sunday.

THE TOBACCO FOR JIFFY ROLLING



Soil, Water Exhibit For WTCC Meeting Is Being Planned

ABILENE, Texas—A soil and water conservation exhibit which is expected to attract wide attention is being arranged for the 21st annual West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention in Abilene May 15-17.

Must Stand and Fight in This Class



TRY A WANT AD—IT ALWAYS PAYS

Football coaches use discarded automobile tires to improve work, but Brother Kevin employs them to teach Cathedral School of Los Angeles boys to spar skillfully while standing a small area.