

SALES TAX IS DEFEATED BY A VOTE IN HOUSE

By United Press
AUSTIN, May 10.—The sales natural resource tax constitutional amendment for paying old pensions and other social security was defeated in the house representatives today on a vote 34 yeas and 59 noes and two yeas and 91 noes.

In a previous test the resolution had received 86 favorable yeas and Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel, who supported it strongly, had 91 favorable votes known to be for it. The applause broke out in the house after Speaker Emmett E. Anderson announced the result. The of the constitutional sales already passed by the senate, similar to that of a previous and natural resource proposition which the house had killed.

Attendance Mark Still Holding at Baptist's Revival

Revival services at the First Baptist Church is well into the third week with an increase in attendance and interest being shown. Tuesday evening Dr. Benavid, evangelist, preached to a full auditorium.

Anger Masons To Meeting at Albany

F. Donley, R. V. Burns and W. G. Ranger attended a district gathering at Albany, Tex., Tuesday evening. About 200 members of the Grand Lodge were present and witnessed a master degree conferred by the lodge with Jim White of Albany, Texas, member of the Grand Lodge acting as Worl Master. E. M. Wood of Albany, Grand Senior Warden as Deacon, and other prominent Masons from over West Texas were present.

Land Manager Turns From Meet

J. Searls, manager of the J. Searls Company store at Abilene, returned Tuesday night to Abilene, where he attended a district meeting of the company.

Woman Baptists Have Homecoming

WOMAN, May 10.—A homecoming service of the Gorman Baptist church Sunday was attended by an estimated 100 out-of-town guests. Two former pastors were present, the Rev. H. H. Winters, and the Rev. W. W. Smith of Waco. The present pastor, the Rev. N. A. Sanders, was an arrangement.

Robert Herring Is Editor of Grassbur

Robert Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Herring, Ranger, was recently elected by the student body of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, where he is a student, to the office of editor of The Grassbur for the school year, 1939-40. Herring was elected because of his personality, scholarship, and qualities of leadership.

In Soviet Shuffle



Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, and Viacheslav Molotov, chairman of the Council of People's Commissars, took over his portfolio.

Say Socialite Smuggled



Mrs. James C. Ayer, above, socially prominent New York widow of Dr. James C. Ayer, wealthy surgeon, was named as smuggler by U. S. Customs agents.

China Will Defeat Japan Is Belief Of One Observer

DALLAS, Texas.—China will still defeat the Japanese and push them back into the sea, in the opinion of Dr. Robert E. Beddoe, a medical missionary who frequently has dodged Japanese bombs in Foo Chow, China. "But every bomb is a brick in the Chinese national structure," he said on a visit here.

Official Records Perfect Record In Criminal Docket

In criminal cases Monday and Tuesday in 88th district court Criminal District Attorney Earl Comer, Jr., was "batting 100 per cent."

Pythians Put O. K. On Officer Naming

Eastland Knights of Pythias cheered Wednesday the announcement that Frank E. Smith of Abilene, grand vice chancellor, was elected grand chancellor of the grand lodge at the annual convention in Waco.

METHODISTS IN AGREEMENT ON CREED ON WAR

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 10.—Resolutions intended to ease the friction which was aroused last night when the "conscientious objection to war" section of the creed of the Methodist Church was adopted, were passed by the conference today.

Alf M. Landon, former governor of Kansas, led the fight against incorporating the right of Methodists to invoke the conscientious role in event of war, but he was defeated. Today Frank S. Hickman, professor at Duke University, and Harold Sloan, New York, editor of the Christian Advocate, offered resolutions to take out some of the sting from the defeat. Both were adopted.

Honor Eastland County Solon In Service at House

Representative P. L. Crossley of Eastland was among legislators honored in decoration services by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in the House Tuesday afternoon.

Plans Are Started For Religious Play At First Methodist

Another religious drama will be presented in the near future by the Religious Drama Players of the Methodist Church. The decision was made and plans launched for the production at a meeting of the group Monday night.

Hospital Orders Passed by Court

Commissioners' court has passed an order, it was announced Wednesday, which provides for the county to pay the difference between the operating expenses and amount of cash received from paying patients in the City-County hospital at Ranger. The plan was made to be retroactive from Jan. 1 this year.

Soft Coal Contract Negotiators Meet

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The house appropriations committee today reported a \$255,188,154 appropriation bill to finance the civil functions of the war department in 1940, including funds for flood control and rivers and harbors projects.

Oil Proration Bill Signed By O'Daniel

AUSTIN, May 10.—Continuation of oil proration in Texas until Sept. 1, 1941, was assured today when Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel signed the bill extending the law for two years. It would have expired Sept. 1, 1939.

Oklahoma Man Is Reported Very Ill

S. J. Day of Muskogee, Okla., who arrived Sunday night in Eastland for a visit, Wednesday was reported seriously ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. E. Sikes. He became ill suddenly.

Coal Parley Generates Heat



Center, during coal strike parley at New York City. Right, Charles O'Neill, spokesman for mine operators, listens in.

Braddock Back Sought For Double Killing



Jim Braddock, former heavyweight champion, gives the impression that comebacks are not so simple, at that, as he prepares to return to the ring by working out in a New York gymnasium.

Bank President Shot By Bandit Who Robbed Bank

MAY PEARL, Texas, May 10.—W. G. Wilmon, president of the May Pearl Bank, was shot and slugged by a six-foot, red haired bandit this afternoon, who escaped with an undetermined amount of cash from the bank's till. The bandit escaped in a Mercury four-door sedan, toward Grandview. Guards have been placed on all roads leading from May Pearl.

Duke and Duchess Cancel U. S. Visit

PARIS, May 10.—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have definitely abandoned the idea of visiting the United States and the New York World's Fair, it was learned today.

Army Civil Funds Reported to House

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Women Have Final Meeting of Season

Members of the Morton Valley Parent-Teacher Association assembled for their last meeting of the school year Tuesday, May 9, in the school auditorium.

RUSSIA HOLDS KEY POSITION IN BIG CRISIS

Soviet Russia today assumed the key role in the European picture.

Great Britain, seeking to draw Russia into a security agreement, which would include armed resistance to aggression by Germany, assured Russia that she would be expected to assist victims of aggression in Eastern Europe only after Britain and France, coming to the aid of those victims, were actually engaged in war.

The statement was made by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons. However Chamberlain told questioners that the government still is opposed to a military alliance of Britain, France and Russia.

Eastland Service Club Hopes to Aid Blind With Event

Following is an article released Wednesday by officials of the Lions Club who tell of blind work and the style show May 18 which will enable a continuation of the charity endeavor: "Many school children have been benefited during the past year by the Lions Club blind work which means by the purchase of glasses for children who need them to see properly and who have not the funds with which to buy a pair. The Lions Club makes it its job when hearing of a case where glasses are needed, to investigate the case and supply the examination and the glasses if it is proved that they are needed for the child to see adequately."

New Lion Official Visitor In Eastland Regular Luncheon

Eastland Lions several weeks ago were first to endorse W. H. LaRoque of Cisco for governor of this Lions district and Tuesday he made his first official visit—to Eastland. LaRoque was elected at the convention this week in Mineral Wells.

Nordic Countries Plan a Reply To Hitler Suggestion

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, May 10.—Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will send individual notes to Germany, politely declining Adolf Hitler's offer of non-aggression pacts, it was understood today following the four-power "Nordic" conference here.

Maverick Wins In San Antonio Voting

SAN ANTONIO, May 10.—A final tabulation today of votes in yesterday's mayoralty race gave the following totals for the leading candidates: Maury Maverick, former congressman, 18,375; C. K. Quinn, the incumbent, 14,874, and LeRoy Jeffers, 11,503.

Rising Star Man Is Named to NSWA

W. T. Tyler of Rising Star and J. D. Sandifer, Jr., of Breckenridge, both directors of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas association, have been named to serve on the executive committee of the National Stripper Well association, according to notice received here.

THE WEATHER
Fair, cooler in the night. Thursday fair, in part, portion.

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## Look at the Substance; Forget the Word

Our political words are getting all scrambled. Some of them have come to mean practically nothing at all.

When men understand widely different things by the same word, then that word is no longer of much value.

Two words ring in every ear today, and all day long. They are "democracy" and "dictatorship."

Are we all talking about the same thing when we use these words? Let's see. Democracy. Why, that's a country where the people govern themselves!

Is it? Well the United States is not, never was, and never was intended to be, a pure democracy. It is a democratic republic.

The people govern themselves, but not directly. They are governed by popularly-chosen officials who have certain powers as long as they are in office. People can replace them with others if they don't like what is done. That is a republic, but it is not pure democracy.

Is Sweden a democracy? Of course not, we say. It is a monarchy. The king is head of the state, and he rules because his father ruled.

Yet in Sweden everything of importance is done by popularly-elected representatives of the people. The king walks about town or rides the trolleys like anybody else. And the Socialists think he's swell. In many ways Sweden is more democratic under the monarchy than France is under a republic.

Is Russia a democracy? It is a government set up and run by the members of a single party. They alone have power. They alone have rights. This is a theory that works like this: A small party of highly-trained people decide that the great bulk of the people are dopes, and unable to govern themselves.

So they say, "With the best motives in the world, and in behalf of those voiceless millions, we appoint ourselves their representatives. We will seize power and rule for them until some day they are able to do it themselves."

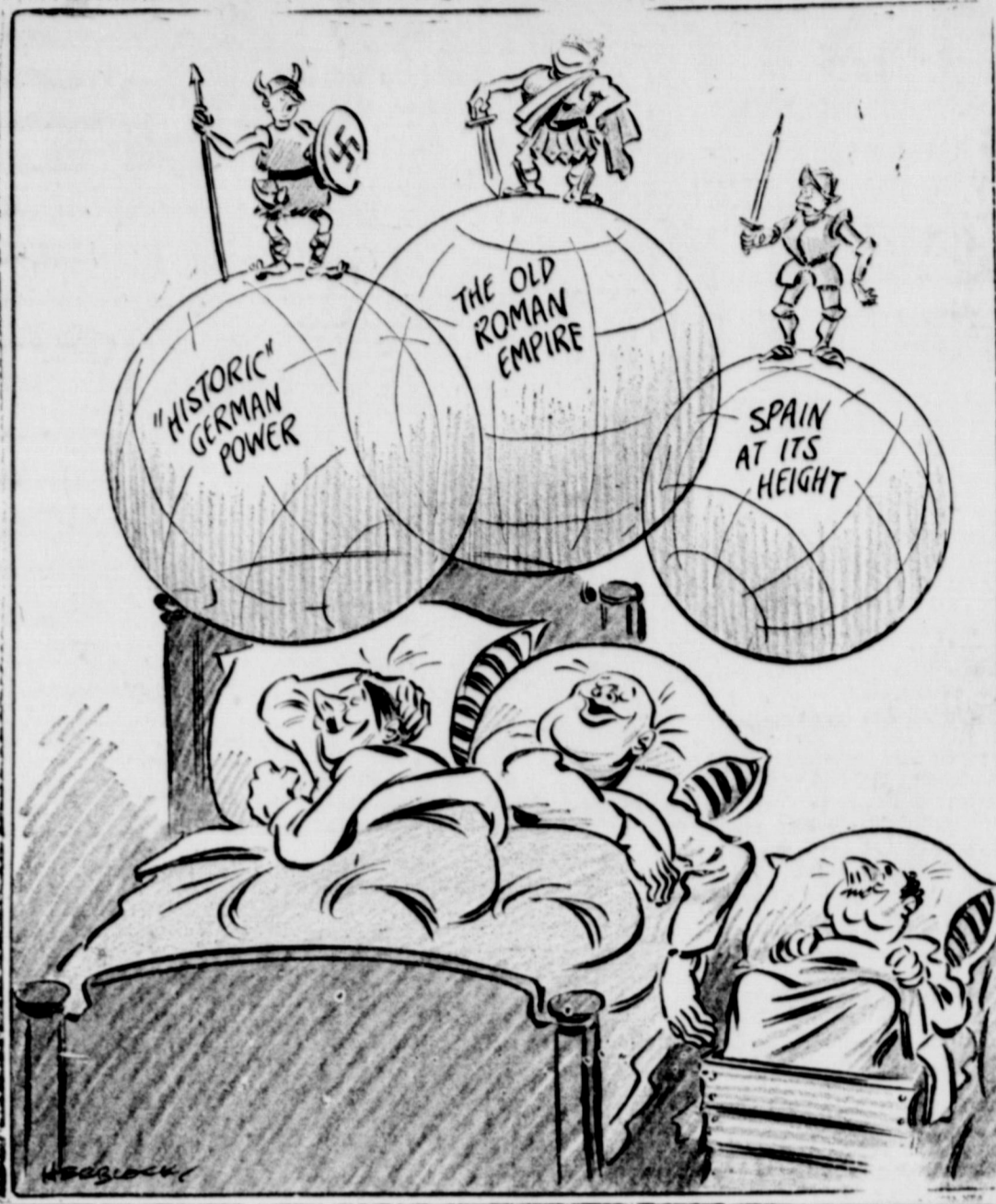
But your most rigid South American dictator always insists that he also is merely a trustee of the people's power, ruling for them until they are able to do it themselves. And that is dictatorship.

So whenever we hear those words "democracy" and "dictatorship" today let's stop and ask ourselves, just what do we mean?

Better than either word today is "a free country." Every American has defiantly asked the question "Well, it's a free country isn't it?" He knows what that means.

And the important thing about any country today is not "Is it a democracy?" or "A dictatorship?" or "A monarchy?" but "Is it free?"

## Overlapping Dreams



## • BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—A new secret organization which has evolved a brand-new method of undermining the Nazi regime in Germany, and whose membership embraces a considerable number of government employes both in the United States and abroad, has just completed the first move in its anti-Hitler campaign.

This organization is called the International League for Truth in Germany.

It has adopted the familiar technique of printing anti-Hitler pamphlets, booklets and other literature for distribution inside Germany, but it has added a surprising new twist to the method of distribution.

Instead of sending its literature to opponents of the Nazi regime, it sends them to its friends—and is most anxious of all to get the material into the hand of the Gestapo itself.

For its principal aim is not to supply the anti-Hitlerites in Germany with propaganda material. That is being done quite capably by the existing "underground" movement, with which the league has no connection whatever.

The big idea is to sow dissension and create confusion within the Nazi movement, to make Nazi officials suspicious of one another, to give the Gestapo the impression that the threat of the underground movement is greater than it really is—and, as a final end-product, to arouse in the Nazi movement itself a distrust of Hitler.

Its first venture involved the distribution in Germany of several hundred thousand copies of a play, "Nights in Armor," an allegorical study of a dictator written by a U. S. government employe.

The play advances the idea that the dictator (quite recognizable as Hitler) is an undersexed, neurotic person whose whole career is simply a compensation for his own personal shortcomings.

Now the big idea was not so

much to get this play into the hands of the ordinary people as to get it into the hands of the Gestapo. Bundles of copies were left on street cars, in public buildings and in other places where the authorities would be sure to find them. The theory is that after some hundreds of bundles had been confiscated in all parts of Germany, the Gestapo would begin to get a highly exaggerated idea of the extent to which such material is actually reaching the populace.

Then there was this sort of stunt. In a given German city the league might know that there are 200 Nazi groups. It would get its pamphlets into the hands of 100 of the group leaders. These leaders, presumably, as loyal Nazis, would immediately turn the copies in to the Gestapo.

But the other 100 group leaders, never having received any copies, would have nothing to turn in. The Gestapo, however, assuming that distribution was made to all the groups in the city, would begin to suspect that half of the group leaders are disloyal.

Part of the pamphlets sent to Germany are printed in English, or some other non-German tongue. The Gestapo naturally has them translated by government experts. These translators are men of culture, many of them are non-Nazis whose devotion to Hitler is mild at best.

They absorb what they translate, start talking about it to their friends and, before long, the material in the translated pamphlet becomes part of the undercover gossip of people who could not otherwise be reached.

The league is amply financed and solidly organized. It has no notion that the campaign it plans will, of itself, bring about the downfall of Hitler.

It does believe that it will help to confuse the Nazi organization, that it will spread disquieting rumors and create poisonous suspicion, and that in the end it will help pave the way for Nazism's downfall.

## Ranger I. O. O. F. To Celebrate First Orphanage Open.

Odd Fellows of Ranger will celebrate, Thursday night, the anniversary of the founding of the world's first fraternal orphanage.

On May 11, 1875, in Meadville, Pa., this orphanage was opened by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A little girl who had lost her parents was the first to enter it.

Since that day the Odd Fellows have founded and maintained 65 homes for the care of orphans and aged members. Thousands of parentless children have found a home and an education in these homes.

The expense of maintaining these homes is borne by more than 1,500,000 members of the Odd Fellows, divided into more than 25,000 subordinate lodges, principally on the North American continent.

The Ranger lodge also will be host to Gorman and De Leon Odd Fellows, who will attend and present two candidates for the second degree, which will be conferred by Ranger Odd Fellows.

## LOCAL—EASTLAND—SOCIAL

PHONE 601

BESSIE TAYLOR, Editor

### CALENDAR TONIGHT

Choir practice, 7:30 p. m., Methodist Church.  
B. T. U. at 7:15 at Baptist Church.

Revival services each evening at 8 o'clock at Baptist Church. Every one invited.

### CALENDAR THURSDAY

The Thursday Afternoon Study Club will have their closing meeting of the year in the home of Mrs. B. W. Patterson. A 1 o'clock luncheon will be served followed with the annual business program as listed in the yearbook.

B. T. U. at 7:15 p. m. at Baptist Church.

Revival services at 8 o'clock at Baptist Church. Dr. Ben M. David is conducting the services.

### Ranger Couple Honored With Shower at Eastland

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Angus, 401 East Conner street, of Eastland, entertained with a delightfully planned shower Friday evening, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Peck, Jr., of Ranger. Mrs. Peck was the former Miss Seelna Christine Like, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Like of Ranger, before her marriage last Friday evening in the apartment of Judge and Mrs. McFatter of Ranger.

"This is my toe," harnyard. I sail my ship, in cease-pines, follow the leader, and various other new parlor games were enjoyed until a late hour.

The living room and dining room were beautifully decorated with fern, roses, sweetpeas and honeysuckle. The table was laid with a beautiful white linen cover. The cake was baked by the Eastland Bakery, and was adorned with a small bride and groom and decorated with white lilies and wedding bells.

The bride wore a corsage of sweet peas. She was presented with a small rolling pin with instructions.

Fruit punch and after-dinner cookies were enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Peck, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Like, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Peck, mother and father of the groom; Mr. D. B. Roark, great grandfather of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wright, Mrs. Hugh Swendell, Mrs. Leona Fox, Mrs. Carl Knight, Bernice Milmo, Betty Jo Woods, Mary Belle Williams, Dorothy Matthews, Margaret Sue Angus, Franklin Swendell, William David Angus, Thomas Claude Powell, Dickie Powell and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Angus.

Mrs. Angus was assisted in entertaining by Dorothy Matthews and Mary Belle Williams of Ranger.

### Mother-Daughter Banquet Friday

Friday night at 7:30 the annual Mother-Daughter banquet, a pre-Mother's Day observance, will be held in the lower assembly room of the Methodist Church. The event is sponsored each year by the Martha Dorcas Class.

As a special feature, Mrs. G. Alfred Brown of Ranger will be guest speaker. Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins and Mrs. V. T. Seaberry will be presented also. The Harmony Girls are to furnish music

for the occasion. Tickets will be sold by Mrs. Frank Roberson, Mrs. Frank Campbell, Mrs. Mae O'Neil and Mrs. Ed T. Cox, Jr. The public is invited to attend.

### High School Group to Meet

Members of the Mother-Teacher Club of high school will meet Thursday afternoon, May 11, at 4 o'clock in room two of the high school, according to an announcement issued today.

### Eastland Personal

Robby Robinson of Ranger visited here Tuesday.

John Barnes, Ranger, was a business visitor Wednesday in Eastland.

Herbert Reed was a business visitor Wednesday in Ranger. The seven pound and four-ounce daughter born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Day has been named Dixie. The mother and daughter continue to do nicely.

## Lack of Two Pesos Prevents Jail Term

EL PASO, Tex.—The two Mexican pesos absent, kept Thomas Ochoa serving a jail sentence wanted to serve.

Ochoa was sentenced to a vagrancy charge, but after only part of his time up, and fled to Juarez, Mex.

Then he decided he would come back. Through his agent word to Judge Dickford that he would come unconditionally provided no penalty would be imposed.

He fled in the first he said, because he wanted to tend his baby's funeral.

Judge Langford told Ochoa that he would accept band's offer if he could get death certificate to show baby really was dead.

But Ochoa sent word could not get the certificate, he said. He had two pesos, and he was not able to get the money.

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## U. S. A. STATESMAN

### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Vice president of the U. S. A.
- 14 Pearls-shelled mussel.
- 15 Animal group.
- 16 Roof edge.
- 17 To scatter hay.
- 18 Bird's perch.
- 19 Bond.
- 20 Turf.
- 21 Measure.
- 22 Brewer's vat.
- 23 To stop up.
- 24 Tennis point.
- 27 Butter lump.
- 29 To raise.
- 33 Learning.
- 38 Desires with eagerness.
- 36 Clothes-drying frame.
- 37 Merry.
- 39 To select.
- 40 Parrot.
- 41 He comes from stock.
- 43 Owed.
- 44 Postscript.
- 45 Unit of light.

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 47 Respiratory sound.
- 50 Epicural events.
- 53 Learning.
- 55 Broken tooth.
- 56 He was born in a log.
- 57 Skinned.
- 59 Rolls of film.
- 60 He is a professional.
- 4 To incline the head.
- 5 Monstrous giant.
- 6 Gaseous element.
- 7 Blood money.
- 8 Orient.
- 9 Styles of dress.
- 10 To soak flax.
- 11 Annelid.
- 12 Plant yielding ipecac.
- 13 Of the thing.
- 21 Steep descents.
- 23 Table linen.
- 25 Commanders.
- 26 Hail!
- 28 Plant.
- 30 Falsehood.
- 31 Period of time.
- 32 Self.
- 33 Yes.
- 34 Carmine.
- 35 Small shield.
- 38 Indefinite article.
- 42 Roof point covering.
- 44 H. and.
- 46 To renovate.
- 48 Wings.
- 49 Part of ear.
- 51 Divided into equal parts.
- 52 Molding.
- 54 Being.
- 55 The deep.
- 56 Credit (abbr.).
- 57 Plural (abbr.).
- 58 Doctor (abbr.).

A crossword puzzle grid with a small portrait of a man in the bottom right corner.

## Mother Admits Murder of Step-Son



Murder of 18-year-old James Sullivan, left, by placing poison in soup, was confessed by his stepmother, Mrs. Anna Louise Sullivan, right, in court at Milwaukee, Wis. Thrice-married, she also admitted killing second husband, Fred Ricklets, and unsuccessful attempt to poison third husband, Michael Sullivan and his daughter.

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SERIAL STORY BORDER ADVENTURE

BY OREN ARNOLD

Yesterday, Barro's allies start to cross the river when the Border Patrol fires, calls halt. But Barro, positions in the rear of Barro.

CHAPTER XXX BARRO'S cavalcade of aliens passed within 20 feet of Sheridan Starr, who was crouched against a boulder.

It was Sherry who fired the rifle signal five minutes later and shouted the first command to halt. "ALTO!" His men in the border force repeated it. First duty always is to inform the enemy that he is under arrest, then take him peacefully if possible. Sherry realized that peaceful surrender tonight was almost a futile hope.

On the other hand, Luis Barro was too dumfounded for a few seconds to understand what had happened. The shot and the commands had come from the rear. But they had come unmistakably from the U. S. Border Patrol. All at once he was indignant. The damned Americans had dared to cross into Mexico itself!

"Who are you?" he shouted back, insolently. "We are Mexicans, on Mexican soil. You know the law. You dare not be here!" "I know your voice, Barro!" Sheridan called, clearly and loud. "But there's something you do not know. You are not on Mexican soil! I command you to surrender, or be killed!"

"But—this is Mexico! The river—" "The Rio Grande is not the international line at this point. The old channel is, not the new one. The river has changed, but the two countries have not changed the line survey. You and your aliens are all on American soil and you are under legal arrest. Manos arriba!"

An almost electric tenseness had gripped both groups during this brief exchange, then suddenly it broke. A woman screamed; somebody groaned in sheer terror. Horses sensed the excitement and began pitching. Luis Barro cursed. Then he jerked out his pistol and fired in the direction of Sheridan's voice.

His shot released a ragged volley from 20 or 30 rifles and pistols around him. The officers held their fire until they could speak, one more warning command—"HALT! . . . ALTO!" The shooting only increased. Sheridan saw a fellow officer fall and writhe in agony.

"OKAY, LET 'EM HAVE IT!" Sheridan yelled then. Luis Barro spurred his horse in that instant, guiding back westward toward the first opening he could see in the night shadows. But another horseman had spurred with him and came now to his

side, half stood on his own running horse and dived. Barro was grasped around the neck. Both men tumbled hard to the ground.

Border Patrol rifles barked rapidly now. Crack! Crack! Crack! Sheridan saw the aliens and smugglers break in a wild stampede. Those who had entered the water ran foolishly back into the fight. Most of the riders, having no saddles, jumped or fell off their mounts. All of them were hemmed in by a long arc of officers strung out toward the west, and by the river itself toward the east. Yelling, shooting, screaming, shouting, crying men and women lunged about in confusion everywhere. A tall bearded fellow loomed in the night and shot seemingly point blank at Sheridan Starr, but missed.

"Don't shoot any women!" he yelled in command to the officers. "Just pick off the men. All right, Barro—had enough?" "Barro didn't answer, but in a few minutes more the shooting subsided. An officer had thrown a bright flare into the midst of the aliens and it lit the scene theatrically. Its startling brightness, although harmless, seemed to have the effect of a huge bomb. Foreigners were thrown in terror, stood now with their hands in the air. Five minutes more of this, and Sheridan again took verbal command.

"MOVE up together, men!" he shouted, "and disarm 'em one by one. Bunch them together. Be careful, but don't shoot any more if you don't have to." From his left he heard a woman calling. And, strangely, calling him by name!

"Sheridan! Are you all right, Sheridan?" Startled, the young officer paused for a second, standing with his pistol ready. He stared into the darkness but could see no one. Then he heard someone running toward him.

"Who is it?" he barked. His mind refused to verify what he thought he knew. It didn't make sense! "Sherry? Is it over? Are you hurt any? I'm coming!" She came rushing to him then and he couldn't say a thing. He just put an arm around her and squeezed her and stared down at the top of her head, and felt her trembling and patting his back and murmuring, "Sherry . . . Sherry!" in little broken sobs.

"I told you to stay home!" he muttered at last. "Honey girl!" "I couldn't." "No." He said it matter-of-factly, as if he hadn't expected her to; as if he could understand.

"Nobody has slipped through. I'm sure of that," he said then. "The officers are rounding them up now. Closing in. Barro's in there somewhere sure as fate, Betty Mary! We've got him—thanks to you! There won't likely be any more shooting now. Stay behind me and come on."

It was a battlefield, after the battle. A dozen or more horses were down, dead or wounded. And the bright white light of the flare revealed several human bodies as well.

"First thing for you and me now, little girl, is to help the wounded men," Sheridan was saying as he walked. He turned to address her direct—"We can save lives by prompt—" He halted. She wasn't there! She hadn't followed at his heels, as ordered.

But all at once she called to him again. Almost screamed. "Sherry! Here's Hope . . . Hope . . . Oh Sherry!" They stooped to touch him. Apparently a Mexican, really an American in disguise. The odd stooping position of his body attracted her Mary, and even under extraordinary circumstances she had seen something familiar about the man. She and Sherry moved to lift him.

"There's Barro under Hope!" Sherry suddenly cried. "He's tied, hand and foot! With bridle reins. My god, Betty Mary! . . . Oh my god! . . . Hope captured Barro . . . then a wild bullet—! . . . Don't you see?"

Sherry's own youthful voice had broken into a sob as full realization came to him. A full quarter hour later other officers came to take charge; quietly, efficiently doing what had to be done. They found big Sheridan sitting on the ground beside his teammate, head and arm on bent knees, crying in full abandon as only a strong man can. They saw Betty Mary, face strained and pale, encircled in one of Sheridan's arms and held tightly there.

They straightened out the body of Hope Kildare ever so gently and covered it, and then they locked handcuffs on Luis Barro's wrists and led the dazed smuggler away.

After the other prisoners were taken in charge and started toward El Paso, and first aid had been given the wounded men, an older officer and four others strode up to Hope and Betty. The older man knelt on one knee, hat in his hand, reached out an arm and patted Sheridan on the shoulder.

"Son," he spoke tenderly. "It is very late now. These men will stay here. It is time for you and your lady to go home."

(THE END)

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS



They Also Die Who Prevent Deaths by Hiway Accidents

AUSTIN — They also die—the men whose business it is to prevent death.

Something deep inside of them withers at the sight of a mangled child, the charred body of a stalwart young farmer, the crazily twisted form that once was a housewife.

They die, each man in his own way and slowly by degrees, because they see so much of what the state has charged them with stopping, and they fight against a sense of futility, and pray that the next crash won't happen or, if it does, that it won't claim a child.

The man was driving at moderate speed and the little boy, two and a half years old, had a pop gun and he was popping it at things along the road, like kids will.

"The driver sort of played up to him, and pointed out things along the way for the boy to shoot at. 'Get that cow,' he'd say, or 'there's a buffalo right behind that tree over there.'"

"That's how the driver's attention was diverted for a second. The car swerved to the right and the driver pulled it back sharply to get onto the pavement again. Then it swung way to the left and into the ditch on the far side and hung on its nose.

"The little boy was thrown out into the ditch—and then the car toppled over on top of him."

"Accident: Fatal."

When a patrolman takes out after a speeding car, he races more than a salesman in a hurry, or a college student trying to keep his date on time, or merely a speed demon. It is death that the patrolman races, and death won that race 1,610 times in Texas last year.

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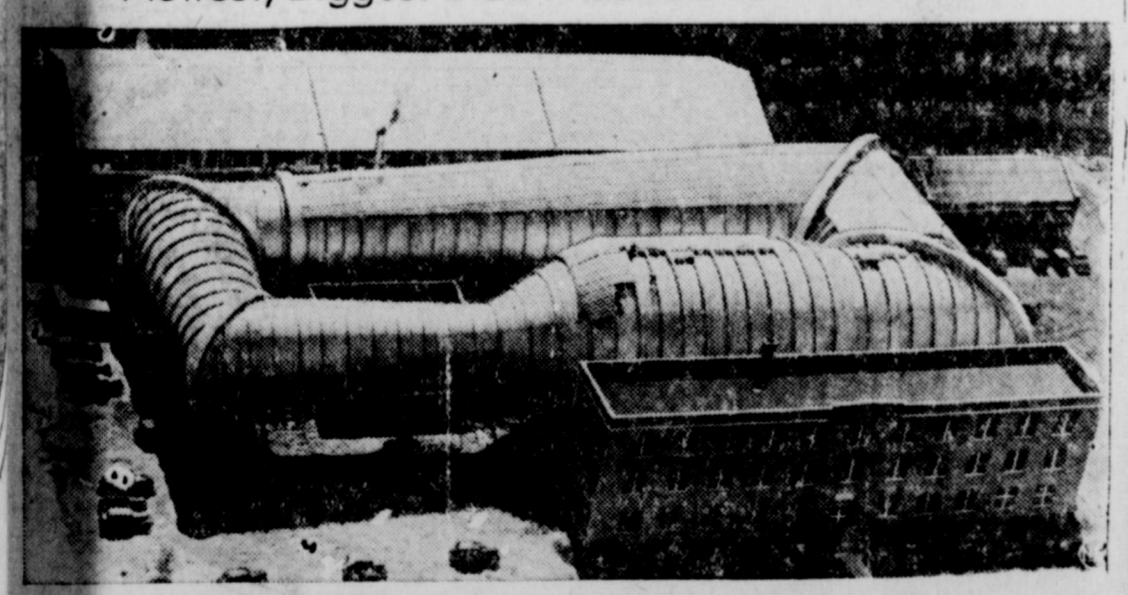
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# WHEN ONE DRINK IS TOO MANY

Showing how toy balloons, speed cops and scientific laboratories were used to prove that even a little alcohol in the motorist imperils highway safety



By Bert H. Davis

THE traffic cop's command, "Pull over to the curb!" is losing its old-time meaning.

It won't invariably mean that a motorist is to be penalized at court.

Perhaps the officer wants his help for about three minutes. The driver will be invited to answer two or three questions—and blow up a balloon.

Then he'll go on his way, wondering what information could be collected from a ballooning of breath.

In an Illinois city, already the scene of many traffic studies, 1750 drivers had an experience like that. The balloon-blowing showed that a number of them had been drinking, though not nearly so many as some students of highway safety had guessed.

From these recent tests, the men whose profession keeps American streets and highways safer learned much more about the drinking driver. They're more certain, too, of the point at which he becomes dangerous. It's been proved by this additional evidence that even one drink or two, under some conditions, makes a driver more dangerous to himself and to others.

Of course, tests that weigh and measure the alcohol in the blood, in the urine, or in the spinal fluid are not new. Evanston, Ill., is among the cities where the testing of body fluids for the presence of any considerable load of alcohol has been going on for several years. It's a common practice in several European capitals, too.

FOR three years the Evanston police have made a fluid test in every automobile accident case that was serious enough to send someone to a hospital. The cops' partners in this project were the National Safety Council, the Chicago Motor Club, and the Evanston Medical Society, with Dr. Herman A. Hense of Milwaukee directing.

So presently there were 270 complete reports on a three-year crop of accident causers, to be turned over to the new Traffic Institute of Northwestern University. Those files went before Lieut. F. M. Kreml, director of the Institute, and Richard L. Holcomb, research director, for careful study.

Some other tests around the country have been showing that from 40 to 60 per cent of the drivers involved in serious accidents had been drinking within a few hours before the mishap. Evanston's records ran through more years and more seasons than most, and so that city's measurement of alcohol in the blood had more significance than average.

Of the 270 drivers tested after personal injury accidents, 46.6 per cent had some alcohol in the system.

Nearly one-seventh went to, or past, the 0.15 per cent line—which might be termed the "old danger line."

That is, for some years the red light against

driver after drinking has been set at 0.15 per cent, if not before. When the blood was carrying that much of an alcoholic content, you couldn't be sure of safeguarding yourself or others in a speeding car or in road emergencies.

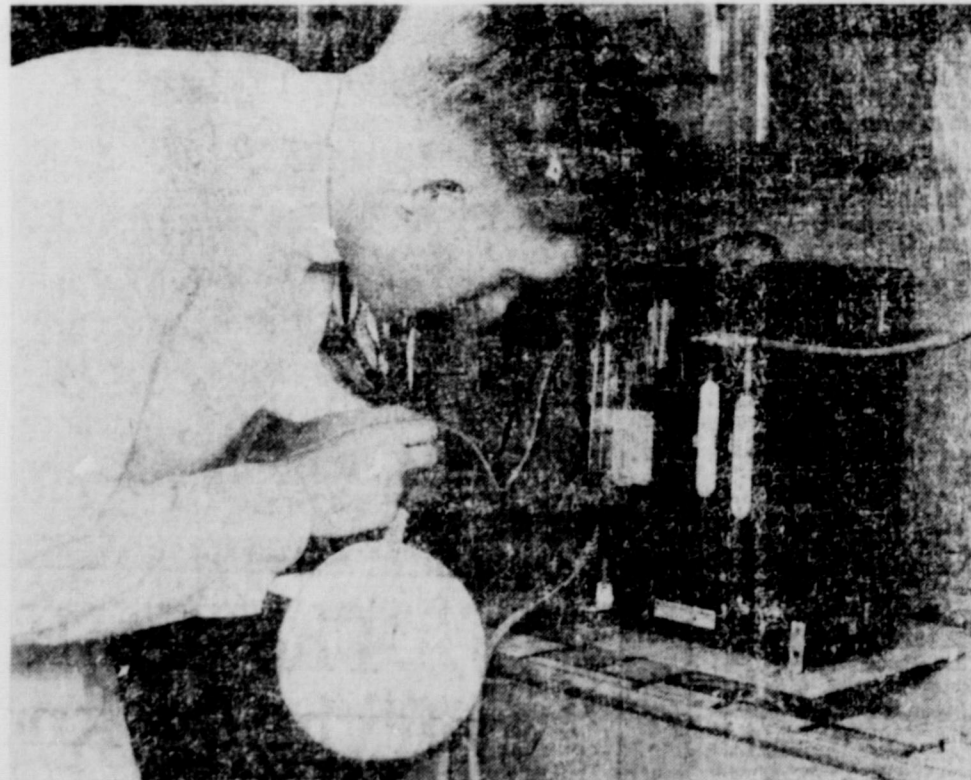
In terms of drinking, that would amount to the two- or three-beer concentration of alcohol in the blood of a 150-pound man, accustomed to drinking, who had taken perhaps six ounces of 100-proof whiskey. But the alcohol-blood effects of a certain number of drinks cannot be accurately measured by the drinker, and they'll vary even among constant drinkers.

But even when Lieutenant Kreml and his aides knew that 46.6 per cent of the Evanston automobile accidents had an alcoholic content

Too often the story told by those sketches is repeated in real life tragedies. . . . A few sociable drinks. . . . One drink too many. . . . "I'm all right! I can drive." . . . Then, sudden death.

is going to be. But the percentages have little practical worth until we know how many drivers in the general population are drinking—and how much they're drinking.

THE time was ripe for the balloon-blowing tests. A handy instrument, no larger than the camera of 10 years ago, was all ready for the new need. Dr. R. N. Harger of the Indiana University School of Medicine was prepared to put a new detection instrument into the safety arsenal of the American police.



Making the breath test. . . . The suspected drunken driver blows up a balloon. Chemical reactions indicate whether he is too intoxicated to drive.

and that 13.8 per cent of the drivers were close to intoxication when they erred, that didn't prove much.

As Research Director Holcomb said: "These results are interesting, and they show how important the future study of the subject

Alcoholic fumes in the breath will bleach an acid solution of potassium permanganate. As soon as the first trial balloon's contents are discharged into Dr. Harger's drunk-o-meter or breath-tester, the presence of some alcohol in the breath is made known. The solution loses

a little of its distinctive royal-purple hue.

When that's the case, the curbstone investigation squad tells the driver to blow up a second balloon, and those contents are saved for a more exhaustive laboratory test. You can measure the amount of alcohol in the breath by the degree of bleaching that takes place. And the scientists know that one fluid ounce of blood will contain as much alcohol as 2000 fluid ounces of breath. Translate the breath-load into blood-alcohol, and you can determine just about how sober or semi-drunk a driver is.

MORE important to the Traffic Institute men, you could now make some practical use of Evanston's three-year collection of figures on the frequency of drinking-before-driving among the accident cases.

In the 270 accidents, alcohol was at least a possible factor in 126—that is, 46.6 per cent. But among the 1750 motorists who were pulled out of traffic to blow up balloons, only 12.1 per cent had enough alcohol in the breath to bleach the purple solution.

Eighty-eight drivers in 100 blew up the one balloon, registered "negative" (no bleach) on alcohol, and were sent on their way.

The others stayed long enough to blow up a second balloon, which would show about how much they had been drinking.

But in all 1750 there were only seven drivers who had as much as 0.15 per cent of alcohol in the blood. This was far below one per cent of the number—in fact, 0.42 per cent.

Now, 46.6 is nearly four times 12.1. It fellows that the drinkers as a group, measured at Evanston, are four times as likely as the average driver to be involved in a personal injury accident. For they're four times as numerous among accident-causers than they are in the general run of drivers.

If the alcohol load comes up to 0.1 per cent, the driver so indulging put himself and others a 12½ times the average traffic risks.

Yet if he should go on the highway with the 0.15 danger-load of alcohol, he is on the short end of a 33 to 1 bet against safety.

But even the moderate drinkers, with less than 0.07 per cent of alcohol in the blood, showed up with a disappointing record. There were twice as many so classified in the accident group than were discovered in the all-drivers'

tests. Investigators were surprised. So even an ounce or two of alcohol in the blood will frequently account for a ton or two of wreckage on the highway.

NO wonder the Committee on Tests for Intoxication of the National Safety Council comes before the public with a new and lower "tolerance level" for the driver who intends to be safe. It declares:

"Blood-alcohol concentrations in excess of 0.15 per cent should be considered as conclusive evidence of 'under the influence of alcohol' from the standpoint of car operation.

"When the level of alcohol in the blood at the time of the accident or violation is 0.15 per cent or below, the committee recommends that abnormal actions and other external symptoms of intoxication should be considered in determining whether to prosecute for driving while 'under the influence of alcohol.'

"When the level is below 0.07 per cent, the driver generally should not be prosecuted for such a charge."

So the recent investigations into driving after drinking have reduced the safe potion for the drinking driver by half—7 parts of alcohol permissible in 10,000 of blood (0.07) instead of the old limit of 15.

By "external symptoms of intoxication," the committee refers to such matters as the appearance and behavior of the motorist in question, his ability to walk a chalk line, his accuracy of speech when words like Methodist Episcopal are rapidly repeated.

The National Safety Council devised a two-page report on the intoxication side of a driver's examination after some accident or violation has occurred. And this report gives a fair chance to the man who seems "dopey" or "confused," yet has taken little if any alcohol.

"Have you recently taken insulin?" and "How many hours of sleep did you have last night?" are among questions designed to bring out the facts, whether they're favorable or unfavorable to an intoxication charge.

The fluid and breath tests are fair and even co-operative as concerns the man who looks like an alcohol-influenced driver, yet isn't.

Sometimes a driver with beer or liquor on his breath comes out of an accident dizzy and confused. The present methods of testing breath or body fluids show whether it's the bump on his head or something he drank that accounts for his appearance and condition.

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