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Waiting for the Dust to Clear in Building

Along about October of each year, the building industry has come to expect an increase in the number of construction contracts. During the past 13 years, building activity has averaged an increase of 8.7 per cent in October over September contracts.

So while the industry waited with ink-filled pens and sharpened saws to tackle the increased volume of business it quite naturally anticipated, figures began coming in to show that something had gone haywire. Business not only failed to show the usual seasonal increase, but contracts fell off 9.3 per cent in October of this year from the September level.

Residential building contracts in October, 1939, aggregated 29,371,000 square feet of floor space as contrasted with 32,977,000 in September. Building contracts of all kinds, including residential, totaled 44,865,000 square feet in October and 49,467,000 square feet in September.

It is very likely that Thurman Arnold, assistant U. S. attorney-general in charge of the anti-trust division, holds the key to this disturbing puzzle. Arnold has charged into the building industry with a stiff-bristled broom, determined to pry out all the muck he may find in the corners.

As long as there is any hope that building costs are to be trimmed in the near future, few prospective home-owners are going to sign contracts now. There is no point in buying more than just enough sugar if a drop in the sugar price is in prospect.

October was the first month this year during which the building contracts failed to exceed the volume for corresponding months last year. During the first 10 months of 1939, construction contracts were 9 per cent ahead of those in the same period last year.

Whether Mr. Arnold's dynamic campaign will have its effect remains to be seen. It probably will. According to Bruce Catton, Washington columnist, a downward trend in construction costs has already been noticed in Pittsburgh, where a number of indictments have been returned.

Generally, however, building costs showed a slight rise in October over the previous month. Using 1926 as 100, the index in September of this year was 105.2, but in October it had risen to 106. This was higher than in peak-year 1929.

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON.—For the second time in history, one of the major political conventions may be held as late as August.

Chairman John D. M. Hamilton of the Republican National Committee has pretty well sold the party high command on the idea that the Republican convention in 1940 ought to be held after the Democratic convention.

This will be one of the subjects discussed when the party's executive committee meets here Dec. 7.

THOSE favoring a late date argue that there is always a lull after a presidential convention. The delegates go back home full of enthusiasm and energy, then have to wait a couple of months before they can really get to work.

One suggestion being advanced is that it might be smart to make the presidential campaign swing into high immediately after the convention, have the formal notification of the nominee as soon as possible, and start the candidate out on his speech-making tour right after that.

In 1936, it is recalled, Mr. Hamilton took office as chairman and found—as new national chairmen usually find—that he had to start from scratch. Nobody knew how much money was going to be available, where it was going to

come from or who was going to get it.

HOPE TO ELIMINATE ROUTINE WORK

If enough of this routine work can be eliminated ahead of time, it is figured, the campaign can swing into high right after the convention without any waste motion.

Naturally, it won't be possible to do all of it. For one thing, a new nominee is always entitled to name a new national chairman, who in turn may name a new committee staff.

One reason for wanting a late Republican convention is the prevailing uncertainty about what line the Democrats are going to take.

This year no one knows whether the Democratic nominee will be an ardent New Dealer, a middle-of-the-roader or an anti. The Republicans can shape their platform and perhaps their candidate more intelligently if they know just who and what they're going to be up against.

CIVIL WAR DEMOCRATS CONVENE IN AUGUST

SINCE the Republican party was organized—in 1856—there have been 21 presidential elections—and, of course, 42 national nominating conventions.

The only one ever held in August was the Democratic convention of 1864. This was when the Civil War was on and the line the party took was going to be determined pretty largely by what happened in the field.

ICE QUEEN

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a small portrait of a woman in the center.

Large crossword puzzle grid with a portrait of a woman in the center.

Tops for 1939



Nile Kinnick, Iowa's All-American football player, with John M. Heisman Trophy, awarded him by Downtown Athletic Club of New York City as result of being chosen outstanding collegiate football player of the season.

DEDICATION OF

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Mexican Woman 118, Still Doing Laundry

By United Press SAN ANTONIO, Tex. Francisco Sanchez, 118, another basket of clothes and started to give her sugar for longevity. "Kindness, charity, plenty sleep, plenty to eat. Tramp, I hope to live another years," she said, "but I to die any time now." Today she simply is a washwoman, but time was tury ago—when Mrs. Sanchez the daughter of the dictator Mexico. She was born in 1821 Luis Potosi. A direct descendant from pure Aztec Indian moved to Texas in 1860 never been back to Mexico.

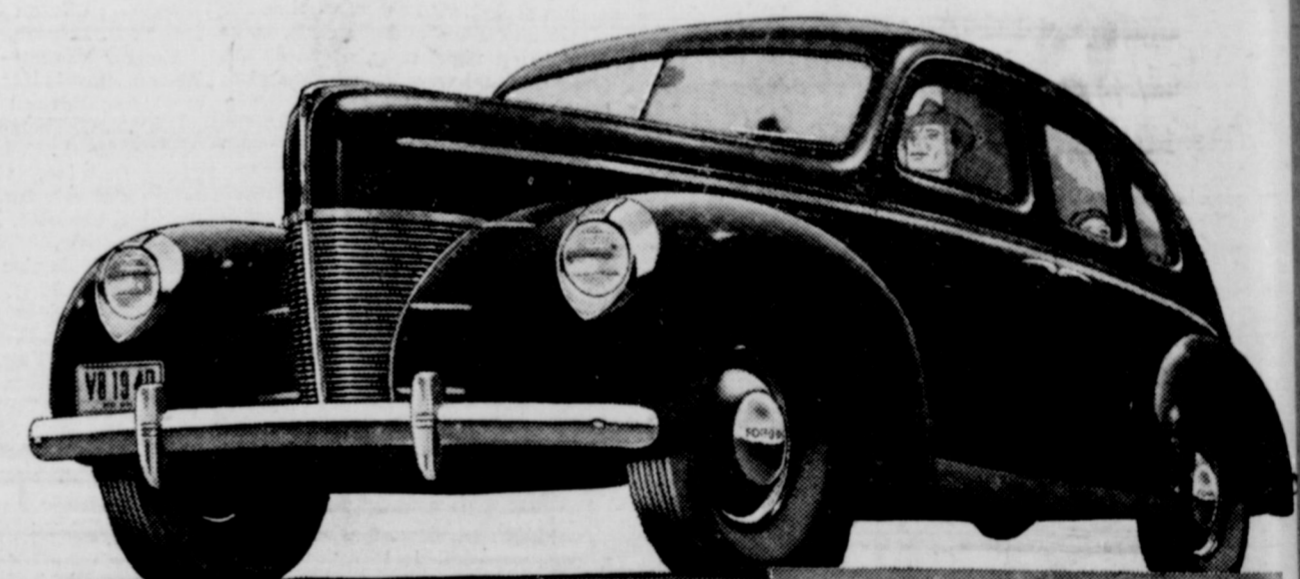
Eastland Personal

Virgil Love was a visitor day in Fort Worth. Sheriff Loss Woods train business Saturday at Risin. C. F. Shepperd has been fined to his home by illness. C. B. White and family Angelo are week-end visitors the home of his brother White, and family.

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SERIAL STORY

5 WOULD KILL BY TOM HORNER

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Yesterday, Dawson decides someone who knew Benthorne's superstitions "planted" the cat for him to see. He also recalls the "three on a match" episode before di Torio's death.

HELEN BENTHORNE watched the coroner and his assistant at work over di Torio's body. When they took a few preliminary pictures she took care to be well out of camera range, but when they started to lift the raincoat Dawson had ordered spread over the body, she could stand it no longer.

"Do you mind if I leave now?" she asked. The coroner looked up. "No reason for your staying. If Captain Dawson had wanted you kept here, he'd have said so."

CHAPTER XXII The room was practically unchanged since Dawson's last visit. Someone had made the bed, and the spread was tightly and neatly drawn. Ara, Dawson thought, a pillow on the chaise longue indicated where she had tried to rest.

She walked to the bed, lifted the mattress, then turned it completely over and on to the floor. If there had been a gun hidden there, it was certainly gone now. Dawson studied the underside of the mattress carefully, and the cover of the box springs. No trace of any outline that a revolver would certainly leave.

"What were you doing in the garage, and why were you going up to the loft?" Dawson asked. "I've told the officer what I wanted. There's some luggage stored here. I can't stay here after last night. I couldn't find the servants."

Where was that gun? A slight noise startled him. He rushed to the door. It had sounded as if Alston's door had been opened. There was no one in the hall. A glance in Alston's room, showed the old man again stretched on the bed.

Outside, she hesitated, glanced around to see if any patrolmen were near. The sun was trying to break through massed clouds, but last night's rain left it still wet underfoot. She went on across the driveway, disappeared into the garage.

"And why would you carry a bottle of milk?" Helen Benthorne did not answer. She got for a chair, sank into it. "Go get the cat, Flynn!"

"It would take a bomb to wake him up now," Dawson said, half aloud. Deciding not to disturb Alston, the detective closed the door again, called Krone from the head of the stairway. The patrolman came up on a run.

"There's no luggage or anything else up there and you know it," she explained. "I couldn't find any of the servants and I wanted—"

At the mention of the word, Mrs. Benthorne looked up, startled. "Cat?" she queried. "What cat?"

"Keep an eye on this hall, and the one below, too, if you can, Krone," Dawson ordered. "Who is downstairs?"

DAN FLYNN saw her coming, and crouched lower in the rear seat of Benthorne's limousine. If she intended trying to get away in a car, he reasoned, she probably would take the small roadster. It was likely her own car.

"We'll see, soon." She fitted in her chair as they waited. Dawson went on with his tapping. "There may be a cat around here, but it probably belongs to one of the servants," she said. "I can't see what—"

The coroner's deputy just arrived and the coroner is with him. I left them with di Torio. Mrs. Benthorne was in the living room."

"And where are you going, Mrs. Benthorne?" She swung around, surprised. "I was just going upstairs for some luggage that's stored up here," she explained. "I couldn't find any of the servants and I wanted—"

"It's nothing to worry about, Mrs. Benthorne," Dawson assured her. "Just a little experiment of mine to determine the ownership of a certain cat. If you know nothing about it, you need have no fears. Huh, sounds like Flynn's having trouble."

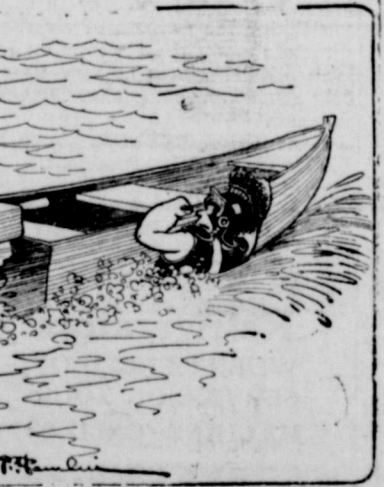
In a few moments he saw Helen Benthorne walk through the archway from the living room. Krone leaned out to watch her as she walked along the hall to the study. Then he heard the dining room door close and her footsteps died away.

"There's no luggage or anything else up there and you know it," she explained. "I couldn't find any of the servants and I wanted—"

The huge black cat ran lightly across the room to Helen Benthorne, paused for a second at her feet, then leaped to the arm of her chair, to fawn against its mistress and glare back at Flynn.

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



RED RYDER By Fred Harman



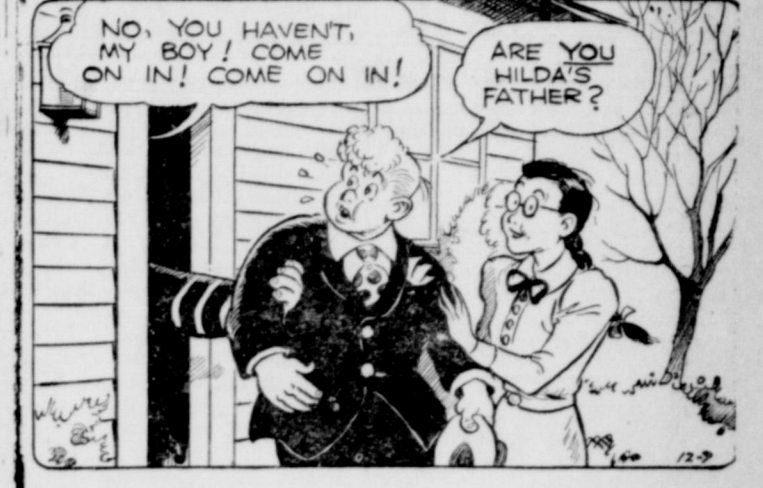
"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams



PRESIDENT OF A REPUBLIC

Word puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a small portrait of a man.

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS



Christmas Cards Reflect New Color; Emerald Foremost of Jewel Tones

NEW YORK.—Color is the big thing in Christmas cards this year, but the plain reds, greens and blues are bowing to jewel tones, a review reveals. Emerald, a clear lighter green than the usual Yuletide hue, seems to be about the most popular combination with gold, and perhaps a bit of white, Ruby and garnet are a close second, combined with either gold or silver.

Indian Culture Is Dated Earlier

NEW ORLEANS.—Traces of a prehistoric race of Indians, the oldest yet found in the Mississippi Valley, have been uncovered on the banks of Lake Pontchartrain by Prof. J. A. Ford of Louisiana State University and a WPA survey.

A New Hard One Batters Up Steel

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