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## HEROISM OF BRITISH NAVAL MEN REVEALED

By REUEL S. MOORE

United Press Staff Correspondent LONDON, April 24.—England thrilled today to the heroic story of the Destroyer Hardy, its captain who fought to his death and the wounded paymaster who took command of the ship.

The heroism of Capt. B. A. W. Warburton-Lee, killed in action, was known to the public but the part played by Paymaster Lieut. G. H. Stanning, who, although wounded, took command of the ship at the height of the April 10 battle was disclosed only today by the ministry of information.

Capt. Warburton-Lee led his destroyer flotilla, the Hardy, Hostile, Hotspur, Havock and Hunter into Narvik to face six large, new German destroyers and shore batteries.

In the blizzard-swept fjord, Warburton-Lee was fatally wounded but Stanning kept fighting until the ship was barely able to move and only one gun remained in action.

Accounts of survivors revealed the Hardy as the leader. It entered the Narvik harbor alone at 4:30 a. m. The first only a merchant ship was seen near the entrance. Later other shipping, including a large German destroyer, was seen.

The Hardy at once turned port and fired torpedoes, at the same time increasing her speed to 20 knots. As the Hardy was swinging her helm, two more large German destroyers came into view, a survivor said.

The Hardy shot torpedoes at them and began to open fire with her guns.

A loud explosion rumbled through the fjord and sheets of flame leaped from the first German destroyer as thousands of rounds of tracer ammunition went off in the air, looking like bright stars.

One Hardy torpedo had found its mark. One enemy ship was accounted for. The Hardy then withdrew and other British destroyers entered and began to attack German supply ships and transports.

The accounts related how the Hardy attacked again under the fire of heavy shore batteries and two German destroyers. The Hardy withdrew again.

The Hardy led a third attack but as she began to withdraw, three large German destroyers began bearing down on her from Rombak fjord and shortly after two more large German destroyers were sighted ahead, the survivor said.

Capt. Warburton-Lee was mortally wounded. The only man on the bridge who was not killed or rendered unconscious was Paymaster Lieut. Stanning.

Aft, First Lieutenant Commander Mansell kept the remaining guns in action, although his left foot was useless. Stanning dragged himself to the wheelhouse. Until he arrived, the ship was steaming fast without anybody at the helm. The wheelhouse was a shambles.

By looking through a shell hole Stanning steered the ship until able to see. Stanning turned over the wheel and went to the bridge and took charge of the ship.

Meanwhile, the Hotspur had been sunk and the Hostile damaged. But six German supply ships and one German destroyer were sunk and three others were afloat. Hardy crew members began to abandon ship despite heavy German gunfire. Capt. Warburton-Lee was washed in a stretcher and lowered to the water but he died before land was reached.

## Eastland To Be Well Represented At W. T. C. C. Meet

The Eastland Band will represent Eastland at the annual West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention, Big Spring May 6, 17 and 18. Jerry Railey will represent Eastland in "My Home Town" contest on that occasion. H. J. Tanner, secretary of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, has announced.

There will also be a number of Eastland families entered in the Typical American Family contest, the winner of which will be given a free trip to the World's Fair at New Orleans.

## Many Fine Animals Shown at Eastland Dairy Cattle Show

Seventy-one head of dairy cattle was exhibited by breeders of Brown, Stephens and Eastland counties, at the District Dairy show held in Eastland Tuesday.

The show was well attended, there being a large number in attendance from Palo Pinto, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Taylor, Callahan and Brown counties, in addition to some 1250 to 300 from Eastland county.

The program, which presented as speakers a number of experts from College Station and one from the United States Department of Agriculture, was an instructive one and well received.

The Grand Champion female of the show was exhibited by Jack Walker, 4-H club boy of Rising Star. The Grand Champion male was exhibited and owned jointly by H. L. Craven, Brownwood, and F. E. Walker, Rising Star.

There were 11 blue ribbon winning animals, 4 males and 7 females shown by the following owners:

A. D. Murphy, Brownwood; F. E. and Jack Walker, Rising Star; Shelton Bros., Brownwood; H. L. Craven, Brownwood; M. A. Clyatt, Eastland; A. W. Armstrong, Rising Star; A. J. Ratliff, Ranger; Buster Wheat, Eastland.

In the cattle judging contest the following were winners: Adult division—first, Bobbie Walker, Rising Star; second, James Walker, Rising Star; third, Melvin Fisher, Morton Valley.

Winners of red ribbons at the show were exhibited by the following breeders:

Raymond Beck, Eastland; A. L. Whately, Eastland; C. F. Ervin, Desdemona; S. W. Laminack, Jr., Eastland; C. L. Wilson, Rising Star; James Anderson, Eastland; L. C. Cooksey, Ranger; G. H. Lockhart, Rising Star; John Akin, Breckenridge; Harold Smith, Rising Star; Louis Pitzer, Eastland; Carl Irby, Rising Star; Billie Forbes, Rising Star; Shelton Bros., Brownwood; Curtis Redwine and Grady Redwine, Ranger; A. D. Murphy, Brownwood; Jim Angel, Rising Star; M. A. Clyatt, Eastland; Oran Dennis, Moran.

The following were among the visiting experts in the various agricultural and dairy extension departments from over the state:

E. R. Eudaly, extension dairyman; G. G. Gibson, assistant extension dairyman; W. V. Maddox, extension dairy manufacturing specialist; Jennie Camp, extension specialist in dairy foods; W. L. Glass, district representative; Miss Maurine Hearn, district home demonstration agent; D. T. Simon, secretary Texas Jersey Cattle club; Mr. Wintermyer, dairy specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

County agents and counties represented at the show included:

J. I. Jamison, Palo Pinto; W. R. Lace, Stephens; Floyd Lynch, Jones; J. K. Parr, Taylor; W. A. Rushmore, assistant agent from Taylor county; Ross Baison, Callahan; C. W. Lehberg, Brown; E. M. V. Cook, Eastland; A. C. Pratt, assistant county agent, Eastland.

In the Dairy Products judging contest the following were winners:

Seniors: 1, Roy Armstrong, Scranton; 2, Mrs. J. N. Crudginton, Stephens county; 3, Mrs. C. N. Gattis, Stephens county.

Juniors: 1, Lindsey Neal, Rising Star; 2, J. W. Elder, Eastland; 3, Wesley Dempsey, Eastland.

## Club Sunday To Be Observed Sunday At The Baptist Church

The fourth annual Club Sunday of the 4-H boy and girl club members of Eastland county will be observed Sunday at the Eastland Baptist Church. Last year the affair was held at the Methodist Church in Cisco.

Following the 11:00 o'clock sermon, which will be delivered by the Baptist pastor, Rev. Jones W. Weathers, the club members will spread a basket lunch in the basement of the church.

The sermon to be delivered by Rev. Mr. Weathers will not be especially for club boys and girls, but will be dedicated to them.

## School Aid Fund Is Sent Out By Board

AUSTIN, April 24.—The State Department of Education today announced that the final payment on salary aid for 4,000 schools totaling \$1,962,625, was in the mails today and should reach all the schools before the latter part of this week.

## WAR MAY LEAVE U. S. HOLDING HIGH-PRICED COTTON BAG

By MILTON BRONNER

NEA Service Staff Correspondent LONDON.—Just as Great Britain, to save foreign exchange, has practically abandoned purchase of American tobacco, so there is danger that for the same reason she may cut down drastically her imports of American raw cotton. That would hurt quite as much as the loss of the tobacco trade.

Britain used to buy about \$90,000,000 worth of tobacco from the United States. She averages about \$225,000,000 worth of raw cotton bought from the whole world. Of this sum America has sold from 35 to 57 per cent.

Nothing definite has been decided, because at present Britain has ample stocks of cotton. But when these stocks are exhausted, the whole question will have to be considered.

The British government is loath to buy in America because that means consuming its stock of American dollars. It needs those for important war materials. It can look around the world and shop where foreign exchange is more in its favor.

### U. S. FIRST PRODUCER

The principal cotton producing countries in 1938 were the United States with 2,590,000 tons; India, 929,000; Soviet Russia, 840,000; Brazil, 405,000; and Egypt 375,000.

China in 1937 produced 636,000 tons, but the war with Japan has probably greatly decreased the crops since then.

India, inside the empire, offers a good purchase market, but India has begun to be a great cotton manufacturing country with less and less raw cotton for export.

England would probably not want to buy from Russia at present. This leaves as America's principal rival for the British cotton market huge Brazil, which in recent years has given more and more acreage to cotton and which consumes very little in home manufacture. The foreign ex-



change position is better for Britain in Brazil than in the United States.

Much of what will be done will depend upon the decision of the cotton controller in the British Ministry of Supply. More and more under the compelling exigencies of war, Britain is approaching the reorganization so long familiar in Germany, Italy and Russia, with their totalitarian set-ups.

### COTTON STILL BIG BUSINESS

One of the first to come under control in British industries was the cotton trade. Despite the de-

pression—due to Indian, Chinese and Japanese low wage competition—the cotton business still remains among the greatest of British manufacturing industries.

Even in 1938 it employed 365,000 persons and exported about \$250,000,000 worth of goods. There are some 17,000 firms engaged in producing or processing cotton goods and 2300 in selling the finished articles.

In wartime the cotton trade had two important tasks which rank above the job of satisfying civilian home consumption.

First, it has to supply the demand of the armed services for

all kinds of materials such as articles of clothing, bedding, overalls, airplane and balloon fabrics, bandages and dressings, materials for tires, electric cables and cotton wool, an essential ingredient in the manufacture of high explosives. Second is the manufacture of cotton goods for the export trade.

Britain is making a desperate effort not only to hold the markets she has, but even to extend them. Of equal importance is that by holding her trade, the country obtains foreign exchange for further war effort.

## DEATH TOLL IN NATCHEZ FIRE IS 211

NATCHEZ, Miss., April 24.—Death toll in the fire at a negro dance hall last night, today stood at 211, with the final total expected to reach 250.

Negroes who had assembled for the biggest colored celebration of the year, were trapped in the wooden building, with only one exit, after the windows had been boarded up to prevent gate crashing.

Authorities believed that the blaze started when someone tossed a cigarette into the dry Spanish moss, which was used as decorations in the building.

Many of the victims were crushed to death and smothered in the stampede for the door with 195 others dying enroute to hospitals and five more dying later today. Between 30 and 40 are so seriously burned and injured that it is doubtful if they will live.

A negro pressman, who escaped with only slight scratches, said that he was standing near the only door to the dance hall when the fire started. He ran out the door and others who attempted to follow were trapped in the burning building, which was destroyed in less than 15 minutes.

White authorities in the city today stressed the need of an ordinance prohibiting gatherings of any size in buildings with only one exit, as an investigation of the fire was started.

Most of those killed were between 15 and 16 years of age, though many were from the most prominent negro families throughout this area, including doctors, lawyers, musicians and merchants.

## Houston Couple Is Lost In Their Boat

HOUSTON, April 24.—Officers reported today that Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hall of Houston, who put out into the Gulf of Mexico Sunday in a 20-foot boat, had been reported missing.

A search for the couple has been started and it was feared that they might have drowned.

## Weatherford Man Is Charged In Murder

WEATHERFORD, April 24.—A murder charge was filed today against Ernest Ray Blackmon, 25, a WPA worker, in the fatal shooting of his brother-in-law, Thurab Hendrix, 23, after an argument of the school principal.

HENDERSON, April 24.—Four hundred students at Gaston High School left their classes today and paraded in protest against dismissal of the school principal.

## Great Missionary Service



Rev. K. Hawley Jackson World Traveler - Missionary of Kansas City Mo.

Rev. Jackson has traveled in every state, and fourteen foreign countries. He has visited British Honduras, Salvador, Guatemala, Japan, China, Philippines, India, Palestine, etc. His messages are richly illustrated from his many wonderful experiences in travel and service. He will be heard at Eastland Church of Nazarene, Thursday, April 25, at 7:30.

## Ranger Entries Do Well at Dairy Show

Ranger entries in the Dairy Day held at Eastland Tuesday of this week, made good showings in the judging and several boys from Ranger who entered the judging contests placed well.

A Jersey cow in milk, entered by A. J. Ratliff won a blue ribbon; a two year old bull, entered by J. C. Kelley won a red ribbon, and two Jersey heifers, entered by Charles Bell won two white ribbons.

J. W. Elder, Ranger FFA boy, won second prize of a kitchen chair in judging dairy products; Wesley Dempsey, Ranger FFA boy from Lacasa community in Stephens county, won third place in dairy products judging and Earl Blackwell, Sr., won second prize in his division in judging dairy products.

Over 100 head of dairy cattle were entered in the Eastland show.

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## NAZI TROOPS SURRENDER IN NARVIK AREA

Stockholm sources declared today that a German battalion of 1,000 men had surrendered to the Norwegians, 30 miles north of Narvik, after exhausting their ammunition and food. About 150 Germans had been killed in fighting around that iron ore port, the reports stated.

Stockholm newspapers reported that the Germans had scored a victory at Steinkjer, north of Trondheim, and had driven the allies back to their defenses outside the town.

The British war office reported "sharp engagements" in that area, but said that their troops had "re-established" their situation there. Fighting continued in South-Central Norway, around Lillehammer, where a major battle seems to be developing.

There were indications that the Germans still were arriving in Norway by sea, despite the British blockade, and Berlin declared that a total of 61 British ships had been put out of commission. London sources emphatically denied the German report on naval losses.

A dispatch from Oslo said that students of the University of Oslo had escaped from the city to join their countrymen in the north in fighting the Germans.

From Berlin it was reported that a new trade agreement had been signed with Rumania.

## Communist Plot On Vessels Reported

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Fred How, radio operator, told the Dies committee today that communists had important positions in the United States Merchant Marine, so "in time of war they could help establish a Soviet system in the United States."

How named two United States vessels, which he said employed a large number of communists.

## Cyclone Aid Asked By A Texas Town

NAPLES, Texas, April 24.—Red Cross officials here today asked for aid for 20 persons made homeless and four who were injured in a cyclone which did an estimated \$35,000 damage here when it ripped through this town last night.

## Prizes Awarded In Golf Tournaments Of Ranger Club

Prizes in the Ranger Country Club's City tournament and in the Scotch tournament, just completed, were awarded at a picnic at the Country Club Tuesday night.

James Phillips was awarded the prize as city champion and Arthur Williams and Mrs. Glenn West were winners of the Scotch tournament, with Mrs. Floyd Killingsworth and E. F. Latham runners-up. The awards were made by Jack Mooney, president of the club.

Medalist in the city tournament, using one iron, was H. H. Vaughn, who played with a No. 5 iron. Mrs. Fred Yonker had the highest number of strokes of any player in the tournament.

Committees in charge of the city tournament included J. J. Hensley, H. T. Schooley and A. N. Larson. Those in charge of the Scotch tournament were Mrs. Schooley and Mrs. Carl Heinlen. Other committees were, ticket sales, Mrs. W. J. Van Bibber, Mrs. R. H. Harrison and Mrs. B. E. Garner; prizes, Mrs. Ernest Latham and Mrs. Harrison; tables for picnic, Mrs. Fred Yonker, Mrs. Van Bibber and Mrs. Heinlen.

## Optical Illusion Is Cause for Alarm

By United Press KEENE, N. H.—The fire department answered a general alarm, but found only an optical illusion and an embarrassed patrolman, Fred J. Bergeron.

Bergeron thought he saw smoke and flames pouring from a second-story window in a business district block. An investigation showed that the illusion was caused by reflection of a swaying red advertising sign and steam escaping from a room where workmen were removing wallpaper.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

Dean Sparks, taxi operator of Eastland, recently underwent an operation at a Big Spring hospital. He is reported by his brother, Johnnie, who has just returned from Big Spring, as doing well and on the road to a speedy recovery.

## THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Increasing high cloudiness with showers south portion tonight and north portion Thursday. Slightly warmer Fanhandle tonight.

## IN WEATHERFORD

Judge Geo. L. Davenport of the 91st district court is this week holding court for Judge J. E. Carter of the 43rd district court of Parker county at Weatherford.

## EASTLAND SET TO WELCOME DALLAS PARTY

Eastland is all set to welcome the large delegation of Dallas business men who are to visit the city Friday afternoon.

When the 39th Annual Dallas Business Tour arrives in the city on a special train over the Texas & Pacific Railway.

The party will arrive in Eastland at 3:45 p. m., from Baird, and, accompanied by their colorful 25-piece band, will parade through the business districts coming to a halt on the west side of the public square, where Mayor C. W. Hoffmann will welcome them to the city. A member of the Dallas party will respond to Eastland's address of welcome.

Then the band and a group of radio stars, including the Early Birds, will stage an entertainment program to which all the people of Eastland and this trade territory are invited.

The Dallas business leaders will be dressed in red, white and blue coats with gray Panama hats, and carry golf bags. They will include President J. B. Adoue of the Chamber of Commerce; President Harry Seay of the State Fair of Texas, and President Lawrence Pollock of the Dallas Manufacturers and Wholesalers' Association.

The State Fair will also be represented on the trip by J. Howard Hayden, president of its junior board of directors. The Dallas Chamber of Commerce will also be represented by Ben Critz, its vice-president and general manager; and the Dallas Manufacturers and Wholesalers' Association by its manager, Bob Bourdine.

Also included in the party will be representatives from the City of Dallas, County of Dallas, and executives of Dallas banks, hotels, insurance companies, manufacturing and wholesale firms, utilities and professional men.

After spending 45 minutes in the city the Dallas party will leave at 4:30 p. m. for Ranger where they will make their last stop of the tour.

T. E. Richardson, president of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, and H. J. Tanner, Commerce secretary, especially urge all Eastland citizens as well as those from the outlying districts to be present to welcome the Dallas party.

## Thurber Reunion Will Be Sunday

Additional announcements of the annual Thurber Reunion, for all former residents of that community, have been sent out from Fort Worth, where the reunion is to be held this year.

All former residents have been urged to attend a service, to be held in the Mulkey Memorial Church in Fort Worth on April 28, at 9:30 a. m. and to bring along a basket lunch.

The annual reunions of former Thurber residents are always well attended. For the past two years they have been held at Fort Worth as most of the ex-Thurberites now reside in that city.

## Pitman Says Allies Must win in Norway In The Next Month

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Chairman Key Pitman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, today declared that the Allies must win in Norway in the next 30 days or they will not be able to conquer the Germans.

Sen. Pitman said that he was not a military expert, but that information he had obtained from military sources said that this was true. He assured the senate that the United States would never be involved in the present European conflict.

## Masons Invited To Royal Arch Meeting Mon Night April 29

Eastland Royal Arch Chapter No. 403 will have a meeting Monday night, April 29, sponsored by the Grand Chapter of Waco. There will be a lecture and a motion picture shown.

All Master Masons are eligible to attend this meeting. The Eastland chapter extends to all out-of-town Masons the most cordial invitation. There will be refreshments served at the close of the meeting.

## GERMANS MAY RUN BLOCKADE WITH SUPPLIES

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE United Press Cable Editor

The report of a Swedish high house keeper that he had observed four large German transport steamers northward towards Olafjord under escort of two destroyers, would indicate that the Allied blockade of the Kattegat and the mouth into the Skagerrak is not as effective as the Allies had hoped and that Adolf Hitler is still able to get troops into Norway by sea by hugging the Swedish Coast.

The observer, stationed at Stromstad, reported that transports apparently had eluded a squadron of British destroyers. If the Allies had succeeded in blocking the Kattegat, Hitler would have had to depend on aerial transport for reinforcements and the convoy that Hitler got into Norway by air. His alternative would be to try to force his way through Sweden.

The prospect of a long fight Norway increases in direct ratio to the number of men Hitler can add to his forces there.

The air fleets of the Allies are Germans hammered at each other at shipping, and at air bases at strategic points.

Britain's determination to make a decisive and victorious struggle was shown in several ways, which showed that the tempo of the war has been so speeded up that the phrase "phony war" may soon be forgotten.

Germany's navy already has suffered heavy losses, and it was revealed today that more than 100 British ships are being repaired for action. They include five new, speedy battleships of 35,000 tons, which have now been completed and are undergoing trial. Two heavier battleships of 40,000 tons or more are being completed and in all, it is estimated more than 1,000,000 tons of warships are under construction.

Germany's asserted supremacy in the air also is being challenged. The appointment of Sir Charles Craven, one of Britain's biggest armaments industrialists, to the air council for development a production foreshadowed the opening of many new factories and the enlistment of tens of thousands of workers to turn out planes.

Each Thursday night a special Bible study class will be conducted at the First Presbyterian Church in Eastland. This class will be taught by the Rev. Clarence C. Elrod who has recently moved to Eastland to pastor the local church as well as Presbyterian churches at Ranger and Strawn. Mr. Elrod has formerly taught Bible courses over an Amarillo radio station and has also been heard over the program of the Radio Revival broadcast of station KRLD in Dallas.

## Special Class Is To Be Conducted

At the same Thursday night class there will be a special service for children taught by the pastor's wife. Studies will be illustrated with pictures. The classes meet at 7:45 and will last one hour, including a preliminary song service. A most cordial invitation is extended to all who desire a wider knowledge of the Book of Books.

## Chilean Youths To Get U. S. Training In Piloting Planes

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24.—Chile today became the 11th South American nation to sign an agreement whereby the United States would aid in training men for the air force and for defense of South American countries.

The state department announced today that Chile had signed a three year contract for three United States pilots to teach flying to young Chileans.

## Forced Confessions Scored By Justice

AUSTIN, April 24.—Justice Tom Beauchamp of the State Court of Criminal Appeals today criticized forced confessions as he ordered a new trial in two cases.

Included in the new trials ordered was that of Clarence "Pony" Abston, who was accused of instigating the murder of Miss Rebecca Courney, an aged painter, in Haskell county four years ago.

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Now Is the Time to Ask 'Why?'

The most important word for his country today is "Why?" A lot of broad general assertions are going the rounds, and there is a dangerous tendency to accept them at face value.

Hitler, in his invaluable treatise in "Mein Kampf" on how to manipulate the mob, makes it clear that the main thing is repetition. No matter how ridiculous a thing is, he maintains if you repeat it often enough—and loudly enough—people begin to believe it.

That is the danger in some of the things you begin to hear repeated these days. What's needed is a lot of people who will step up every time one of these assertions is made and ask "Why?" And demand very specific answers.

Here are a few to practice on:

"If it goes badly with the allies in Europe, the United States must inevitably be drawn into the war..."

Why?

If Holland is invaded and the Japanese grab the Dutch East Indies, the United States must send its fleet over 9000 miles to prevent it.

Why?

Guam, 9200 miles away, should be strongly fortified.

Why?

The United States has to go on buying all the gold and silver offered by anybody at prices far above its market worth.

Why?

Germany has invaded one neutral country after another. The United States is neutral. Therefore I'm sure it is only a question of time until it is our turn.

Why?

The United States is shirking a plain international duty if it refuses to throw its army and navy into the European war.

Why?

You may not be popular if you become one of the questioners. You may get a few apoplectic answers like "Why, you poor dumb—, it's obvious!" And so on, with the original statement repeated. But by that time you'll begin to get interested in the answers.

And you'll be doing your country a service, for never before was it so important to have plenty of people demanding to know "Why?"

Sweden reports Russia has agreed to pay indemnity of \$10,000 for bombing a Swedish village by mistake. Collecting the sum will be something else again.

If we believe all we hear about what's happening to the German navy, Hitler will soon have to take diving lessons to review his fleet.

FRENCH QUEEN

Word puzzle section with horizontal and vertical clues and a crossword grid. Includes a small illustration of a woman's face.

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Don't overlook Congressman Lee Geyer's bill to abolish the poll tax. It has some far-reaching political possibilities.

The tax exists in eight states—Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. Geyer estimates that it disfranchises 60 per cent of the whites and 90 per cent of the Negroes in that area.

What knocking it out might mean is illustrated by this:

A southern congressman flagged him the other day and said: "Lee, you aren't really going to push that bill, are you?"

"Sure," said Geyer. "Why not?"

"Why not? Why, because a lot of us will lose our jobs if it passed. We'd have to build our machines all over again, from the ground up."

CITING election returns and census figures, Geyer argues that some of the most influential men in Congress actually represent only a fraction of the electorate in their districts.

Average congressional district contains somewhere between 240,000 and 300,000 people; in an ordinary northern district, the total vote in a



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non-presidential election will run from 70,000 to 120,000.

But here are the votes cast in the 1932 elections in the home districts of important poll-tax-state congressmen:

Sam Rayburn, majority leader—16,877.

Hatton Summers, chairman of the Judiciary committee—10,887.

Engene Cox, chairman of the rules committee—5,137.

Marvin Jones, chairman of the agriculture committee—19,048.

William Whittenton, chairman of flood control committee—2,172.

Henry Steagall, chairman of banking and currency—10,000.

Carl Vinson, chairman of naval affairs committee—4,580.

John Rankin, chairman of World War veterans legislation committee—4,384.

GEYER put his bill into the hopper last summer, managed to get hearings on it before a subcommittee of the Judiciary committee just recently. He has been getting help from representatives of the liberal Southern Conference on Human Welfare.

Poll tax came into being in most of the eight states ostensibly as a means of disfranchising Negroes, but actually—according to Geyer—to make the poor whites behave.

In all of these states but Tennessee, he says, there are educational tests in the election laws which would keep Negroes from voting. Also, in all of these states, the poll tax is embodied in the state constitution and hence can't be removed by the legislature.

Drama Presented By Presto Players Is Given Acclaim

"Drama For Boredom" by Virginia B. Weaver, had its premier at the Connellee Theatre Tuesday night, and was acclaimed by the large and appreciative audience as one of the best ever presented in Eastland.

A Presto Player production, "Drama for Boredom," a smoothly enacted play which held mystery, comedy and romance, opened in an unique and highly entertaining fashion, and was far more amateurish.

Staged in "the living room of the house next door," the story is of a typical American family, who found themselves placed in an exciting position of harboring a notorious jewel thief.

The dialogue throughout the two acts is pleasant and entertaining and the setting and costumes were very good.

Directed by Virginia Weaver, the cast is composed of talented Eastland people, who were well cast in their roles. Miss Weaver's characters are individually and clearly outlined.

Mrs. Harriet McEwen, as Susie Quince, mother and grandmother in the Briggs home, was typical with her knowledge and understanding. Ethel Briggs, her daughter, Virginia Weaver, and mother of Gen. Betty Boyle, played by Essie, by Reita Barton and Oily, played by Don Russell, her son, were outstanding in their roles.

Wanda Leoney, was cast as Selena, Oily's wife; Hubert, the star boarder, was played by Wesley Hancock. Earl Francis, as George Briggs, Ethel's husband; Mrs. Eunice Stephen, as Bertha Fry, the town gossip; John D. Harvey, the sheriff, Bertha's brother, were superbly cast.

Dean Tucker, was excellent in his roll as the "stranger," who threw the Briggs household into a whirl of excitement and acting ability was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

Dellah, the maid in the Briggs home, was played by Patsy Hodges, with Ray Hinds, as Nick, her husband.

Others in the production was a troupe of musicians auditioning for a play to be produced by Mrs. Briggs as a "Drama for Boredom" for her children's entertainment.

Original music was written by Edmund Herring; scenery by Louisiana B. Weaver; stage carpentry by Myron Vann; stage manager, Ruth Joe Weaver.

The presentation will be held again tonight at 8:15 at the Connellee Theatre, and a full evening of sparkling entertainment is offered.

Princess Born as Nazis Invade



Princess Ingrid, above, of Denmark gave birth in Copenhagen to her first child, a daughter, Princess Ingrid is daughter of Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden.

While Nazi army of occupation "protected" her country, Crown Princess Ingrid, above, of Denmark gave birth in Copenhagen to her first child, a daughter, Princess Ingrid is daughter of Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden.

tor in British Columbia's lumber industry. More than 80,000,000 square feet of plywood can be produced at the mill.

A comparatively recent development of the lumber industry, plywood manufacturing on Canada's west coast is growing rapidly. Demand for the product having increased steadily in past years.

With European sources of supplies cut off, the British market is now more than ever open to British Columbia manufacturers.

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A committee was appointed at the Tuesday meeting to select nominees for officers, the names selected to be presented at the next regular meeting. The election of new officers would come still later.

The club accepted an invitation from the First Christian Church to meet next and have their luncheon served at the church.

Sandlot Teams To Furnish Material For Big Leagues

By United Press

MCKINNEY, Tex.—Baseball scouts who have been screaming because they claimed there has been a scarcity of material for the professional ranks will have to take a back seat on Sunday, May 5, according to the only feminine one of the ivory-hunters, Bessie Largent.

According to Mrs. Largent and the other half of the family, Roy, also a scout residing here, an estimated 60,000 sandlot teams over the nation will start play at one time, 3 p. m. CST, each to be opened by a celebrity in observance of the second annual "National Semi-Pro Baseball Day" to celebrate the official opening of the season.

"Tell me how are those 150 scouts going to be at 30,000 places at one time?" baseball's woman scout asked.

Mrs. Largent, following her travels last summer declares that sandlot and semi-pro baseball showed a decided increase in activity. More teams were organized last year and as new clubs were added, it gives more youngsters a chance to play, she said.

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Snow Removal State Highway Not Very

By United Press

AUSTIN, Tex.—The "ter" that Texas has through has had a program on the costs of the State Department. Snow removal roads in West Texas handle added to costs for road maintenance.

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AUSTIN, Texas—Approximately 200 fire prevention posters, representing the best work of 7,200 Texas high school and primary grade students, have been submitted to the state fire insurance department to compete for 24 cash prizes, Marvin Hall, fire insurance commissioner, reported today.

Hall reminded students and teachers that all posters must reach the state fire insurance department on or before May 1. He said as many as 2,000 posters had been submitted in previous contests.

Winning posters will be selected by three judges to be named by officials of the department, and the exhibits will be taken to various schools and conventions over the state.

War Is Reducing Earnings Of Artists

By United Press

LONDON.—The war has hit the artists hard. Men who could command several hundreds of pounds for a picture are now glad to get jobs of any sort where they can earn a pound or two a week.

Those who have not joined the army or one of the home services, have taken up teaching to carry on, or have slashed the prices of their pictures in order to make a sale of any kind.

Advertisement for Royal Crown Cola featuring a man's face and a bottle of the drink. Text: GET THIS, MA! THE GANG SAYS ROYAL CROWN COLA TASTES BETTER!

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"OUT OUR WAY" - - - - - By Williams



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

ALLEY OOP - - - - - By Fred Harman



RED RYDER - - - - - By Hamlin



Politics a Bore To Fallen Leader

By United Press
LEAVENWORTH, Kas.—The day's Spanish lesson was more interesting to Otto P. Higgins, once powerful Kansas City, Mo., director of police, than the municipal election in which aroused citizens elected a mayoralty ticket pledged to clean out completely last vestiges of the Pendergast machine under which Higgins held sway.

K. O. CAVALIER BY JERRY BRONDFIELD

YESTERDAY: Eddie goes into his fight with Corky Briggs knowing he is in love with Val, fearing she will marry Rodney. Corky's extra weight begins to tell on Eddie. Then Briggs opens up the wound made by the black-jack. Val knows she is responsible.
CHAPTER XXIV
VAL'S heart raced. All Corky Briggs had to do now was work on that cut above Eddie Cavalier's eye. She knew how eye cuts were. When they bled they made a man look like a stuck pig, blinded him and made him helpless.

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# Society Notes

Mayor C. W. Hoffmann and Frank Sparks were Dallas business visitors Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Ramey, Eastland county home demonstration agent, was in Brownwood Wednesday to assist in a district dairy program there, the Brown county agent being absent.

Geo. Harrell of Anson and formerly a banker of Eastland, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

W. I. Allison, who for the past several years has been located in the East Texas oil fields, but who maintains his permanent residence in Eastland where he owns a home, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver of Kilgore were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Weaver and family.

Miss June Hyer had as her week end guests, Misses Rubie Lee Beall of Jacksonville; Martha Meade of Luling, Jean Brouchelle of Shreveport, La.

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### CECIL HIBBERT

## Eastland County Cotton Mattress Making Program

1. What is the Cotton Mattress Demonstration Program in Eastland County?

The Cotton Mattress Making Demonstration Program now underway in Eastland county is sponsored by the Extension Service in cooperation with the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation (FSCC), the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA), and other agencies and organizations. This program is to help the "Low-Income Farm Families."

2. How is the "Low-Income Farm Family" defined?

The "Low-Income Farm Family" means any family having a total income for the calendar year 1939 of not more than \$400, at least one-half of which was derived from agricultural occupation. The total income is the cash income received, or that was earned and is collectible, plus the local market value of any unsold farm products raised for sale or received as payment for services or rent and held for sale.

3. How many make a family?

As used in this connection, the word "family" means two or more persons having a common or pooled income and living together as an interdependent economic unit in one household.

4. How is the income of the farm determined?

In determining the income of a farm family, the cash income means from all sources, such as wages, returns from crops sold, (or raised for sale and still on hand) other compensation, without deductions of any kind. (This includes AAA payments, WPA wages, NYA wages, Old Age Pension).

5. How many mattresses will one family be allowed?

Only one mattress will be allowed to each family, provided the family has not been given a mattress by the Farm Security, WPA or other agency.

6. When will I receive the mattress?

The mattress will be received when the ten are completed in the work center where your mattress is processed.

7. Who will make the mattress?

The farm families receiving the cotton and ticking will make the mattress. This will be worked out when the work centers are opened.

8. Who will have charge of the work center?

A committee of three women and two men will be in charge of the work center, one of the com-

mittee at the center at all time the mattresses are being processed. These committee members will be trained in mattress making and will help with the instructions.

9. How much will the mattress cost me other than the time spent in helping make the number in the work center?

The cost for the mattress will be around fifty cents to pay for the findings (thread, needles, paper).

10. Where are applications taken?

You may make application for a mattress at the office of the county or home demonstration agent, AAA office or at the following places on Saturday, April 27th:

Cisco—Chamber of Commerce. Rising Star—Higginbotham Store.

Carbon—Carbon Trading Co. Gorman—Higginbotham Store. Ranger—City Hall.

Eastland—Office of the Home Demonstration Agent in basement of court house.

11. When will the application have to be in the agents office?

These applications should be in the agents office by May 1st.

Application may be filed later.

12. How many days will there be representatives at the places in the different towns?

Saturday, April 27th will be last day unless more time is allowed for signing.

**Autogiro's Use On Front Is Feasible**

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PHILADELPHIA.—Capt. Louis B. Ely, army artillery instructor predicts that the autogiro may provide the French army with a means of cracking the German West Wall.

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Sequins for trimmings and other accessories cannot be obtained. Greater and greater quantities of wool are needed for uniforms. Eventually it may be necessary to ration silk.

**Group Opposed To Working By Wives**

By United Press

COLUMBUS, O.—An organization seeking to force all working wives from jobs in event their husbands are employed has been formed here.

Roland W. Jarvis, \$70-a-month accountant for a construction company, who heads the Universal Employment Betterment League, said there are at least 25,000 working wives in Columbus.

"The league does not seek to work in order to keep their family together. But we figure at least 12,500 of these wives have husbands who make \$100 a month or more. Their wives should not be permitted to work. My wife doesn't work, and we are able to live on \$70 a month.

"We will attack the problem in two ways. First, we will ask the city council here and in other cities, including Cincinnati and Cleveland, to pass an ordinance similar to the one adopted by Akron's council, asking industries to replace wives who did not need work.

"Then we will seek passage of a bill by State Representative Pat Dunn of Tuscarawas county in the legislature seeking to prevent wives from working for the state.

"Our biggest purpose now is to demand that all federal, state, city and county offices replace the married women who do not need work with single girls, young men and heads of families.

"It is disgraceful in this country of plenty to see all of the suffering and starvation among our neighbors. This is not necessary, but so long as one family has an income of from \$250 to \$500 a month and others on WPA earn \$7 to \$15 a week we will have these conditions."

**Woman Taxi Driver Calls Job Enjoyable**

SHELBY, O.—Maintaining day-and-night taxi schedules is "enjoyable work" to Mrs. C. L. Miller, one of the country's few woman cab drivers.

Mrs. Miller's cab service began a year ago when she decided she wanted a new home. Her husband gave up his factory job to build it, and she opened a cab company.

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