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GARRETT TELLS HOW P. O. JOB GIVING DONE

Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland, representative in congress, has to newspapers in this district following outline of methods to establish an eligible register for postmasters and regulating the appointments: 1. All postmasters are now appointed under Civil Service... 2. All veterans have a five preference on any and all examinations... 3. There are three ways in which Postmasters can be chosen...

NLRB Prober



Sponsor of the measure authorizing investigation of the National Labor Relations Board, Representative Howard W. Smith, above, Virginia Democrat, probably will head the five-man investigating committee.

Texas Agencies Got \$16,280,417 In WPA Funds During Year

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Cities, counties, and independent school districts of Texas expended \$16,280,417 on WPA projects during the fiscal year which ended June 30... This amount represents an increase of 68.3 per cent over the \$9,671,469 contributed by sponsors to Work Projects Administration projects during the fiscal year 1937 and represents an increase of 55.5 per cent over the \$10,472,922 contributed by sponsors during the fiscal year 1938.

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McGlamery Leaves On Crippled Work

B. E. McGlamery, supervisor of crippled children's work in this area for the State Department of Education, left at noon Tuesday from Eastland for work that will take him to Stephenville, Glen Rose, Cleburne, Weatherford, Mineral Wells and other cities.

HITCH-HIKER TO HAVE TRIAL IN A SLAYING

HOLBROOK, Ariz., July 25.—Leland King, 22-year-old hitch-hiker, today faced trial in superior court on a first-degree murder charge in the fatal beating of Walter Dickson, the 64-year-old Spur, Texas, tourist, who gave him a lift. King was returned here yesterday from Elfrida, Texas, given a brief preliminary hearing in justice court, and ordered held for trial, without bail.

Rivers, Harbors Bill Shelved In Senate

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The administration and the senate economy bloc joined forces today and shelved a bill that would have authorized many new river, harbor and flood control projects. The senate commerce committee had increased the bill from the house-approved total of \$83,810,100 to \$107,000,000.

British Steamer Is Damaged By Mine In Japanese Waters

SHANGHAI, China, July 25.—The British passenger steamer Haitan was reported to have struck a floating mine between Formosa and Swatow, the Chinese port, which is occupied by the Japanese. The steamer was at anchor, apparently disabled and taking water in two of its holds. A brief message said the ship was in no immediate danger.

Patience Rewards A Judge Who Waited

FORT WAYNE, Ind.—The day was hot, and the receiver's report being read by J. Robert Newkirk of Judge Harry H. Hilgemann was long and boring. Twice Judge Hilgemann interrupted to point out that he would be forced to reread it all when he retired to his chambers.

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Air Fleets Train Over France Today

PARIS, July 25.—British and French air fleets training to act as a unit, in event of war, held dramatic and unprecedented joint maneuvers over France today... British bombing planes, with crews totaling 1,000 men, took off from their bases this morning under sealed orders, which, opened in the air by plane commandants, brought them to France.

Crusader at Dawn



Sizzling campaigner against "bad" morals and liquor, Michigan's 80-year-old Gov. Luren D. Dickinson decrees night life. Here he is in down-to-earth, sober, moral, morning activity—frying an egg for breakfast.

Tunnel Work To Find A Meteor Is Started In Utah

BINGHAM, Utah.—Not only are the largest open cut copper mines in the world located here, but it is believed that the world's largest meteor fell here 30 years ago. Vacationing near here several years ago, Vernon Jeffcott, Bingham miner, learned from old timers in the region that they saw the meteor blaze a trail through the sky with a fiery tail more than 300 feet long and more than 20 feet wide before it plunged into the solid rock hills.

Body of Girl LAKE VICTIM IS RECOVERED

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Twenty-seven bills discriminating against the sale of margarine have met defeat in state legislatures this year, President Oscar Johnston of the National Cotton Council, announced today. The Cotton Belt has a perfect score of victories during 1939 in its nation-wide defensive against taxation of margarine.

Flying Fortress Of Army Sets Record

LANGLEY FIELD, Va., July 25.—A U. S. Army flying fortress bomber today apparently established a new speed record on a 1-248.8 mile course from Washington by Split, near here, to Floyd Bennett Field, New York, and return. The big bomber, carrying a crew of four, including an official observer, sped twice over the triangular course at an average speed of 200.9 miles an hour.

Salvage Indicates An Old Pirate Ship

PALM BEACH, Fla.—A sunken vessel off the Palm Beach coast from which a 900-pound cannon was raised is believed to have been a pirate ship of the 17th century. All wooden parts of the vessel had disappeared, but the iron ballast and iron fittings found in the wreckage lent weight to the theory that the craft flew the black flag. Capt. Dusty Campbell, who directed salvaging of the gun, said that government ships of that era used lead ballast because it was easier to handle.

Garrett Is Termed Most Conscious Of Texans In Congress On Age Aid

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Stocky Clyde Garrett of Eastland is probably the most "old age pension" conscious of all Texans in congress. He alone among the 21 Texas house members voted for the Townsend pension plan when it came up recently and was rejected overwhelmingly. The middle-aged West Texan attributes his intense feeling about old age assistance to the close contact he had with the destitute and poverty stricken during the six years he served as county judge of Eastland county immediately prior to his coming to congress in 1937.

Garrett was president of the County Judges and Commissioners' association of Texas when he campaigned successfully in the summer of 1936 against Rep. Tom Blanton, who had been in the house many years. "Incidentally" he reminds one, "I did not run on nor advocate the Townsend pension plan when I campaigned for congress, although I did declare myself for a liberal pension for the aged."

Garrett believes that his district probably has more dependent aged in proportion to population than any other section of the state. One of the earliest Texas oil booms hit that area soon after the World war, then played out in a few years, he points out, leaving thousands of persons nearly or completely destitute and out of jobs. Many of them formerly had come from other states.

"When the depression came," he said, "the county governments were faced with a great problem in trying to care for these folks. "As Eastland's county judge I visited the homes or makeshift homes of hundreds of penniless old folks. I haven't been here so long, surrounded by comforts and only those of substantial means, but that I can remember the plight of the needy aged."

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England's Bunny and Buchmanism



From match point to moral rearmament; backhand to Buchmanism—H. W. (Bunny) Austin, for years No. 1 English tennis star, forsakes Wimbledon for Hollywood and court shenanigans for lots of clothes as he studies speech at moral rearmament peace rally in movie capital.

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ROOSEVELT IS IN WASHINGTON FOR TERM END

WASHINGTON, July 25.—President Roosevelt returned to the capitol today for the windup of congress with his political partnership with Postmaster General James A. Farley still intact, but not publicly insured against future rupture. He motored to the White House to confer with the house and senate majority leaders Rep. Sam Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, and Sen. Alben W. Barkley, Democrat Kentucky. The conference was expected to develop a full review of the legislative situation and Mr. Roosevelt will learn at first hand the prospects for administration bills in the adjournment rush. He will stay in Washington until congress leaves.

Britain Prepares Munitions Credits To Go To Poland

LONDON, July 25.—The British Government has offered to guarantee export credits to Poland up to \$40,000,000 to facilitate the Polish Government's purchase of defense materials in Great Britain, Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, announced today in the house of commons. The export credits would be in addition to a \$25,000,000 loan which Britain has offered to Poland for re-armaments. Simon said detailed arrangements were being adjusted between the Polish financial delegation here and the government departments concerned.

Huge Gold Strike Made In Mexico

NOGALES, Sonora, Mex., July 25.—Hundreds of fortune seekers poured into Northern Sonora today as accounts of a fabulously rich gold strike came drifting in from the tiny village of Mesquite, 90 miles southwest of here. Reports said the population of Mesquite, normally under 100 persons, suddenly had jumped to 4,000. American mining experts, returning from visits to the new gold field, said production had reached "astounding" proportions. They said the six-mile gold field was yielding almost 350 ounces of gold daily.

Mrs. Roosevelt Does Not Blame Goat For Butting Child

FORT WORTH, July 25.—Pretty Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt today valorously defended a goat which had knocked down her small daughter and caused the child to have a slight brain concussion. Ruth Chandler Roosevelt, 5, granddaughter of the president, was recovering from the concussion and bruises on her chest, yesterday, bowled the child over. Mrs. Roosevelt said that Ruth Chandler would be released from a hospital late today. The goat charged into a group of children, including Ruth Chandler, while they played, yesterday, on a farm belonging to neighbors of the Roosevelts.

Grand Jury Will Meet Next Monday

Members of the 91st district court grand jury are to meet Monday morning at Eastland, officials announced Tuesday.

Trip To Washington Planned By Peanut Association Heads

A trip to Washington, D. C. for discussion of the 1939 peanut program and price scheduled was planned Monday by directors and officers of the Southwestern Peanut Growers association in session at Eastland. The discussion will be with AAA officials. The trip will be made by train and the conference is scheduled August 15. At the same meeting Monday, Jack Vaught of Eastland, who has served in the association office, was chosen assistant manager.

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## The Evil That Men Do Lives After Them...

The Day of Reckoning appears to have come to Louisiana.

While Huey Long lived, there were many outside the state as well as inside who said to themselves, "Well, the man is a little arbitrary, but after all he Gets Things Done. And he is a friend of the poor."

There is no intention here to sit in judgment over the shade of Huey Long. His personal accounts have presumably been settled long since. But the revelation that Dr. James Monroe Smith, president of Louisiana State University, has apparently absconded with a half million dollars of public funds turns the mind back to the Long regime. For Smith was appointed by Huey Long nine years ago, a Long protegee, whose chief claim to the presidency of a large university in Long's mind appears to have been that he had "a hide as tough as an elephant's."

This particular incident will pass. But let us remember this: Long had set up a condition in his home state which was the nearest approach to dictatorship this country has seen. Under such a setup, the big jobs, the responsible jobs, must go to friends and party supporters almost without regard to their character or qualifications. Huey's personal feeling for "his" university, to which he prodigally allotted money, and in whose football parades he loved to march, apparently led to the appointment of Smith. That is the basis for appointment under a dictatorship.

And now, if the deliberate charges of the state attorney general are borne out—and the flight of Smith seems to give them substance—this appointee has proved a despicable scoundrel, false and treble false to the trust placed in him.

False first to the public trust which placed public money in his charge. False second to his trust as one who should have showed an example of character to 8,000 students, all of whom can now only look back to their university days with the reflection, "Yes, I studied under a swindler and a thief." And false yet again to a training and a background which imposed on him greater responsibility than the average—his education at Valparaiso, L. S. U., Chicago, and Columbia.

Since Smith has chosen to flee like a purse-snatcher rather than face the charges placed against him, it is impossible to present any vestige of any excuse he may have for a well-paid man of this background, placed in a double position of sacred trust, who would so shamefully betray the most elementary honesty and decency.

He who chiefly shares this blame is gone. It is of no use now to berate the personal memory of Huey Long.

But it may be of use to burn into the memory that a regime that rises to power as Long rose, and which maintains itself in power as Long did, cannot be expected to attract the best and most honorable men. It attracts the James Monroe Smiths, and people who pretend astonishment at the Smith defalcation should remember that when there are Huey Longs the Smiths are inevitable.

## ARMY CHIEF

### HORIZONTAL

- 1, 6 Newly appointed U. S. army head
- 12 Stir.
- 13 To cure.
- 15 To talk wildly.
- 16 Skeleton structure.
- 18 Coin slit.
- 20 Dress trimming.
- 22 Loiter.
- 24 Soon.
- 26 Drone bee.
- 27 Preposition.
- 29 Weaving frame.
- 31 Sand.
- 33 Negative.
- 34 Toward.
- 35 Subsists.
- 37 Astr.
- 39 Common verb.
- 40 To haul.
- 42 Good name.
- 44 Frozen desserts.
- 46 Paper mulberry bark.

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

ORANGE  
AWAKE  
EYES  
VESTS  
YOU  
UNCOVER  
GRAILS  
RAIN  
ELL  
NINES  
COAT  
BERRY

SPRIG  
WOOD  
LALO  
BANTU  
ORUL  
TUT  
TAPETI  
SLAV  
HEM  
ORAS  
LEA  
ASEA  
WHITE

### VERTICAL

- 2 Organ of hearing.
- 3 Land right.
- 4 Braided thong.
- 5 Sound of inquiry.
- 6 Evils.
- 7 By the length.
- 8 Senior.
- 9 Ugly old woman.
- 10 Greedy.
- 11 Citric fruit.

## The Dandy Little Cleaner-Upper



## Lowering Price Of Purchase Aids The Farms Make Profit

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—Farmers are beginning to realize that they can help themselves as much or more by lowering the price of the things they buy as by raising the price of things they sell.

That, according to C. E. Bowles, Texas A. and M. College Extension Service specialist in cooperatives, is one of the more hopeful aspects of current rural thinking. Addressing a group of farm homemakers at the Farmers' Short Course here, Bowles said the difference between what the farmer and the distributor get out of the dollar spent for farm products has been widening steadily in the distributor's favor.

He showed that whereas the producer was getting 55 cents of the farm commodity dollar back during the period 1913-1920, he is getting only 39 cents now and the distributor is getting 61 cents. As a more extreme example, he cited that the Texas onion grower gets only around 20 cents of the dollar spent for onions.

"If we are going to reduce this spread," Bowles asserted, "farmers are simply going to have to come together more generally in a cooperative way. The farmer can't expect to compete single-handedly with the bulk-order buyer of industry."

## Poor Fitting Hose Often Cause Breaks or Runs Expert Say

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—Hose with extraordinarily long lives are not just "happen-so's." There's a reason behind their durability, says Mrs. Dora K. Barnes, specialist in clothing for the A. and M. College Extension Service. Mrs. Barnes points out that most hose wear out because the weight selected is not suitable for the use of the hose, or because they are neither appropriate to the occasion nor to the shoes with which they are worn. Poor fit in hosiery often results in breaks or runs.

## LCRA Is Ready To Begin Selling Electrical Output

AUSTIN, Tex.—Swinging into the actual delivery of low-cost public power to Texas citizens, the Lower Colorado River authority this week had announced two important steps in its operating program—the sale of blocks of surplus electricity to the Texas Power and Light company and the Houston Lighting and Power company, and near completion of preparations to begin service to municipalities in a 16 county area adjacent to the Authority's plants.

The prices charged the power companies, the Authority said, under both contracts are the same as those paid by the municipalities and public agencies for similar power.

The two contracts will bring the Authority a revenue of approximately a million dollars yearly.

Bowles thought it a reflection "on our intelligence" that for lack of adequate distribution facilities enough grapefruit was buried in the Lower Rio Grande Valley last season to provide every farm family in Texas with 11 bushels.

"Yet," he continued, "by the time grapefruit gets to the average consumer, it's almost a luxury. And hundreds die in Texas for lack of the nutritional elements which just such food as this contains."

## FSA Workers Meet Plan For Better Help For Farmers

Plans for giving more effective service to Texas low-income farmers will be made July 31 to August 4 in College Station at the annual state conference of Farm Security Administration workers. Geo. I. Lane, Eastland county supervisor said today.

home-grown products. "FSA has made 56,500 small loans in Texas to these farm families to help them buy seed, tools, livestock, canning and other equipment needs to give them a 'toe hold' on the land. A recent survey showed that these farmers have increased their net worth by \$266 per family and at the same time are paying off their loans."

"Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has reported, 'the supervisor continued, 'that the program for lending worthy tenant farmers money to buy their farms is beyond the experimental state, that it is ready for a sound and reasonable expansion. In Texas 507 farmers have been helped in the past two years to buy their farms and to date have repaid more on their loans than has become due. An increased appropriation by Congress has recently been announced which will permit us to practically double the number of counties in which farm purchase loans will be made this year.'"

Every one of these loans is secured by a first mortgage on real estate, conservatively valued both by government appraisers and by a county committee, of three farmers who are thoroughly familiar with local conditions. Moreover, the loans are repayable over a 40-year period at three per cent interest.

"This means," the supervisor emphasized, "that in a great majority of cases the annual installments, plus taxes and insurance, amount to less than the tenant formerly paid in rent for the same farm."

Washington officials attending the conference at College Station include C. B. Baldwin, Assistant FSA Administrator; John O. Walker, director of the resettlement projects division; Simon C. Skeels, chief of the collections division; and Mercer G. Evans, director of labor relations.

Other speakers include Dr. T. O. Walton, president of Texas A. & M. College; H. H. Williamson, director of Extension; and E. J. Kyle, Dean of Agriculture.

## Speed Is Cause Of Most Accidents On Nations Roads

CHICAGO, Ill.—What causes traffic accidents? Everyone has a pet theory, of course and the variety of these theories is as great as the problem itself.

Nineteen per cent of all drivers involved in fatal accidents in 1938 were speeding, the Council's figures show. In some states this percentage was as high as 51 per cent, in others as low as 2 per cent.

Other driving violations in 1938 fatal accidents, in the order of their importance, were: Driving on the wrong side of the road, 8 per cent. Violated right of way, 5 per cent. Improper passing, 2 per cent.

And the pedestrian is faultless, the Council adds more than two-thirds of all pedestrian accidents in 1938 were caused by drivers who violated traffic law or acted unsafely.

Pedestrians, the Council most often walk into trouble they cross a street or highway at an intersection—in other words when they jaywalk. This was 41 per cent of the 1938 pedestrian fatalities, in both city and rural areas 38 per cent of the pedestrians killed were walking the roadway when struck at an intersection—but of about a fourth were crossing against the signal or diagonal.

## Stingy Slinger



Ernest White at 17 is one of youngest players in Texas League, but pitched no-hit, no-run game for Houston in beating Fort Worth, 2-0. Houston is St. Louis Cardinal farm.

But the National Safety Council, in the 1939 edition of its statistical yearbook, "Accident Facts," presents an analysis of the problem that is based on cold facts and figures.

According to the records, the greatest single driving sin is speeding—listed in the official summaries of fatal accidents throughout the country as "exceeding the speed limit," or "too fast for conditions."

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## Germany Decree Smoking Tobacco To Have Subst

By United Press  
BERLIN—In a decree regarding the taxation of tobacco by the Reichsmintner of it is revealed that Germany save on imports, must smooch mixed with dried nettles, lemons, lavender leaves, salted rose leaves, valerian roots, woodruff, root-powder, etc.

Every package of cigars or pipe tobacco must contain the kind and quantity of material it contains, every smoker may choose a special liking for stungles others might prefer skins.

## OLD PENAL CAMP AIR

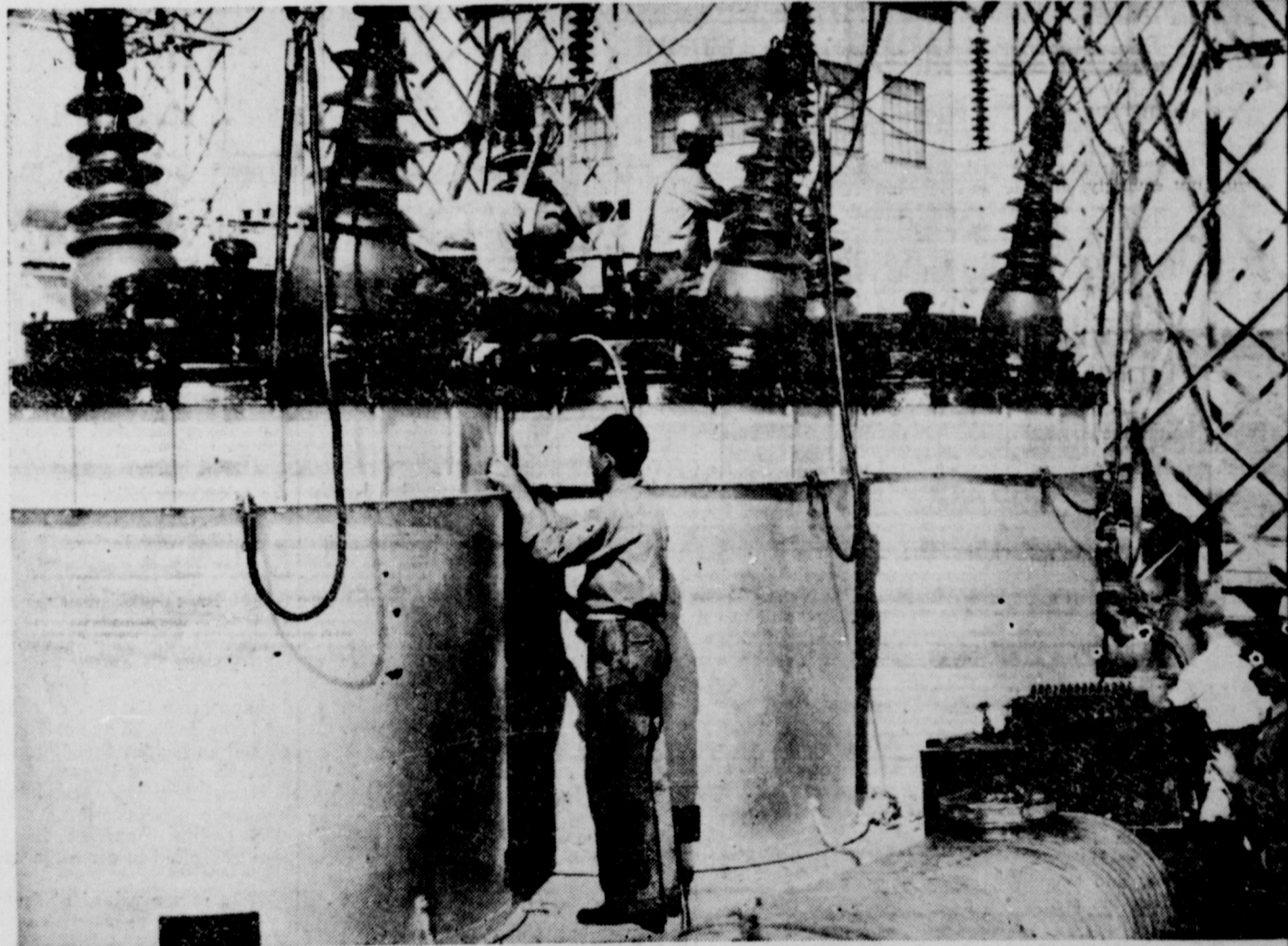
By United Press  
BRISBANE—Nou Island French convict settlement, Noumea, the capital of New Caledonia, is being turned flying-boat base by technical Pan-American Airways.

Disregard of stop sign, cent.

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