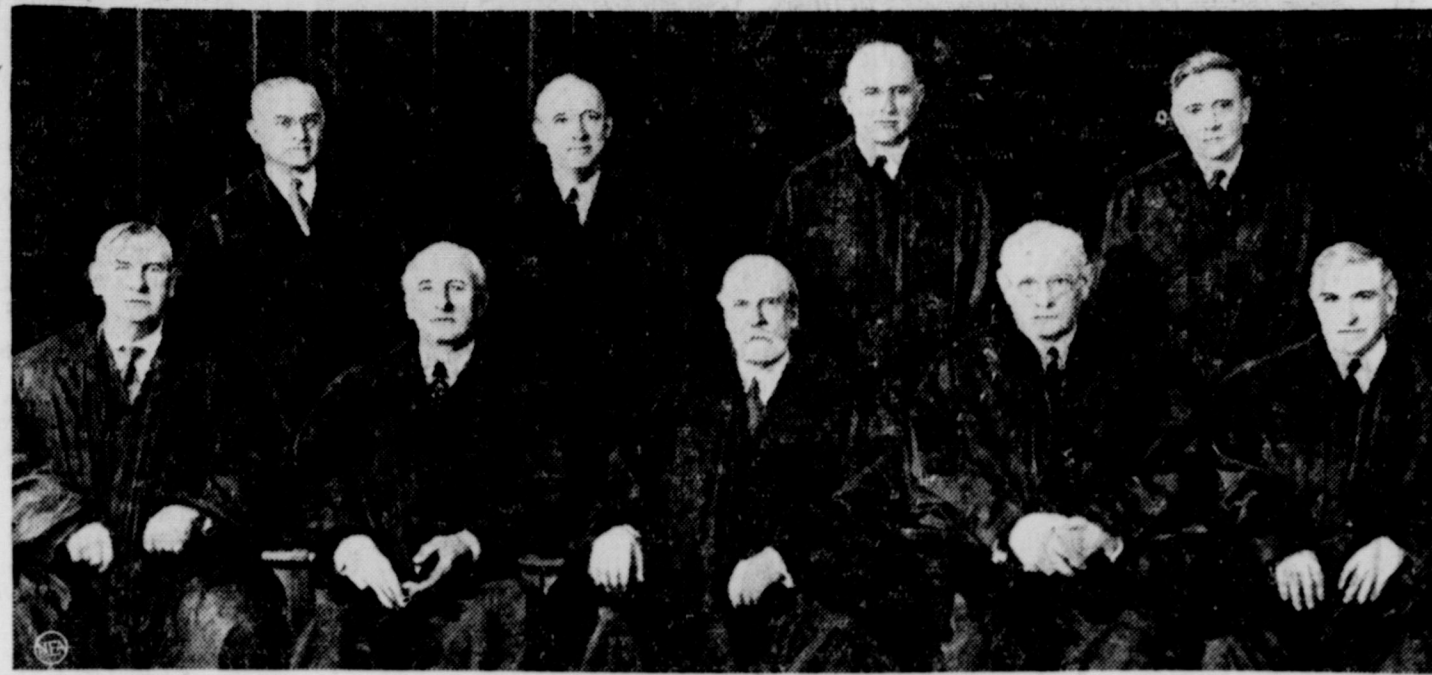


First Photo of New U. S. Supreme Court



First photograph of the U. S. Supreme Court since appointments of Felix Frankfurter and William O. Douglas. Front row, left to right: Justices Harlan Fiske Stone, James Clark McReynolds, Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, Justices Pierce Butler and Owen J. Roberts. Back row: Justices Felix Frankfurter, Hugo Black, Stanley F. Reed, and William O. Douglas.

COLLEGE TO GRADUATE SENIOR CLASS

The last of Ranger's commencement exercises will be held tonight for the graduating class of Ranger Junior College...

BABY CLIPPER IS BELIEVED LOST AT SEA

LONDON, May 30.—Hope was abandoned today for Thomas Smith, an American aviator who took off from Maine in a midjet plane Sunday morning...

County's Dead In War Recalled By Listing of Names

While there were no special programs in Eastland on Tuesday, Memorial Day, the large plaque on the first floor in the county courthouse serves as a reminder...

Another Deep Try Location Staked In Stephens Area

Extreme southwestern Stephens County, about four miles east of the old Ineb pool on the Shackelford-Stephens counties line, has received a new location in the A. G. Swanson and associates No. 1 Veale Frost, staked 660 feet from the north and east lines of section 37, block 8, T&P survey.

D. Club Work Is Explained At New Hope Club Meeting

"Home Demonstration work is for the purpose of giving this special type of training to women and girls," said Mrs. Paul Nuneley...

Roosevelt Spends A Quiet Holiday

HYDE PARK, N. Y., May 30.—President Roosevelt today observed Memorial Day in the seclusion of the summer white house. The chief executive made the most of the holiday in his own way by resting, reading and, in the afternoon, going for a drive.

EASTLAND MAN SIGNS PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

Above is Darrell Tully, an Eastland product, who Saturday signed a contract to play professional ball with the Detroit Lions. Tully, who played on the Eastland High School football team before enrolling at East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce...

FRANKS CASE TO GO TO JURY LATER TODAY

WAXAHACHIE, May 30.—Burton Franks accused of killing bank president W. D. Wilemon of Maypearl, may learn his fate late today. The state was expected to finish presenting its case against Franks and some observers believed the trial might reach the jury this afternoon.

El Paso Also Buys Argentine Beef

EL PASO, Tex.—El Paso is the gateway for thousands of head of cattle into the United States, but when El Pasoans buy corned beef they don't get it from the Mexican cattle which cross the border here or from the Texas cattle on Texas ranges. Instead, they buy corned beef from Argentina.

Memphis Ponders On Use For Old Tubs

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The city has 200 bathtubs in storage and officials are at a loss to know what to do with them. The bathtubs were taken from houses demolished when a new housing project was started.

Stranger Pays Off A Four Year Old Debt

FORT DAVIS, Tex.—When Keesey Miller answered affirmatively to the stranger who walked into his garage and asked if he had owned the place four years ago, the stranger handed him a dollar.

At Controls When Sub Sank

Among most important testimony in forthcoming official inquiry into sinking of the submarine Squalus will be that of Alfred G. Prien, above, machinist's mate, who was at controls when Squalus started plunge to sea bottom. He already has asserted all valves were closed when sub began descent.

Teague Water Works Heads Honor Roll

TEAGUE, Texas.—This community's \$50,000 waterworks system has been placed at the head of the Texas "honor roll for water systems" by State Health Officer George W. Cox, for having the state's purest water.

Two-Ton Romeo

Two-Ton Tony Romeo, the prize fight man, puts it out in role of Romeo, with Nancy Carroll portraying Juliet in radio version of balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet."

Mrs. Hal Hunter To Teach At Baylor U. During The Summer

Mrs. Hal Hunter, head of the English and Speech Department of Ranger Junior College, has been invited to teach in the English Department of Baylor University, Waco, for several weeks this summer during the absence of Dr. L. W. Courtney, who will attend the Rotary convention in Cleveland, Ohio, and make a trip through the east.

Gray Is Speaker At Rotary Parley

L. R. Gray reported on Boy Scout first aid contests held at the recent Oil Belt Safety Conference in Abilene when the Eastland Rotary club held weekly luncheon at the Connellee hotel, Tuesday.

Ranger Masons Will Elect On Thursday

Thursday evening will be the election of officers at the Ranger Masonic Lodge. Officers for the consecutive year will be elected Thursday and installed Wednesday in July. The Ranger Lodge was chartered and set to work in the fall or early winter of 1938 and will probably hold its 10th birthday sometime in early summer.

Hen Disowns Kittens; They Won't Scratch

HURLETON, Cal.—Mother love in a hen apparently ceases when her "chicks" refuse to get out and scratch for themselves. A hen belonging to Mrs. Clarence Daley mothered a family of baby kittens for several weeks. However, when the time came when real chickens would get out with her and do a little scratching on their own account, the kittens refused to leave the nest. Thereupon the hen went elsewhere to nest.

NVA Dance Honors Resort City Girls

A dance for NYA girls from Mineral Wells and NYA girls and boys from Ranger was held at the old Elks Building, Ranger, Monday evening. About 30 girls from Mineral Wells and 54 boys and girls on the Ranger projects attended. The group from Mineral Wells was chaperoned by Mrs. Montgomery, project supervisor.

Japanese Protest On Use Of Other Flags By Chinese

SHANGHAI, China, May 30.—Japan is protesting to Great Britain, France, the United States and the Netherlands against alleged misuse by Chinese of foreign flags in shipping supplies in China waters, a naval spokesman said today.

Everett Davis To Get A & M Diploma

Everett Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis of Eastland, will be graduated this week from A. & M. College at College Station. Davis majored in the college in mechanical engineering.

Former Ranger Grid Player Now Married

A letter from Bill Peyton, former Ranger High school football player, to his grandmother, Mrs. M. L. Wilkes, of Ranger, states that he is now in the State of Washington, while the U. S. S. Maryland, upon which he is stationed, is in dry dock for repairs.

Nevada Is Given Site For Big Park

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The public lands committee today placed on file a report approving a bill to transfer the title to 10,000 acres of the Boulder Dam Reservation to Nevada for use as a state park. The land surrounds an inlet on Lake Mead, a few miles from Las Vegas, Nev., and will serve as a recreation area.

Presbyterians Do Not Vote On Union

MONTEAT, N. C., May 30.—The 79th general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States (South) today referred to Presbyteries without recommendation the question of organic union with the Northern Presbyterian Church.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Fair tonight and Wednesday.

JAPAN BLAMES SOVIET RUSSIA WITH ATTACKS

TOKYO, Japan, May 30.—The Japanese press today blamed Soviet Russia for severe fighting on the Manchukuo frontiers of Outer Mongolia and Siberia. Japan protested to Moscow against reported Russian attacks on Japanese gunboats on the Amur River following more widespread fighting on the Manchukuo-Outer Mongolia border, where airplanes and mechanized units were in action.

COMMITTEE TO HEAR PROTEST ON TAX BILLS

AUSTIN, May 30.—A scheduled meeting of the State Affairs Committee of the Texas Senate today overshadowed interest in the senate's formal session. The house observed Memorial Day without meeting.

Soviet Russia Is Believed Ready to Accept Proposal

MOSCOW, Russia, May 30.—Soviet Russia was believed to have reached a decision on whether to enter into an alliance with France and Great Britain on Britain's terms, and it was thought that foreign commissar V. M. Molotov would announce the decision in a speech to the supreme soviet tomorrow night.

Safety League Has Representatives In Ranger Today

Members of the State Safety League spent several hours in Ranger in the interest of safety, and visited with citizens and heads of the different civic organizations.

DATE WITH DANGER

BY HELEN WORDEN

Mary Franklin... other paragraph caught his attention...

"Who is the hot little debutante... He studied it sharply, reached for his clipping shears...

CHAPTER XVII Mary said goodbye to Jack, she went to...

MARY had just lifted the top of her desk and was slipping the typewriter into place...

worried about Clem... too nice a girl to crack him must be done...

"Good afternoon," he said, as she settled in her chair. "Glad to see you. The office is brighter when you're here."

Tom Ladd had prepared... afternoon's quiet review of...

"A press agent doesn't know the meaning of the word 'no,'" he fumed, turning to answer a phone call...

He picked up the Star again... his eye traveled furrowed...

"Did you want to talk with me?" She wondered why she cared for him. He had never shown any personal interest in her aside from that morning he took her to the Plaza for breakfast...

Inner Boom Put Nation-Wide Basis Recently

By United Press. DALLAS, Texas—The presidential boom in behalf of John Garner has been put on an all-nationwide basis in the last few days...

Pennsylvania and New England, Germany explained. "We have not sent any letters to Texas Democrats because we know that they stand in a vast majority in favor of Mr. Garner's candidacy..."

LEY OOP

WHILE WOTTASQUASH ORNERS SWARMS WITH POLICE IN SEARCH OF THE PHANTOM APE, LEY OOP IS MILES AWAY, RIDING A BIG FREIGHT TRUCK

WELL, THERE'S TERMINAL CITY. YEP! WE'LL JUST ABOUT MAKE THE MARKET AT DAWN

WISH WE'D STUCK AROUND WOTTASQUASH! I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT THAT PHANTOM APE LOOKED LIKE

GEE! WOTTA DIZZY-LOOKIN' DUMPL! THIS DON'T LOOK LIKE TH' PLACE WHERE I LEFT OOLA!

"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams



Teachers Attracted By Lone Star State Bureau Head Says

AUSTIN, Texas—Texas is proving an attractive field for teachers from other states, Miss Miriam Dozier, University of Texas teacher placement secretary, said today...

Mexico's Economic Problems Can Be Solved By Effort

JUAREZ, Mex.—Any economic problem in Mexico can be solved by the combined forces of Mexico and the United States...

RED RYDER By Fred Harman



BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—It will be six months or thereabouts before the Department of Agriculture knows whether the food distribution stamp idea, now being tried out in Rochester, N. Y., is really coming up to expectations...

SISTER MARY'S KITCHEN

Tomorrow's Menu: BREAKFAST: Stewed prunes with lemon and orange peel, dry cereal, Canadian bacon, warmed coffee cake, coffee, milk.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



Eastland Business Operator Returns

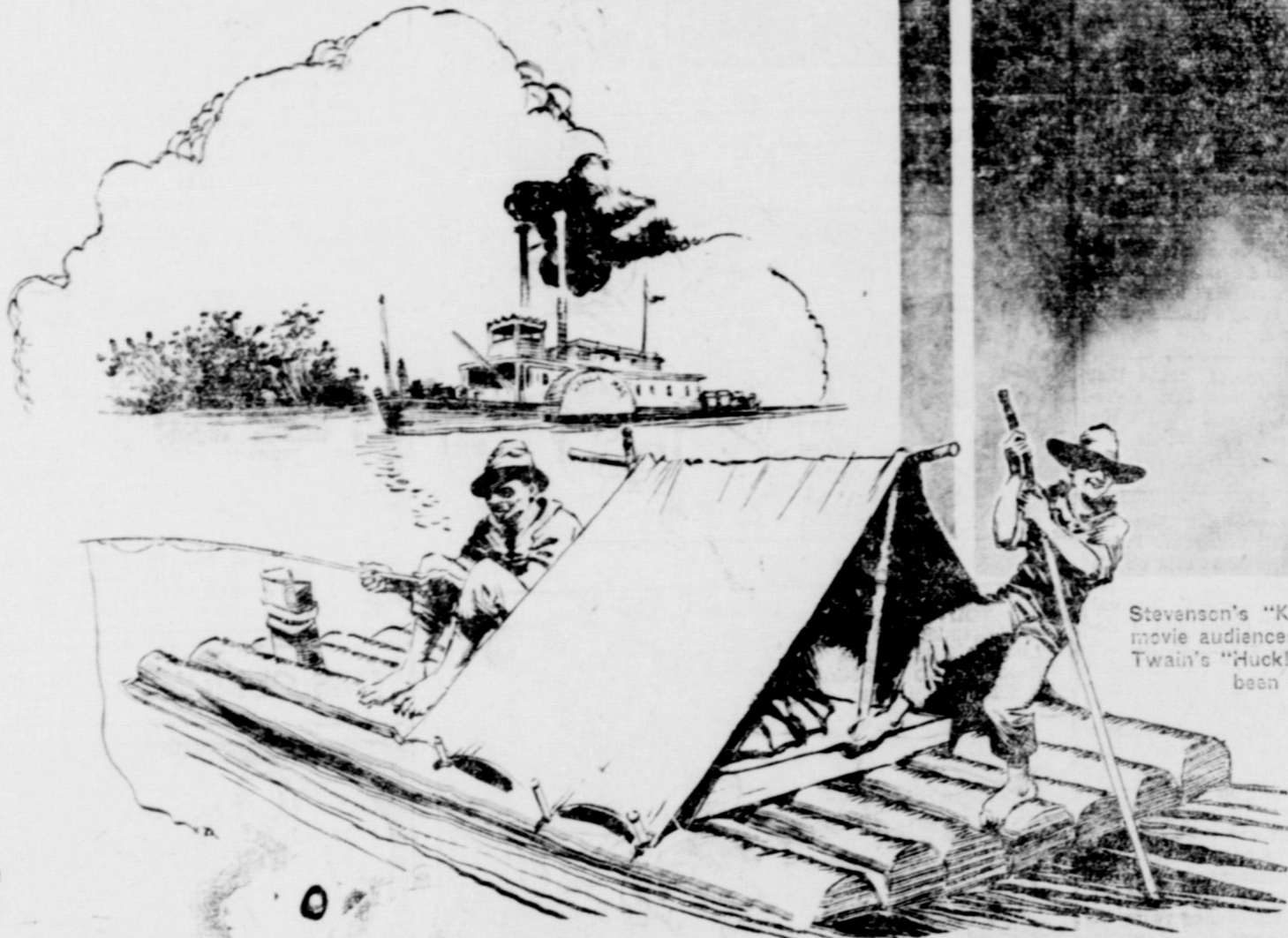
R. L. Liddy, Eastland, returned Tuesday from Temple where he received hospitalization in the Scott and White clinic. At the Economy Store, which he owns, it was stated Mr. Liddy has recovered completely from a recent illness.

NORGE REFRIGERATORS, GAS RANGES, WASHERS, IRONERS AND HOT WATER HEATERS. C. I. HYATT Phone 19 Olden Serving Eastland and Ranger

So It Wasn't Like the Book, HUH?



Metro tried to make "The Wizard of Oz" appeal to both "Oz" addicts and regular movie patrons. Here is a scene from that film with Ray Bolger as the Scarecrow, Judy Garland as Dorothy, and Jack Haley as the Tin Woodman.



Stevenson's "Kidnaped" was rewritten to introduce Cinderella Girl Arleen Whelan, above, to movie audiences. Book lovers howled at the result. Plenty of protests are expected when Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" reaches the screen. The prolonged trip down the river on the raft has been shortened. If it had not been it would have taken up the whole picture.



By Lucie Neville

EVERY time a book nears the best-seller mark, Hollywood begins to feel another of its terrific headaches coming on.

It knows that, almost inevitably, it will make a movie of the story, because a well-known book title on the marquee will draw a lot of customers. When a story reaches the dignified state of a classic, that's all the better because censors won't find so much to object to and highbrow civic organizations will approve it.

But Hollywood also knows with awful certainty that when the movie is made, somebody is going to say to somebody else, "Oh, you won't like it. It isn't anything like the book."

Probably it won't be. By rare luck, the film may be a faithful reproduction and a boxoffice success. More often it is so changed that only its title is recognizable, and then the howls are loud and long from the book's fans. That's what makes studio writers jumpy.

By the time a story has gone from purchase to premiere, hundreds of people have had a hand in it. The cost of the book has been balanced against the cost of production, and the two against the probable boxoffice take. Important scenes may have to be cut or changed to avoid expensive location trips. If it has an historical plot, research and costumes and authentic sets count in the budget, so that the story may have to be modernized.

When the story is assigned to the writer, he may be instructed to give it a happy ending and/or a big romance for more popularity. Or to rewrite it so that Gloria Glamour can do her

little heel-and-toe routine or Wilfred Prettypuss can sing a love song. A stubborn producer, the wrong director, bad casting, and a thousand other things can gum up the adapter's typewriter, but inevitably the writers are the patsies.

THEY have been blamed so often that some of them are getting pretty touchy about explaining why they change stories. "When writers alter story plots and characters, they're really tampering with the public's affections," said Ethel Hill, one of 20th-Fox's writers. "I go to the movies mostly to study audience reaction, and I'm always impressed by the fans' proprie-

characters, too, played by Richard Greene and Anita Louise; you have to have other people to play against the lead.

"We really added more than we changed. Actually a great deal didn't happen in the book, and if we had only followed the story of the child's suffering under hardships, it would have been monotonous and unbearable.

"And the author herself gave writers a laphole," Miss Hill said in some relief, "because she said in a preface to the book that much more happened than she wrote about. I wish all of 'em would give us an out like that."

A previous Shirley Temple picture, "Rebecca

Turning a best-seller into a movie is a ticklish job. If the completed product seldom resembles the tale you read, here's the reason for it

tary interest—and their generosity. They'll forgive anything if you keep in as much of the story as you can."

Miss Hill had some explaining to do even while she was working on an adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's "The Little Princess," as a film for Shirley Temple. "We had to tone down the gooey-sweet Lady Bountiful character first," the writer explained. "The Sara Crewe of the story was just so doggone sweet nobody could have stood her, much less believed in her. We enlarged on two minor

of Sunnybrook Farm," so little resembled the old favorite story that everybody who saw it in production was predicting an avalanche of fan kicks. Mrs. Temple herself pleaded until the last minute for the title to be changed to something that fitted the movie version, which was full of radio programs and comic characters.

But the brass hats wanted the book title for its boxoffice drawing power. The forebodings were justified because apparently everybody who ever had read the book—and nearly a million copies have been sold—wrote an indignant letter. (Copyright, 1939, by EveryWeek Magazine)

COMPLETE distortion of "Kidnaped" offended English audiences even more than American ones. The Stevenson tale had gone through at least four adapters' typewriters before it came out as an excuse for a romantic chase in kilts. But it wasn't the writers' fault. The classic was bought to introduce Arleen Whelan and thereby hung the tale—by the neck.

Miss Whelan's studio had decided that its Cinderella Girl was going to be a star overnight, regardless of whether she could act, and it figured that in such a popular story, with such dependable actors as Warner Baxter and Freddie Bartholomew, she could get by on a couple of emphatic "Aye's." So a feminine leading role was written in, in defiance of Stevenson's womanless plot, and Alan Breck's championing of young David Balfour was made secondary to his noble protection of the Hollywood-manufactured Jean MacDonald.

It's director, Alfred Werker, admitted that he would have preferred the movie to follow the book faithfully, but said it would have been dull film fare. American audiences would not have been interested in the rivalry between the Highlanders and the Lowlanders, and a womanless cast usually means a boxoffice flop. However, "Captains Courageous," which hadn't a skirt in it, let alone a kilt, was a faithful adaptation that made money.

"Boxoffice" was the explanation for changes given by Noel Langley, who wrote Metro's script for Frank Baum's "Wizard of Oz."

"The patronage of those who want to see an exact movie of the book wouldn't pay for the picture," he said. "If one-third of the audiences know the book, it's a good percentage. And we have to please the other two-thirds who will expect an entertaining picture rather than a faithful reproduction. So we had to compromise by making the first part of the picture in the Kansas setting quite plausible and introducing characters in it that later appear in the Oz sequences.

"For instance, the wizard first is seen as a real person, a Professor Marvel, who has a traveling show, and his assistant is a timid, fearful little man who later is the cowardly lion.

In the book, you remember, Dorothy goes to sleep during the cyclone and wakes in the Land of Oz. So making the fairy tale a dream sequence is consistent with the story."

Langley was given the "Oz" assignment because he showed Producer Mervyn LeRoy a fairy tale he had written and illustrated. The script took five months, but that was only the beginning of the headache. Casting was a careful chore, deciding whether buxom singer Judy Garland would be accepted as Dorothy, since music would make for better boxoffice and Metro has no star-moppel such as Shirley Temple.

Costume and makeup were difficult, with the Tin Woodman's suit and the Scarecrow's vapid face. Most difficult were the mechanical tricks—flying monkeys, trees with arm-like branches and disappearing witches. Meanwhile, the budget had been swelling visibly, but the studio was determined that the picture should entertain "Oz" admirers as well as regular movie patrons.

THERE seems to be no stand-pat policy at any studio, however, and the company that produces a classic satisfying to readers and movie fans may follow it with another that can't even claim kin to its book. Metro's picture of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" delighted audiences everywhere, but its forthcoming version of "Huckleberry Finn" will disappoint a great many Mark Twain lovers.

Both adaptations were made by Hugo Butler, one of Metro's youngest writers, who has no illusions about the public's idea of scenarists. "The 'Christmas Carol' script was easy," Butler says. "I did it in two months and the only troublesome thing was the dialog."

"Huckleberry Finn" is another matter, but Butler believes all the changes and deletions are justified. "There's no story in 'Huckleberry Finn,'" the Metro writer said. "It's a series of incidents, most of them boyhood recollections of Twain's river life, and he put in everything he could remember. If we had left in everything, the two weeks that Huck and Jim drift down the river, we would have had about 24 reels and people would walk out of the theater in the middle of the picture."

TODAY NEWS TODAY

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ROCHESTER

Dr. C. W. Hoffmann is at Mayo Brothers Hospital, Minn., for a minor operation, it was stated Wednesday.

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By United Press
STIN, Tex.— Months of wrangling over the Texas Legislature's passage of a law that would strip the state of its name, one of another stages of the long fight to change the name back at each other's throats, and show that they are worn out.

Senator Joe Hill of Morris Roberts says so close together they were capturing the Senate. Ordinarily they do, but last week occurred when Hill was drinking on the job. "The Senate can leave if he goes." "I was here and I'll be here." "The Senate is against 'malpractice'." "The Senate is a joke of it." "It was noticeable, drinking stopped order of the day." "Can you think of a drink?" "Lester asked why he refused admittance against it, if a drink soda pop." "Hill suggested the rest room for if it keeps up, my shoes are there is no rule." "It is a cameraman." "Sen. W. C. objected to be permitted to walk on the floor during."

Germany, Sign A N

By United Press
BERLIN, Mar 10.— Denmark's permanent neutrality and the Adolf Hitler's "peace front." The treaty between Germany and Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania.

Eastland in Re
Business a better thing according to the Daily Business Review of Texas City firm's business period April 1939. The same business firm March this year.