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Dutch Will Give Up Defense of Rotterdam

SWEDEN FEARS SHE IS NEXT TO BE INVADED

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE
United Press Cable Editor
Sweden fears she may be next in the list of countries to be invaded by Adolf Hitler's war machine. Stockholm is alarmed over reports of heavy German troop movements through the Kiel Canal and close to the Swedish border. The entire country has been ordered blacked out indefinitely and coast defense preparations are being made.

It is interesting to go back to April of 1939, when Hitler replied point-by-point to President Roosevelt's detailed peace proposals. The President said that the neutrals were fearful and suggested that Hitler should give them at least a ten-year guarantee of their security.

Hitler replied that the neutrals were not afraid of him and had so informed him in reply to his queries. Moreover, he said they had been given even more binding guarantees than those suggested by the President.

In the light of what happened since then, the speech is worth recalling. Hitler said: "Mr. Roosevelt asks that assurances be given him that the German armed forces will not attack, above all not invade the territorial possessions of his following independent nations. He then names as those coming into question: Finland, Latvia, Estonia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, Great Britain, Ireland, France, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Russia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Iraq, the Arabias, Syria, Palestine, Egypt and Iran."

"I have first taken the trouble to ascertain from the states mentioned, firstly, whether they feel themselves threatened; secondly, above all, whether this inquiry by the American President was addressed to us at their suggestion, or at my rate, with their consent. "The reply was in all cases negative, and in some instances strongly so. It is true that I could not cause inquiries to be made of certain states and nations mentioned because they themselves, for example Syria, at present are not in possession of their freedom, but are occupied and consequently deprived of their rights by military agents of democratic states.

"Thirdly, apart from this fact, however, all states bordering on Germany have received much more binding assurances and above all, suggestions, than Mr. Roosevelt asked from me in his curious telegram."

Golden Wedding Observed Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Hise

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hise, who were married in Arkansas in 1890 and moved to Texas in 1900, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, May 12, at their home four and one-half miles southeast of Ranger.

Mr. Hise was born in Arkansas in 1870, and his wife, the former Lou Belle Whitley, is a native of Missouri and was born in 1872. At the time they moved to their present location Mr. Hise had to clear the land for farming. Having 140 acres in farm land Mr. Hise, who does his own farming, is said to be one of the best farmers in the county.

Nine of their 10 living children and 10 grand-children were present for the 12 o'clock lunch. Others for lunch included Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Danley, sister of Mr. Hise; Homer Danley, Marion Stewart, Dorothy Lane, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Campbell. Those attending Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hise, Bob Hise, Maxine Hise of Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hise, Ruby and Dorothy Hise of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rose and daughter, Velma Lou, Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hise and two sons, Raymond, Jr., and Richard, Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bankston and daughter, Wanda Joy of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hise of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hise and son, Vivian, of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hise and daughter, Patsy, Ranger; Mr. Garrett Hise, Ranger.

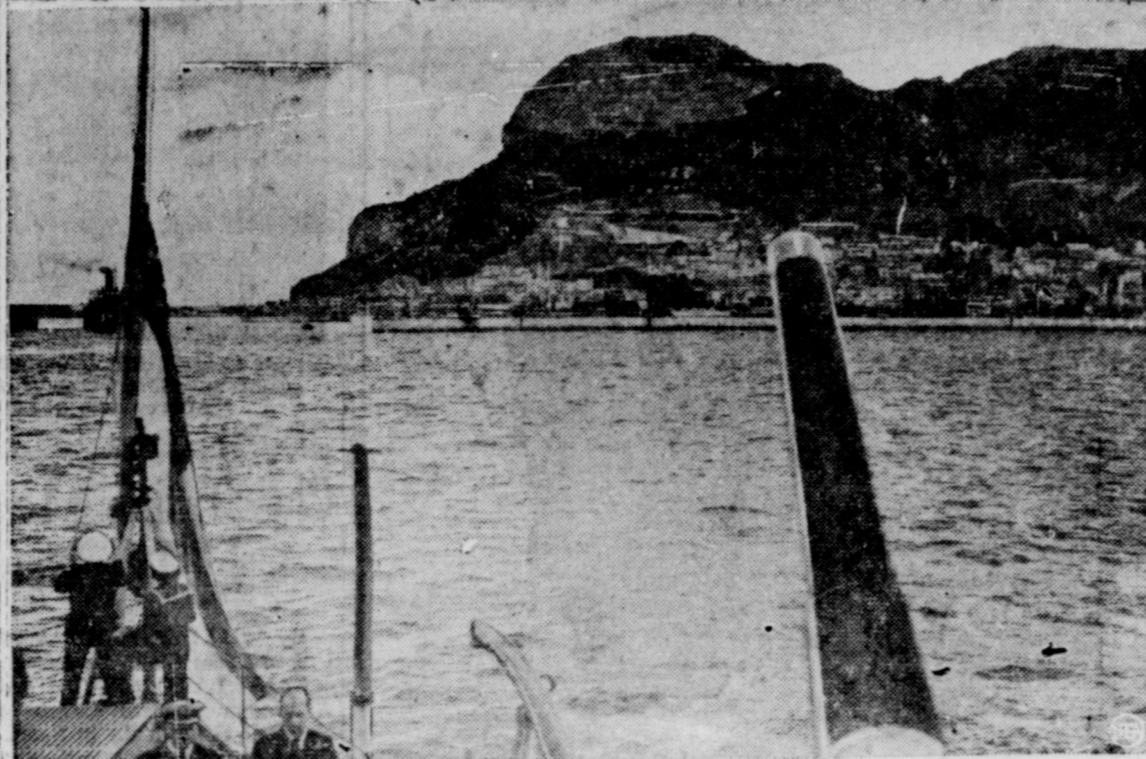
Eastland Has a Housekeeping Aid Project Operating

The WPA Housekeeping Aid Project of Eastland, located in the National Bank Building, a project of the Work Projects Administration Professional and Service Division of District 7, has 25 workers who go into homes of families eligible for this type of help to render a worthwhile service. The project is sponsored by the City of Eastland.

Work done by the project includes cooking, sewing, the simple home care of the sick, general house cleaning, and home improvement which embraces the repair and making of simple pieces of furniture and housekeeping equipment.

During the month of April, 90 families were aided, at a payroll cost of \$874.60 from Federal funds and a sponsor's contribution of \$49.82.

British Sentinel at Mediterranean's Gate



The so far impregnable Rock of Gibraltar—guardian of the Mediterranean Sea's western gate and of Britain's lifeline to her eastern dominions. The great fortress-mountain is seen from the deck of the British aircraft carrier Courageous.

BAND LEAVES FRIDAY FOR BIG SPRING

The Eastland High School band will leave Friday morning at 5:00 o'clock, aboard two chartered buses, for the annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which will be held in Big Spring May 17, 18 and 19.

All musical instruments belonging to the band will be loaded aboard the two busses Wednesday night, so that everything will be in readiness for the start early Friday, it was stated today.

Prairies Yield A Number Of Plants

ALLIANCE, Neb.—At least 237 kinds of plants compose the average middlewestern prairie. J. E. Weaver and S. B. Shively of the university of Nebraska department of botany reported following tests throughout Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado.

More than 100 tons of soil were removed from the prairies and sent to the university laboratories where it was washed and the plant material weighed and measured.

More than 200 miles of roots are contained in a strip of prairie soil 100 inches long, 6 inches wide and 4 inches deep, the scientists reported.

Last Call Made For Everyone To Be Enumerated

There is still time to be counted in the 1940 census, it was pointed out today by chamber of commerce officials and anyone who has not been enumerated should notify the Chamber of Commerce secretary.

If there remains anyone who has not been enumerated they should call No. 192 in order that they may be included in the total population with which the city will be credited this year.

Mohair Brings Big Price for Growers At a Recent Sale

Dr. R. H. Hodges and J. F. Donley of Ranger, two of the leading mohair growers in this part of the country, participated in the sale at Fort Worth of 60,000 pounds of mohair to Munro, Kincaid, Edgell, Inc. Dr. Hodges had 1,600 pounds of mohair in the sale and Donley had 1,500 pounds.

Word received here today was to the effect that No. 1 kid brought 80 cents a pound at the Midwest Wool Growers sale, No. 2 kid bringing 70 cents, No. 1 grown mohair bringing 58 cents, No. 2 grown hair bringing 45 cents and No. 3 grown hair bringing 40 cents.

This is the highest price paid so far in Texas, according to L. F. Astor, an official of the association, who notified members that receipts indicated that 1,000,000 pounds will be received before long, according to present receipts.

PRELIMINARY SCHOOL COUNT NOT CHANGED

Returns from the county-wide scholastic census have been received in the office of T. C. Williams, county superintendent, but have not been checked or tabulated as yet.

Williams stated that the total scholastic population of the county would be about the same as in 1939, with slightly less than 8,000 pupils being enumerated.

Although the returns are not checked for mistakes, preliminary figures, which are subject to revision, showed the following comparisons with 1939:

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| Ranger | 1940 | 1939 |
| Eastland | 1317 | 1380 |
| Cisco | 1065 | 1046 |
| Olden | 1479 | 1462 |
| Desdemona | 207 | 221 |
| Carbon | 219 | 215 |
| Gorman | 330 | 325 |
| Rising Star | 416 | 388 |
| Rural | 470 | 456 |
| County Total | 2059 | 2074 |

It was pointed out by Williams that while the figures for 1939 were complete, those for 1940 were subject to revision when final checkups were made, and it was easily possible for some of the 30 to 50 pupils where errors might have occurred in making reports.

Free Boat Racing Program Set Sunday At Lake Brownwood

Thirty-one entries have been received for the free boat race that will be conducted Sunday afternoon at Lake Brownwood, according to Henry Wilson, Jr., president of the Brownwood Regatta Association. Seventy-five or more entries, including a number of contestants from various points in West Texas, are expected for the amateur contests, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

Cash prizes amounting to \$235 will be given to the winners of nine races. A special trophy will be awarded to the person giving the best exhibition on a surfboard, aquaplane or water-skis. First, second and third place winners will share in the prizes for the other races.

PRESIDENT IS ASKING MORE FOR DEFENSES

WASHINGTON, May 14.—President Roosevelt called emergency meetings today with Army, Navy and Congressional leaders, to prepare measures against what White House Secretary Stephen Early described as a "four-alarm fire sweeping toward the New World."

The president asked \$2,000,000,000 for defense and wants \$500,000,000 more which will require additional taxes or raising of the statutory federal debt limit.

Congressional leaders were quoted today as being in favor of raising the debt limit, in view of the war situation in Europe and this country's defense needs.

Assistant Senate Republican Leader Warren Austin today declared that "democracies are at the brink of disaster" and urged full credit to the allies.

One measure being given consideration was to allow the allies full credits in the United States, and to take their possessions in the West Indies and Bermuda as security for the indebtedness.

Leisure Activities Are Offered Here

Leisure time activities are offered Ranger and Eastland citizens by the Work Projects Administration Recreation Project of the Professional and Service Division of District 7, under the sponsorship of the city. The program is supervised on three playgrounds and in a Community Recreation Center Building.

A daily supervised program including games, crafts, athletics, sing-songs, and story hours is offered the community. Trained recreation leaders are available for conducting social recreation for church groups, community and other groups whose activities are open to the public.

Alameda Club Has A Regular Meeting

The Alameda Home Demonstration club met last Thursday, May 10, at the home of Mrs. John Griffith. The meeting was called to order by the president, after which 10 minutes of recreation was enjoyed.

Discussion topic at the meeting was diseases of poultry, Mrs. A. H. Dean talking on coccidiosis, Mrs. Dee Rodgers talking on fowl pox and Mrs. John Love talking on nutritional rump.

Stephens County Tax Officer Has Pleased Guilty

BRECKENRIDGE, May 14.—Trial of E. N. Howell, former Stephens county tax assessor collector, opened here with Howell pleading guilty to an indictment of misapplication of public funds to the amount of \$20,407.42.

Following his plea, however, the state put on witnesses the entire day, resting its case at the close of court by reading a confession made by Howell in which he said he converted to his own use \$14,000 and that he "had just lived it up."

Four employees of Howell's office were placed on the stand, the state attempting to show that in many cases Howell took cash from tax cash boxes and placed his personal I.O.U. or check on E. M. Howell, tax collector-assessor, which was carried in lieu of cash.

Raymond Waller, appointed to succeed Howell in the office last April when complaint of shortage of \$14,000 was filed and Howell resigned, testified that in going over the books with auditors shortages had been found in accounts for the past five years varying in amounts from \$20 to \$5,000.

Waller also testified to finding a box in which partial payments of taxes had been placed there for which checks or IOUs had been substituted.

1,098 Children In County Are Served Lunches at Schools

An average of 1,098 children in four Eastland County communities are served by the Works Projects Administration School Lunch Project of the Professional and Service Division of District 7. Lunch rooms at Rising Star, Pioneer, Cisco and Morton Valley schools are sponsored by the county school superintendent.

The WPA employs a dietitian to plan and supervise the preparation and serving of well-balanced meals. Children of parents who are financially able pay five cents a meal. In addition to supervision, the WPA pays the salaries of 68 workers and surplus commodities are issued to each school on the basis of the number of free lunches served to underprivileged children. Lunch room project workers are required to have a food handler's health certificate, which includes a blood test, typhoid fever and tuberculosis tests.

Brother of Gorman Residents Is Dead

Funeral services were planned at Fort Worth today for Richard D. Clements, 62, brother of Louis and Mark Clements of Gorman, who died Monday night at 10:00 o'clock.

Survivors, in addition to the two brothers in Gorman, include a daughter, Mrs. Dixie Atherton and a sister, Mrs. Jim Clark, both of Fort Worth, and two grandchildren.

NAZIS CLAIM BIG GAINS IN ALL SECTIONS

Unrestricted Aerial Warfare Is Feared By Allies After German Protests About Bombings

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Germany's armed forces smashed into France today in a great drive to crack the Maginot Line and establish English Channel bases for a blitzkrieg against Great Britain and against British shipping in the channel and the North Sea.

The Germans cut through Holland almost to the coast, broke the Belgian defenses along the Albert Canal and threatened Antwerp, and drove into France, where they reportedly took the historic city of Sedan, in front of the French defenses.

The allies feared that unrestricted aerial warfare soon would come to Great Britain and France and a French hospital, on the Marne, was bombed today with many casualties resulting.

Fear was felt because the Germans protested against alleged new allied bombing raids in West Germany, in which 12 German civilians were claimed to have been killed.

The Germans claimed to have defeated an allied mechanized force near the River Dyle in Belgium, near Louvain, and only 18 miles from Brussels.

Belgian Premier Pierlot declared, however, that the main defense lines were undented today and that Liege forts, which the Germans claimed to have captured, were still inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

The main battle line extended from Holland into northern France with another along the Belgian, Luxembourg and French borders—totaling 150 miles of fighting lines.

Dutch soldiers set fire to petroleum stores near Amsterdam, to keep them from falling into the hands of the Germans.

Paris newspapers said that Liege was bombed for 12 hours and that the nearby city of Namur was in flames.

Japanese Protest Anti-Jap Action
Japan today protested vigorously over alleged anti-Japanese activities in the Dutch East Indies, indicating that the Japanese government is contemplating some kind of action in these quarters.

Fine Is Assessed; License Revoked In Drunk Driving Case

The criminal docket was called in 88th district court Monday, by Judge B. W. Patterson, and one case was tried. A conviction was secured by Criminal District Attorney Earl Conner, Jr., on a charge of driving intoxicated and a fine of \$98.50 and five days in jail was assessed, and driving license was revoked for six months.

ALABAMA HUNTERS SAFE

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—The Alabama conservation department reports a 47 per cent decrease in fatal hunting accidents in the state during the 1939-40 season.

Staff H.D. Club To Meet On Wednesday

The Staff Home Demonstration club will meet Wednesday, May 15th at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. H. White.

Superintendent Is Eastland Visitor

L. A. Woods, state superintendent of education, was a visitor in Eastland Monday, visiting in the office of T. C. Williams, county superintendent, and attending the regular weekly meeting of the Eastland Rotary Club.

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Hiding Behind Generalities

There is a great debate going on in the country today—Isolation vs. Internationalism.

The more highly intellectual a writer is, the more emphatically he goes to bat for one side or another.

And yet this is largely shadow-boxing. For this rousing debate, with its two glittering generalities of "Isolation" and "Internationalism" has a great deal of unreality about it.

There is no such thing as "isolationism," pure and simple; there is no such thing as "internationalism," complete and 100 per cent. There are only combinations of the two, leaning first one way, then another. There are only practical courses of action to be chosen in specific circumstances.

No one can seriously maintain, for instance, that the present position of the United States in the world is either completely "isolationist" or "internationalist." It is true that the people have clearly indicated their fervent desire that the United States shall not become a full-fledged belligerent in the war now racking Europe.

But that does not imply that it is "isolationist." We take full part in Pan American affairs, joining with the other 20 American republics in the effort to regulate our common interests by peaceful and voluntary co-operation. Is this isolation?

Every conceivable facility which can properly be extended to the British and French governments has been freely given them. Every opportunity to apply American pressure to prevent extension of the war has been seized. Is this isolation?

Yet the United States, ever since it rejected the League of Nations after the World War, has never ceased to make it clear that it would not take an equal part with European nations in regulating European affairs.

Discussion seeking that the United States declare wholehog for "isolation" or "internationalism" is pointless. We shall, as a matter of fact, declare for neither. We shall continue to do from day to day what seems best to be done in the fact of the day's developments and their effect on our present, their probable effect on our future.

That shuttling sound you hear in the vicinity of Washington, D. C., would be the Hatch bill, popping in and out of congressional pigeon-holes, subject to House committee whims.

If there's something rotten in Denmark, it's probably those eggs still on the pier, having missed the last boat to England.

Color blindness is more prevalent among men than women, proving that looking at the new spring hats is more disastrous than wearing them.

CELEBRATED AUTHOR

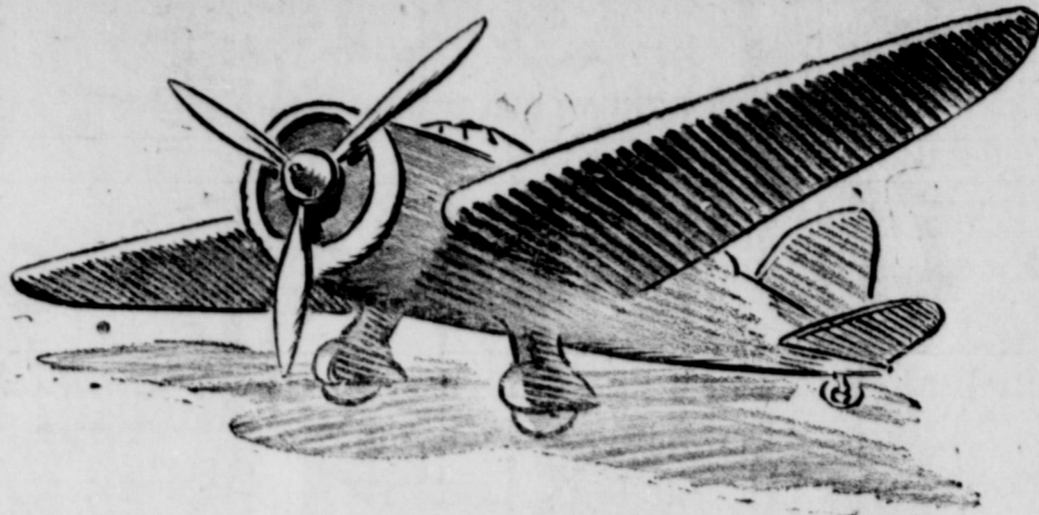
HORIZONTAL Answer to Previous Puzzle

- 1 Late Scandinavian author. 12 Card game. 13 Respiratory sound. 14 Particles. 16 Beer. 17 Reckless criminal. 18 Mountain (abbr.). 19 Eyeglass. 20 Onto. 21 Veranda. 22 Line. 24 To consolidate. 26 Great lake. 27 Final cause. 28 Cubic (abbr.). 29 Coffee beans. 30 Form of "I". 31 Lowbred person. 32 Greek letter. 33 To live. 34 Forest officials. 39 North Africa (abbr.). 41 Swift. 42 Wrong. 43 Shred. 44 That which is educated. 46 Wood plant. 47 To surfeit. 48 Identical. 49 Does wrong. 50 Name. 51 She was a native of. 52 She was the first to receive the Nobel prize. VERTICAL 1 A seasoning. 2 Before. 3 Seed. 4 Sphere of action. 5 Languor. 6 High mountain. 7 To agree. 8 Long inlet. 9 Depositing. 10 Indian. 11 Musical term. 12 Her first novel is her most book. 15 Pokes a fire. 17 Low sand hill. 19 Recently. 20 Tribuneships. 21 To love. 23 Opera melody. 25 Cognomen. 28 Wagon. 31 Price. 33 To consecrate. 34 Fronted upon. 35 Forbidding. 36 Human trunk. 37 Eagle. 38 Right (abbr.). 40 Deputy. 41 To smoke. 43 Branches. 45 Simpleton. 46 French (abbr.). 47 Sun. 49 Half an em. 50 New England (abbr.).



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Ranger Girls Will Get Degrees From T.C.U. This Year

FORT WORTH, May 14.—Miss Anita McHarg, daughter of Tess McHarg, and Miss Mary Helen Childs, daughter of Mrs. C. L. Childs of Ranger, are two of 168 students who are scheduled to receive degrees at the 1940 commencement exercises of Texas Christian University.



ANITA MCHARG

Judge Tom L. Beauchamp of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, will deliver the address to the class of 1940, at exercises scheduled for Monday evening, June 3, on the T. C. U. campus. Baccalaureate services will be conferred upon four prominent Texans with the class of '40. Judge Beauchamp and Douglas A.



MARY HELEN CHILDS

Shirley, registrar of West Texas State Teachers' College, Canyon, will have the LL.D. degrees conferred upon them. Prof. J. Frank Doble of the University of Texas, famous as an authority on South-west folk-lore, will receive the degree of Litt. D. The degree of Doctor of Divinity will be awarded Rev. George F. Cuthrell, pastor of the First Christian Church of Tyler.

Members of the class of '40 will celebrate the annual Senior Week activities from May 27 through June 3. President of the senior class is Stanley Wilson of Grinnell, Ia.

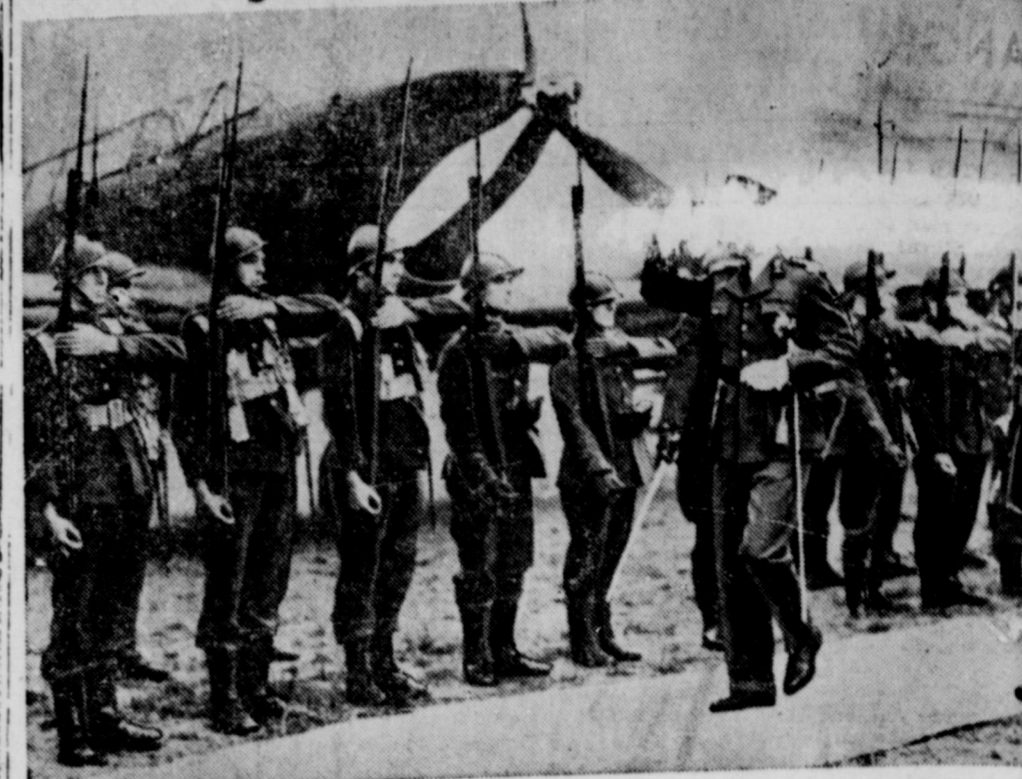
Miss McHarg graduated from Strawn High School in 1935. She is majoring in Sociology and minoring in Government. She has been a member of the Women's Choral Club for the past four years a member of the Student Christian Association. Miss Childs attended Ranger

Junior College before coming to T. C. U. She is a major in English and a minor in Spanish. She holds membership in Sigma Tau Delta, a national English honorary organization, Los Hidalgos, Spanish Club and the International Relations Club. She will teach in Deming, N. M.

HAS 3 DRY TOWNS

SAN FRANCISCO. -- California has only three "dry" towns, a survey reveals. They are Pacific Grove, Claremont and Woodlark, a new town just being built.

Belgian King Leads Troops as Father Did



King Leopold of Belgium, above, giving salute, was reported at the front, personally leading his army against invading Germans as his father, King Albert, had done before him in the first World War. Above photo was taken at recent review of Belgian air force, now fighting Nazis.

Class Training To Fit Jobs Needs

By WILLIAM McMENAMIN United Press Staff Correspondent SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—

A 10-year plan to absorb every high school graduate in Salt Lake City into gainful employment through vocational planning is under way here, L. J. Nuttall, Jr., superintendent of city schools, has announced.

Nuttall said the program had been under way for six years. It has not solved the problem of unemployment for youth but is working toward that end, he asserted.

The program is designed to place high school graduates in gainful employment in private industry in jobs ranging from skilled technical occupations to common labor.

Four thousand students are enrolled in the courses this year including 781 in trade and commercial subjects, 2,064 in sales and distributive fields and 1,575 in trades and industries. Most of them have prospects for jobs when they complete their training.

The employer suggests the courses which he wishes his prospective employees to take. The students chosen enter the courses, assured that if they make good in the training, they will receive a position. Courses in the evening high school are planned to fit the needs.

The courses include unskilled, semi-skilled and even common labor occupations. A student, according to his ability and background, may be chosen to train to become a grocery clerk, a department store clerk, a laborer in a cannery, a butcher, baker and nearly everything; but a candlestick maker.

There are courses in general business, labor cooperating programs, commercial subjects, garment alteration, air conditioning, dairying, house painting, aviation, acetylene welding, auto repair, printing and carpentry.

Employer States Needs

Courses Are Restricted Enrollment in most is limited to the number of openings in the trade committee of employers and leaders in various fields. A list is built up from openings made to the labor market.

Instructors are chosen on basis of expertness in the trade, high moral character and teaching ability.

"This changing modern world requires everyone who enters it to be successful in the face of the complex economic and social competition present on all sides," Nuttall said.

"Competition for employment and social advancement has never been keener. My life, as you know, is concerned with the technical demands and obtaining them."

That is what we write. But accomplish for our student orphans. I had a brother. You see, Texas. He raised Hugh Sheriff. Some band leader's sister about 16, up here. Another brother. Remember the summer months ago drunk who then killed caught first death? Clark had anything on it. "That w Collins!"

WHERE... WHEN... HOW?

Vacations are just ahead. Yet along with the anticipation of those carefree days is the eternal problem of where... when... how.

The seashore or the mountains? The lakes or the woods? Golf? Wishing? Boating? An auto tour of the country? A cruise to the Caribbean?

There are so many places to go... so many things to do. Yet there is so little time—and, often, so little money!

Here is a suggestion that will help solve your problem. In the pages of this newspaper you will find advertisements that describe the advantages and opportunities of various vacation possibilities. Here, too, are attractive advertisements that will help you decide whether to travel by train or trailer, plane or bus.

Read these advertisements carefully. You can, from your favorite chair, compare cost, comfort, convenience. By this method you will save much time... and, in all likelihood, save money as well!

SERIAL STORY

ROMANCE AHEAD

BY TOM HORNER

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DANGER

CHAPTER I

LARRY COLLINS smiled down at the baldish man across the desk. "All right, Steve. . . So I'm out. But that doesn't change things. I'm quitting your newspaper tonight."

"Okay, Larry, I can't stop you," Steve Clark's voice softened. "But you're a swell reporter, and I like you. If I didn't, I wouldn't waste five minutes trying to keep you from making a fool of yourself."

"You need a vacation! So do I! So does everyone. But you don't see Steve Clark quitting the job with the grand jury blowing the top off the city hall. And conventions, campaigns, and elections coming up." Steve's temper was getting away from him. "All right, Collins, take a vacation! But when you're broke and looking for a job, don't come back to Steve Clark. I made you, and by the eternal I can make another sub reporter into just as good a newspaper man."

"Just a minute, Steve. Let's part friends," Collins sat down on the corner of the desk, rolled a cigarette, lit it and inhaled deeply before he continued. "That vacation talk is office gossip. I just express it around as an excuse. I'm not quitting now because I want to, Steve—and you have to believe that—I've got a job to do, and it won't wait. I have to quit, Steve."

"You mean you're leaving me to work for someone else? Of all the ungrateful pups!" Clark exploded. "Get out! Get your pay and get out!"

Collins did not move. He had faced Steve Clark's rage for 10 years and he waited now, smoking calmly, for the other man's anger to subside. After a time he continued:

"You didn't ask much about me when you gave me my first job 10 years ago, Steve. I've never told you, but if you know now, perhaps you'll understand why I'm quitting."

"I was a green kid, and, like you say, you made me a reporter. My life, as far as you were concerned, dated from the time I walked into your office. You knew I'd been to school, that I could write. But you didn't know I was an orphan, and you didn't know I had a brother."

"You see, Steve, I was born in Texas. Mother died then. My dad raised Hugh and me. Dad was a sheriff. One day he tried to stop some bandits and they killed him. Dad's sister took Hugh, who was about 16, and they shipped me up here to live with Mother's brother."

"Remember that wire story out of the southwest about three months ago about an unidentified drunk who had driven off a cliff, then killed himself when his car caught fire, rather than burn to death?"

Clark nodded. "Yeah. Never had anything but the first lead on it."

"That was my brother—Hugh Collins!"



Illustrated by Ed Gunder

For the second time in one day, Larry looked into the barrel of a revolver. . . "Thanks, buddy," the gunman said. "We'll take your car. . . Get that stuff in here, Bill."

glers would start up operations again. "And that's what they've done, and you want to go down and cover it," Clark broke in.

"That's right," Larry agreed. "I had a letter from the chief yesterday. He said that reports indicate that the same gang is at work again. He believes that a stranger might have more luck finding out about them than one of his own men. I wired him that I'd report within a week, and if he'd swear me in, I'd do my best to get the men who killed my brother. . . So you see, Steve, I've got to go."

"I understand, Larry. I can arrange it. You'll be on assignment. And when you come back, your job will be waiting for you. Good luck, boy!"

SPRING in the southwest. Nothing like it, thought Larry Collins as he drove along the broad highway. Cattle grazing in green pastures. Calves bawling. Here and there the broad green waves of wheat. It was good to be home.

Four days of steady driving had changed his city pallor to a healthy red. In a few more days even Steve Clark would never recognize him.

A barricade across the highway loomed before him. Larry slammed on his brakes, slid to a screeching stop. A blue-coated patrol officer stepped from the side of the road, gun in hand.

"Step out, with your hands up," he commanded.

Larry shut off his motor, climbed out of his car, hands in the air. Another officer covered him from the far side of the patrol car. The first patrolman came up to Larry, searched him quickly, then inspected his car.

"Okay," he called after a minute. "And to Larry: 'Let's have a look at your license.'"

"It's on the steering post," Larry said. "May I ask, what is this all about?"

The patrolman returned to him. "You're all right. You can go on now. There's been a holdup, and we're stopping all cars. Sorry to have bothered you, but we have to do it."

"No trouble. Hope you catch them!" Larry shouted as he drove away. He had been tempted to

tell them he was Hugh's brother, but when the officer had not recognized the name, he had thought it wiser not to mention it. Hugh wasn't well known in this part of the state. Perhaps the chief wanted to keep it that way.

A GOOD lunch and a couple of cigarettes erased the memory of the holdup from Larry's mind. Two or three more hours would bring him to his destination, first stop in his search for Hugh's killers. If that gang caught him, he'd get no more mercy than they had shown Hugh. But if they didn't—he'd have the satisfaction of knowing Hugh's debt was paid. The hate of criminals, the heritage of his father, swelled within him.

He topped a little rise, saw the car parked off the highway. A man bent over the motor, while a young woman, holding a baby, stood at his side. Larry stopped, leaned over the door.

"Anything I can do to help?" The man's head came up. "Why, sure, thanks. You can take me down the road and find a mechanic. Just a minute—"

As the man turned back to the car, Larry noticed a second man get out of the front seat, walk around the car toward him—and for the second time in one day Larry Collins looked into the barrel of a revolver.

"Thanks, buddy," said the second man. "We'll take your car, but we'll have to leave you. Come on, climb out." He waved the gun to emphasize his order. "Come on, Bill, get that stuff into this car."

The man called Bill lost all his friendliness. He shoved past Larry, carrying a heavy suitcase, tossed it into Larry's car, then climbed behind the wheel.

The man with the gun backed toward the roadster. "The lady'll keep you company, buddy. Be smart now, and you won't get hurt. Thanks, Missus, for gettin' us by the cops—"

Larry cursed softly as he watched his car disappear down the highway.

(To Be Continued)

"OUT OUR WAY"

BY WILLIAMS



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By Hamlin



Railroads Are Greatest Asset Blanton Declares

DALLAS, Texas.—The rail lines traversing this state, serving both the large and small community with efficient and dependable service, constitute the greatest financial, commercial, and economic asset to Texas, and the state's future progress and prosperity is inherently linked and synchronized with the continued successful operation of these specific carriers, was the opinion rendered Thursday by Burt C. Blanton, consulting industrial engineer and business economist of Dallas.

"Communities without rail outlets are not desirable locations for new industries, and it is an obvious fact that the more railroads

providing service to a city or town the greater is its present stability, both commercial and industrial, and, likewise, its future potentialities are contingent upon such transportation facilities, which are still paramount to all other types," Mr. Blanton said.

"There are numerous communities in Texas, constituting cities and towns in the population brackets ranging from 2,500 upward to 20,000 inhabitants or more, who derive their major tax revenue from the railroads, and this is equally true in relation to three-fourths of the 254 counties comprising the State of Texas. Subsequently, if such a medium of taxation is eliminated due to the abandonment of rail lines, there are many of these communities which will eventually become bankrupt as a sequence of such lost revenue, which cannot be replaced supplemented by other forms of taxes as, obviously, busi-

ness, industry, and real property levies now in effect together with all other forms of taxation constitute a serious and most detrimental factor in the continued solvency and economic success of individual and integral endeavor."

Mr. Blanton cited the fact that loss of rail service to any community, regardless of the existence of improved highways, motor transportation, air service, et cetera, invariably resulted in a decline in population, and in disintegration of commerce and industry, with a marked decline in earned income of the inhabitants, effective purchasing power, and local pay rolls.

"A railroad serving any city or town is, in reality, that community's fundamental asset, for such a transportation medium provides both directly and indirectly (a) A primary source of income due to tax revenue and pay rolls; (b) A most consistent

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



our greatest economic asset—Give it your business."

In conclusion Mr. Blanton rendered the opinion that the present and continued stupendous commercial and industrial development, and growth in population, together with utilization of raw materials, latent resources, and the building of new industries in Texas was contingent to a major degree upon the success of the railroads in our economic entity.

After Club Work Members Make Good

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—An answer to the question, "Does 4-H Club work tend to encourage members to seek advanced training in agriculture and home economics?" has been indicated in a survey made recently by a research worker of the Federal Extension Service. He found that 37.78 percent of the students now enrolled in agriculture and home economics at the agricultural colleges in the Central States are former 4-H Club members.

A similar survey was made for the school year 1927-28, and comparison of those results with the figures for the school year 1939-40 indicates a gain of 823 percent during the 12 year period. Many of these students made their first contact with the agricultural college through their 4-H activities, and it is also believed that the awarding of scholarships to 4-H club members has been a factor in encouraging attendance at state colleges of agriculture.

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Society Notes

Auxiliary to Meet at Legion Clubhouse Tonight

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold regular meeting in Legion Clubhouse tonight at 7:30. All members are urged to attend.

Garden Pilgrimage Wednesday For Civic League and Guest

The Civic League and Garden Club will hold their annual Garden Pilgrimage Wednesday, May 15 with Mrs. E. W. Patterson as host for the occasion.

Mothers Day Marked By 9:49 Bible Class

The 9:49 Men's Bible Class of the First Methodist Church were host Sunday to the members of the Martha Dorcas Class, the Susan Steele Class, Booster Class, and the Young People's Department for a special Mother's Day observance.

Judge V. T. Seaberry brought an interesting talk on the subject of Mother's Day, as the principal speaker for the morning session. Musical selections were played by Clara June Kimble, pianist.

A special musical program was also rendered by the Drago Octet, under the direction of Wilda Drago.

A large audience was present for the morning class period.

Eastland Personals

Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Collins of Big Spring visited in the home of Mr. Collins' sister, Mrs. P. L. Parker, and Mr. Parker, enroute to Dallas to attend the State Medical Association convention, the past week-end. From Dallas they will continue on to Washington. Mrs. E. L. Hague, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Collins, and her small daughter, were also visitors in the Parker home.

Cyrus B. Frost, Jr., student of University of Texas, Fred Wickler and Buddy Hammer, also students of Texas U., were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus B. Frost, Sr., over the past week-end.

James Dabney, student of ACC in Abilene, visited in Eastland over the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frost spent the week-end in Texarkana in the home of Mrs. Frost's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doss.

After a look through the day's news, there arises the question, "Whatever became of Summer Welles?"

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- For Representative 107th District: OMAR BURKETT
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- For County Judge: W. S. ADAMSON R. L. RUST
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: HENRY V. DAVENPORT JOE TOW
- For Constable Precinct No. 1: HUGH CAPLTON

Cast for Mikado Is Well Selected For Showing Here

When the curtains part on the opening of "The Mikado" to be presented at the Connellee Theatre Wednesday evening, May 15 by the fine arts department of Ranger Junior College, the audience will see a cast, chorus and orchestra of over 50 people who have been working hard to make the opera a success.

The main roles will be taken by the following persons: Marie Conway plays the part of Yum-Yum. Marie is a senior in high school but her voice shows great promise.

Nanki-Po, Guy Ewing of Breckenridge. Ewing is a teacher of voice himself and an able singer.

The part of "The Mikado" is taken by D. Warren Craik, head of the science department of Ranger Junior College. He studied voice at the University of Kansas and sang in the A Cappella Choir there as well as at Juniata College. Incidentally, few people in Ranger know the extent of Craik's musical talent.

Besides having a splendid bass voice Craik plays the violin as well. His duties in the class room have prevented him from taking active part in church and civic programs this year.

Edith Maye Taylor plays the difficult comedy role of Katisha and Priesing considers her the best Katisha he has ever seen. She surpasses the Katisha in the screen version. Edith Maye is a born actress. Every time she speaks her lines she adds some new inflection in her voice that convulses her audience. Undoubtedly her performance will be long remembered.

A new discovery is Princeton Head, who carries the part of Pooh-Bah, Lord High Everything Else. Although he is only a high school student, Princeton was invited to join the college chorus because of his voice. By constantly singing his voice has developed splendidly.

Margaret Jo McCleskey sings the role of Pitti-Sing, while that of Peep Bo is taken by Fern Allen Meroney. Both girls are pupils of the Fine Arts department and are well known for their musical ability. In 1937, Miss McCleskey won first in district and regional, and second in state for high school soprano.

'Do Your Duty,' --- Holland's Queen



Striking portrait of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, who called on her invaded countrymen to "do your duty everywhere and in all circumstances."

Another War Engages Her



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, who traveled to Versailles with her husband, the late President Wilson, and watched the signing of the peace treaty that ended the World War, listens to a discussion of a new war's problems at the national convention of the American Red Cross in Washington.

Has Leading Role



Miss Marie Conway of Ranger will have the leading role of Yum-Yum in the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera "The Mikado" which will be presented Wednesday evening, May 15, at the Connellee Theatre by the fine arts department of Ranger Junior College.

The comic lead of Ko-Ko, The Lord High Executioner, is taken by Joe Don Meroney.

The part of Pish-Tush, a noble lord, is taken by Bruce Harris, who is director of the choir of the First Baptist Church of Ranger.

Buddy Hamrick will act as the mascot and attendant. The costumes for the cast of this production were designed by Beatrice Toti, who has since moved to Eastland. They were made by Mrs. Compton, who has shown great originality in carrying out the plans of the designer.

Mrs. Cleveland, college librarian, designed and made the costume of Katisha, as well as those worn by the men's chorus. Her assistants were Mrs. Tunnell and Mrs. Conway.

Those behind the scene, on whom success will depend are: Dick and Rossie Hodges and Tommy Smith, stage managers; Virginia Beach, make-up; Mrs. Hamrick and Mrs. Cleveland, directors, and D. A. Roberson, director of scenery.

To Present Opera



Elwood K. Priesing, head of the Fine Arts Department of Ranger Junior College, who will present his department in the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "The Mikado" at the Connellee Theatre Wednesday evening.

Hunger Threat Is Seen For Greenland Because Of War

By United Press
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Dr. W. S. Carlson, explorer and veteran of two expeditions to Greenland, fears that curtailment of shipping from Denmark because of the British blockade will "starve Greenland out."

With a growing danger of possible starvation facing the 17,000 Eskimos and Danes who inhabit Greenland, the American Red Cross has asked Carlson for advice. He said the island population is imperilled and faces innumerable hardships although no military force may be dispatched to the island.

Carlson was aerologist and meteorologist with the 1928 University of Michigan survey party and later was stationed at Upernivik in the Arctic Circle as a fellow of the American Scandinavian Foundation.

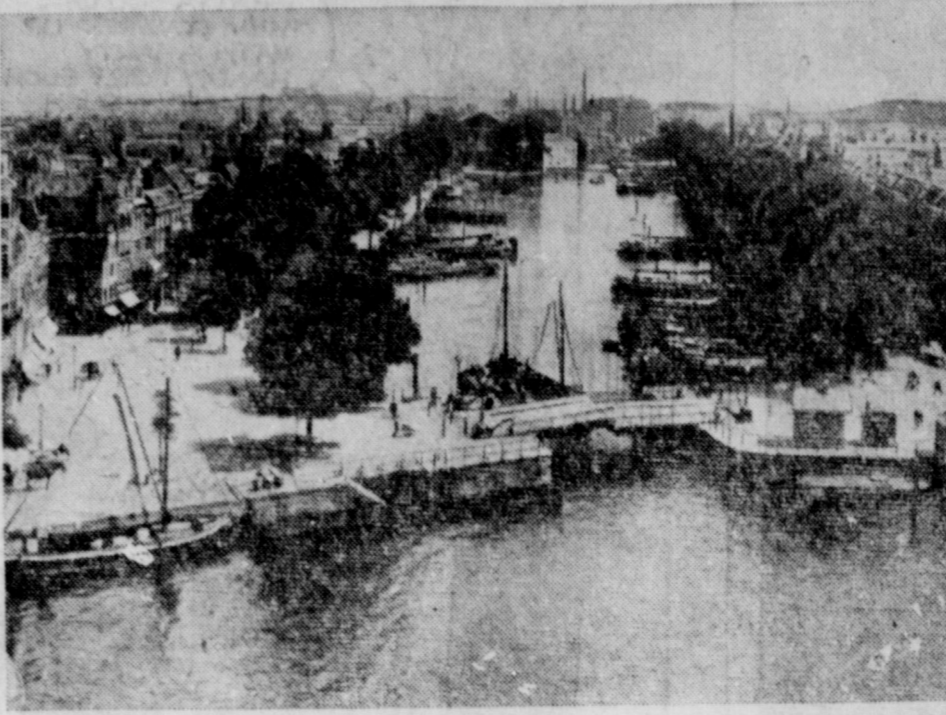
On Lindbergh Expedition
One of the expeditions in which he took part made preliminary surveys for Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's northern trail blazing flight for Pan-American Airways. "Greenlanders," he said, "are hunters and fisherfolk, normally self-sufficient, but dependent entirely on Denmark for twine for their nets, ammunition, rifles and, above all, fuel oil for their boats."

There is little or no agriculture on the ice-capped plateau, he said. "Consequently, apart from meat and fish, Greenland natives must import most of their foodstuffs," he said.

Since 1776, Greenland has been a trade monopoly of Denmark, he explained, and since 1921 the waters of the island have been closed to all but Danish vessels.

"With the spread of war to the north, Greenland was cut off from the mother country," he added.

Coast Town Where Major Battle Raged



Waterfront view of Rotterdam, important Dutch North Sea coast town for whose possession German and Netherlands forces battled fiercely. Nazi invaders razed Rotterdam's airport with aerial bombardment and descended on town with parachute troops and huge sea plane transports.

No. 1 Hostess in New Gown



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, pictured in her new hostess gown, which features soft, flowing lines. (To the ladies: It's of pale dawn gray marquisette over a slip of delicate mauve pink, and was designed by Sally Milgrim, of New York.)

Parrot Resents Kisses

By United Press
ALAMEDA, Cal.—Eight-year-old Beverly Osborn hasn't decided yet whether it was malice on the part of the family parrot or whether the latter was really affectionate. In either case, he won't do it again. When Beverly said: "Good morning, Mr. Parrot," the latter did not reply but made a noise like kissing. Beverly went over to be kissed and continued on to the emergency hospital for parrot bites on the mouth and nose.

Wealth Once Meant Labor

By United Press
BOSTON—A WPA Historical Records Survey reveals that in Suchbury, Mass., a situation existed 261 years ago, whereby the richest men had to do the most work. Town meeting members, in planning a new road, ruled that those who had no property must work one day on the new undertaking, but the ones who owned meadow land were required to toil one day for every six acres of land they owned.

WILDLIFE

Regular Head
By John R. Wood
Just Horse Sense About Fishing
History will soon repeat itself among many fishermen who will take to the streams and lakes for their regular fishing trips. Many foolish acts will be the result of thoughtless actions on the part of the fishermen. Some of these acts are funny after a while, but along with this there will be many tragedies. In line with all this let me call your attention to a few little things that will probably make your fishing trip more enjoyable as well as help your Game Department make fishing better for everyone.

Take Good Care of Short Fish
At a glance one can usually tell whether or not he has caught a fish that must be returned to the water. Catch the fish in the lower lip with your thumb and forefinger, remove the hook and release him easily in the water. If it is necessary to catch the fish with your hands, wet your hand first to prevent the disturbance of the slime that covers the fish. Be sure you have a legal fish, before he goes on the string. This oversight might make a fishing trip an unhappy one. Check the old tackle box for a ruler before you leave home or mark off the lengths on your boat or tackle box. Remember bass must be eleven inches long and crappie seven inches.

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