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## LEMAN IS ST COUNTY AT LARGE

Aug. 14.—W. A. Ruhmann, assistant, Taylor farm agent and 4-H leader for 20 months appointed first full time county agent in Texas.

First assignment will be in county where he will be for H. P. Malloy, Steward who has been seriously some time, for about six weeks.

Ruhmann in Taylor will be L. R. Higginbottom man, for 10 years a school in Eastland and Comanche and an outstanding 4-H leader.

Assignment of this charge to here by W. I. Glass, extension service district following a conference with Agent Knox Parr, Co. Carl Hulsey and county commissioners.

man, who has turned in a able job as assistant county, assumed duties here in 1938, succeeding at that time on Ranson, who resigned with the Farm Security Administration.

man's work will take him parts of the state," said yesterday, "and will give excellent chance to familiarize with agricultural in all portions of the state."

as 4-H club leader in the community, Eastland that Higginbottom first the eye of extension workers. The Kokomo 4-H club was designated as the club in the state. He is in the Kokomo at that time.

year he taught in the school and had been re-when notified of appointment. He was here by Higginbottom and his duties here this week. He move here Thursday.

ive of Gorman, Higgin-30 years old. He was ed from Gorman a high school from Daniel Baker college summer. He also attended Tarleton, McMurry and university.

dition to duties as 4-H leader, Ruhmann was active section with the West Texas and other civic activities, an active member in the club.

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se War Hysteria  
Sen. Robt. Taft

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Secretary of War Robert H. Taft of Ohio accused today of creating war hysteria through a huge, unnecessary military army.

before, Secretary of War Frank Knox had told military affairs committee that the nation faces "most serious in our history," and that British may be defeated in 30 days, leaving us "with-land in the world."

and Son  
Hills for 12 Days

When Russell's wife left him in Los Angeles with their 2-year-old son, he decided to bring the child and leave it in his sister's

## 3,000 HEAR JUDGE SAM RUSSELL IN SPEECH IN JONES COUNTY CAPITAL

IS INTRODUCED BY OTIS MILLER OF ANSON, AN OPPONENT IN THE FIRST PRIMARY, AS A HIGH-CLASS GENTLEMAN AND A CLEAN CAMPAIGNER.

## BUSINESS MEN SET UP RIVAL YOUTH GROUP

SAN FRANCISCO.—A new American youth movement, which will operate in opposition to the present American Youth Congress, has been launched here by a group of California business men.

Articles of incorporation have been taken out for the creation of two new organizations that will work hand-in-hand on behalf of American youth. They are classified as non-profit organizations.

These are the American Business Councils and the American Youth Movement and Assembly. Founders of the new movement as shown by the articles of incorporation are Evan F. Lovett of San Francisco, founder of the American Fellowship; Walter A. Rising, Oakland business man; and C. L. Ziegler, member of the board of education of Berkeley.

Lovett, executive director of the movement and also director of the American Fellowship, declares that he was the originator of the present American Youth Congress in 1929, but stepped out of the picture "because reds and pinks stole it."

Lovett will be the director of the new American Youth Movement, retaining at the same time the directorship of the American Fellowship.

He said that while the new organization will work in opposition to any communistic tendencies of the American Youth Congress, there will be no conflict with that section of the congress that has been taken under the wing of Gene Tunney, former world heavyweight boxing champion, who has opposed leftist tendencies in the Youth Congress.

Business men in 200 of the leading cities of the United States have been asked to aid in the organization of the American Business Council, according to Lovett.

"Goal of Move Explained" "It is the sponsors' purpose to rally a practical, constructive program of co-operation between American business men and American youth," Lovett declared.

"The program was started because radicals of every type are endeavoring, through both insidious and obvious programs, to direct and control American youth."

Lovett said the American Business Councils will endeavor in every way to improve domestic and foreign business by building up a program of goodwill among all peoples of the Americas, while the youth section will receive "complete truthful information as to the origin, development and value of our ideals and institutions."

Ziegler, one of the incorporators, has been active in fighting Communist attempts to use Berkeley school buildings for meetings.

**Garrett Forces To Meet At Cisco This P. M. at 4:30**

Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland, campaigning for re-election to congress from this, the 17th district and who is opposed by Judge Sam Russell of Stephenville, will speak at a Garrett-for-Congress rally in Cisco this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The rally will take place in the business district near the city hall. He will speak at Breckenridge tonight at 8:30.

ANSON, Aug. 14.—Sam Russell of Stephenville, candidate for congress from the 17th district, brought his campaign before voters of the Western part of the district in a speech here Tuesday night.

He was introduced by Otis Miller of Anson, present district attorney of this district and a candidate in the July 27th primary for the place Russell seeks, who praised him as a high class gentleman and a clean campaigner. Miller, who has served as county attorney and county judge of his home county of Jones, received a splendid vote in the first primary notwithstanding he got into the race late and did little active campaigning. He is recognized as a very able man.

Speaking from the steps of Jones county's splendid large courthouse to a crowd estimated at between 3,000 and 4,000 people, Judge Russell reviewed his platform briefly, stressing especially home ownership. He also mentioned old age pensions, which as in former speeches, he referred to as Old Age Justice, reminding his listeners that his stand on that question is well known.

Tonight Russell will speak from the Federal lawn in Abilene at 8:30 o'clock. Directors of his campaign in Taylor county said last night a near record crowd is expected. Hal Collins' Crazy Gang of Mineral Wells, which is appearing with Russell at many of his appointments, were with him in Anson, and will be with him in Abilene tonight and in Sweetwater Thursday night. At Sweetwater the Gang will be joined by Mr. Collins, who, because of the death of his wife last Friday, has not been with them since.

Delegations from surrounding counties, including one from Eastland county, helped to swell the crowd, which was said by old timers of this section to be the largest ever seen here.

## Cisco Junior College Heads Named at Meet

CISCO, Aug. 14.—Supt. R. N. Cluck of the Cisco public school system was elected president of the Cisco Junior college and H. R. (Pop) Garrett was elected vice president and registrar at the regular meeting of the Cisco school board.

At a previous meeting the board fixed tuition rates at \$90 per year, or \$45 per semester—paying at \$10 per month—and attended to other organizational details.

More than 130 students already have signed cards signifying their intention of attending the college, which will open for its first term on September 9. This list is far in excess of what was anticipated, insuring the school of enrollment requirements for affiliation.

A great amount of detail incident to the organization of the school must be done in order to have the institution ready for its first term, and the board last night set machinery in motion to accomplish this speedily.

Routine business and variety of tax matters were taken up.

**McDonald Says He Always Will Vote Democratic**

AUSTIN, Aug. 14.—Agriculture Commissioner J. E. McDonald, who urges farmers to disregard party lines this year in choosing a presidential candidate with the best farm program, said today that he never had and never would vote the republican ticket. This was in answer to demagogic critics who want to "punish" him for addressing the state republican convention at Beaumont yesterday.

**IT WAS POISON, ALL RIGHT**  
OAKLAND, Cal.—When Clayton Banta, aged 2½ years, became ill after eating some ant powder, his mother, Mrs. Octavia Banta, 29, promptly ate some of the powder to see if it was poisonous. It was. Doctors at the First Aid Station promptly used the stomach pump on both.

## She Seldom Misses



Mrs. Lela Hall of Strasburg, Mo., regarded as the best American "gunwoman" since Annie Oakley, will be a big threat to the men when the country's outstanding clay pigeon destroyers gather for the annual Grand American Handicap at Vandalia, O., Aug. 19-23.

## Teacher Awaits Willkie Speech

KENT, O.—When Wendell L. Willkie formally accepts the Republican Presidential nomination at Elwood, Ind., Aug. 17, one of his teachers, Dr. Oscar H. Williams, now dean emeritus of Kent State University, will be present to hear what his ex-pupil has to say.

Dr. Williams was principal of the Elwood elementary school in Elwood when Willkie was a pupil there and the teacher remembers him as "a lively and precocious lad."

It's a long, hot trip in summer time for an elderly man to take from here to Elwood, but Dr. Williams thinks it will be worth it to hear one of his old charges accept a Presidential nomination.

As for his one-time pupil's prospects for winning the election, the elderly educator thinks Willkie's biggest job is to persuade the average man that he is one of them. If he can do that, Dr. Williams thinks he stands a good chance to be the next occupant of the White House.

As for the G. O. P. nominee's early school days, Dr. Williams recalled that Willkie "never got any grades except A's and B's and he was fully a year and a half ahead of his age in school." The teacher remembered, however, that there was plenty of mischief in young Willkie.

"Wendell was always a vivacious youngster," he said. "One time he painted the steps of the Elwood school with his class colors and the high school principal refused to allow him to return to school until he cleaned the steps."

## Scout's Camping Season Closes

One of the most successful camps ever conducted by the Comanche Trail Council ended the last week in July. Many Scouts and Scouters expressed themselves as having had the best time at any time at Camp Billy Gibbons the official camp for the Council. Swimming, hiking, exploring, hunting Indian lore, archery, handicraft, pioneering, nature study and woodcraft were some of the things participated in by the Scouts.

Fourteen Scouts passed the difficult test of Junior Life Saving and 5 passed the Senior test of life saving both being the tests as given by the American Red Cross. Some 16 Scouts learned to swim during the camp period. Many other tests were passed during the camp.

A Sunday service was conducted each Sunday—Rev. L. S. Jeffery, Rector of the Episcopal Church brought the message the first Sunday and Dr. Jewel Daugherty, past president of the Council, spoke at the last Sunday service. Many visitors were present both Sundays. The large Rock Mess Hall accommodating all who came. The Mess Hall is something that the Council has been needing for a long time as it not only gives a place for the Scouts to eat but serves as an Auditorium and a place of refuge in case of bad weather. The Mess Hall is being paid for by Public Donations.

**THE WEATHER**  
WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday with scattered showers southwest portion. Little change in temperature.

## EIRE PATTERNS DEFENSE ARMY ON U. S. LINES

By REUEL S. MOORE

United Press Staff Correspondent  
DUBLIN.—If Eire's army is called upon to defend the Emerald Isle from invasion, modern military methods and strategy will be tested.

The American influence has played an important part in Eire's defense plans because a number of high officers in the army studied in various military schools in the United States.

Foremost in this group is Major Gen. Hugo MacNeill, assistant chief-of-staff, in charge of training. With five others he went to the United States in 1926 and spent two years at the Command and Staff School, Fort Leavenworth.

Col. Michael Costello, in command of the Southern area in Eire, attended the same school and both MacNeill and Costello were graduated high in the class.

**Tank Expert Included**  
Commandant Sean Collins-Powell of the general staff, Commandant P. J. Berry of the Irish Military College and the late Col. Joseph Dunn all attended the United States Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. Collins-Powell, a nephew of Gen. Michael Collins, famed Irish Republican leader, also went to the U. S. Tank school at Camp Meade, Md.

The sixth member of the group which went to America in 1926 was Commandant Charles Trodant, of the artillery corps. He attended the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla., and later the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe.

This group, upon returning to Ireland, became the nucleus of the teaching staff at the new Irish Military College at Curragh, MacNeill, who made special studies of organization and mobilization, was commandant of the new school.

Subsequently, Irish officers have had opportunity to study with the British, French, Germans, Swedish and Canadians, but not so extensively as in the United States. Later, two other junior officers attended the American Command and Staff School.

**Career Is Spectacular**  
Major-Gen. MacNeill's career has been spectacular. He is a member of a well-known Antrim family. His uncle, James MacNeill was the second governor-general of the Irish Free State. Another uncle was Dr. Eoin MacNeill, outstanding Irish historian and writer.

MacNeill's military career began in the Fianna boys' auxiliary in 1916, when he was a mere youth. Fellow officers say he is only 39 years old. MacNeill, remarkably young for one of his rank, apparently is willing to let the public speculate about his age.

When asked about it, he cited a London newspaper article which said he was 43 years old remarking that "that was good enough." He declined to reply directly.

During the civil war, 1922-24, he was adjutant to the command of the Eastern district of the Free State forces. He was made assistant chief-of-staff in 1925, and has acted in that capacity at intervals since.

## John Lee Smith Wins High Post In Pythian Order

John Lee Smith, Throckmorton, Texas, Tuesday was elected supreme vice chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the United States. He defeated Judge Willard Kent, chief justice of New York Supreme Court by 106 to 64 votes in the annual convention of the order in session in Cincinnati.

The New England states joined the Dominion of Canada and the South in making Smith's election possible. Smith is widely known as a fraternalist and in 1936 initiated President Roosevelt into the Pythian Order.

**Social Security  
Would Be Extended**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Sen. Robert Wagner of New York today introduced amendments that would extend the social security law to about 10,000,000 farm, domestic and government employees and increase federal funds available for the "poorer" states.

## The Spirit of 1940

By WILL H. MUSTON  
It goes without saying that the spirit of 1917-18, and even the spirit of 1925, is not the spirit of 1940. No one flates war any more than I do. I saw enough of it to make me rebel at the very thought of ever having another one—especially on foreign soil. That does not mean that I would not enlist today in defense of my native land if the enemy were approaching, or even threatening to attack us. But I am one of the fellows who expressed himself in this way at the close of the World War No. 1: "I wouldn't take a thousand dollars for my experience, but I do not want another nickel's worth."

There are some things I wish I could erase from my memory. The horrors of mangled soldiers, sickening experiences in the burial of decaying bodies, the injuries and disabilities sustained—all these I wish I could forever forget. God only will know the horrible results in suffering and death during the past 25 years, not considering the loss of life, the devastation and suffering during the war. But I prize the friendships made. I rejoice for the opportunity of rendering services (I was an overseas chaplain), and there are a few sacred memories. But I also rejoice that for the past 21 years since "it was over there" (or is it?) I have been able to carry on—in a fashion—under handicaps and difficulties, and rendering service to my fellow-man and for God in time of peace.

I think peace-time patriots are needed as well as war-time patriots. Since 1919 my work has taken me through all the Western states, and I have been located in five of them; I have served the American Legion as chaplain for 15 years in six different posts; I have pastored churches and done mission work; and I have had occasion to meet and talk with hundreds of ex-servicemen all these years, but I have never heard one man say he wanted war again abroad, and not even at home. These fellows want peace—and let us hope they have been good peace-time patriots. But they do not want peace at any cost!

But one of the needs of the day—or has been—is peace-time patriotism and servitico God, and if these obligations are conscientiously met—not only by ex-servicemen but by all citizens—then we will be less likely to experience another such calamity as we had 23 years ago when we entered the war that gave evidence of ending all war. America may have done well to have remained out of the League of Nations, but the principle of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is a principle and not a rule. If we will give this doctrine a free hand to function in our own nation, and in all nations—or even the principle large ones—and would put it into practice we would not have occasion to go to war even for defense.

Of course we are saying, "It is too late now. What good will the Golden Rule or any principle do now that we have war again?" As in 1914 we are opposed to war, which is characterized as un-Christian. But as the editor of Fortune said some time ago: "The threat to Christianity in 1917 was far less than the threat from Hitler today. The Kaiser's regime, despite its militarism, embodied a culture from which neither religion nor certain political rights were excluded. The regime of Hitler is godless, deriving its strength from the denial of all values except personal power. Yet the men who urged United States soldiers in 1917 to face death against an ordinary emperor, whose chief sin was worldly ambition, now conclude that it would be wrong to fight a virtual AntiChrist whose doctrines strike at the base of civilization which the church has done so much to build."

The "men who urged U. S. soldiers in 1917 to face death against an ordinary emperor" were the ministers, according to the editor of Fortune. But they did that after the government, it seemed, had tried to stay out of war. I take my hat off to the men who, although opposed to war, yet are true patriots—men who will fight if need be.

I have no patience with the spirit, "I would not go to war under any circumstances," for a patriot who would not fight and fight to the finish to defend his native country, is a very poor patriot according to my notion. Still, we do not want war! An extreme pacifist is certainly an idealist, but what we should have and what we actually have, are usually two different extremes. Let us consider the fundamentals of peace; let us shoulder our obligations and fight our battles now, and stay out of the Second World War if

**35 Absentee Ballots  
Voted On Monday**  
Of the 60 ballots mailed or handed to absentee voters, which began August 4, 35 had completed voting by returning them to the county clerk, where they were deposited in the ballot boxes of the voting precinct.

Following is the last of those who had already returned their ballots at noon Monday:  
R. W. Burkett and Mrs. R. W. Burkett, Cisco, precinct 6; Mrs. O. D. David, Gorman precinct 13; Geo. L. Davenport, Mrs. Geo. L. Davenport, E. L. Daffern, Mrs. E. L. Daffern, O. C. Funderburk, Mrs. O. C. Funderburk, Clyde Grissom, Arlie Fullen, Eastland, precinct 1; R. E. Davenport, Ranger, precinct 4 Elizabeth Davenport, W. T. Davenport, Mrs. Cyrus B. Frost, Cyrus B. Frost, Billie Frost, L. Y. Morris, J. P. Payne, Eastland, precinct 2; H. G. Foy, M. H. Spoon, Cisco, precinct 5 Charles T. Dean, Mrs. Saunders Gregg, Mrs. J. C. Kelley, J. J. Kelley, L. N. Thompson, Ranger, precinct 3; Bob Lindsey, B. F. Pendarvis, Mrs. J. E. Walker, Gorman, precinct 13; Droel H. Looney, H. R. Miller, Cisco, precinct 6.

**Ranger H.D. Club  
Met On Tuesday**  
The Ranger H. D. Club met Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the home of Mrs. J. B. Ferris, South Austin St. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. G. C. Love, and Mrs. Lillian Eastland gave a report of their trip to the short course at A. & M. College.

Mrs. Eastland discussed the use of the freezer locker system. Mrs. Love spoke on landscaping and conserving the farm home. The club will meet Aug. 27 at the home of Mrs. J. W. A. Cox, and quilt a quilt for the Red Cross. The club quilted for Mrs. Ferris Tuesday.

Cake and iceed punch were served to the following: Mmes. Owen Hinman, Jack Blackwell, G. T. Williams, Lillian Eastland, Marvin Wilson, J. W. A. Cox, G. C. Love, Haden Neal and J. B. Ferris.

## NAZI ARMADA STRIKES AGAIN IN ENGLAND

A 300 plane German armada struck at Dover and Southeast England this afternoon after a lull of several hours during which British planes heavily bombed Italian aircraft factories and German arms and industrial centers.

Berlin claimed 20 British and five German planes were shot down today as was part of Dover's famed balloon barrage. London had reports of more than 12 Nazi planes downed and fighting continued on large scale.

Berlin reported a few parachute troops had landed in Britain's Midlands industrial district, and British home guard searched for them, although 11 parachutes found near Manchester were of type not generally used by German parachutists.

Warfare continued on the English Channel, where bombs sunk a British lightship. British destroyers claimed destruction of a German trawler and torpedo boat.

Royal Air Force pilots reported great damage in raids on Italian aircraft factories at Milan and Turin, where pamphlets also were dropped.

A captured German pilot was quoted as saying that British air raids in Germany are so destructive that the war cannot last much longer.

## J. S. Davis Is Dead At Carbon

J. S. Davis, 73, pioneer teacher and newspaper man of this section died Tuesday night at his home in Carbon at 11:30 o'clock. Funeral services will be conducted from the Carbon Baptist church this (Wednesday) afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Burial will be in the Carbon cemetery.

The deceased was for 37 years a teacher in the public schools of this section and for a number of years operated weekly newspapers at different places.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Joe Proctor of O'Donnell, and Mrs. Frank Anderson of Fort Worth; two sons, V. K. Davis of Butte, Montana, A. Stephen, W. M. Dunn, editor of the Carbon Messenger, Carbon, Texas. Four brothers, two sisters and a large number of nieces and nephews also survive.

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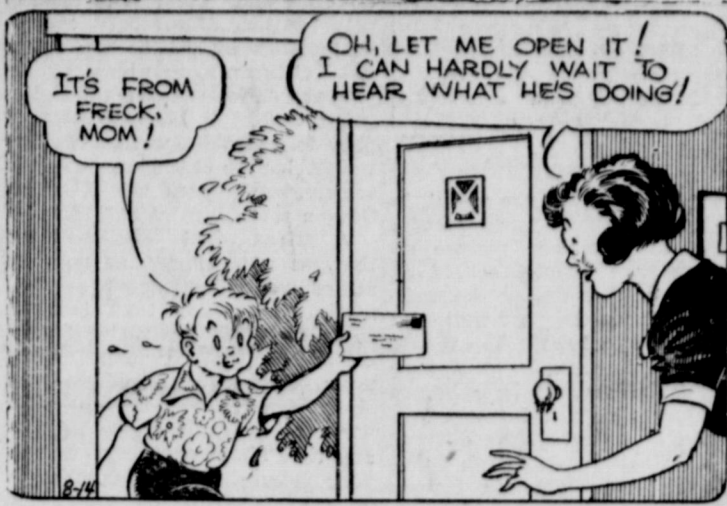
OUT OUR WAY

By Williams Freckles and His Friends—By Blosser



KEEP RINGING, WILL YOU PLEASE, OPERATOR? I LEFT THE DOORS LOCKED, BUT I KNOW HE'S IN THERE! IF YOU KEEP RINGING, I'LL MAKE HIM NERVOUS AND HE'LL GET OUT-- I'D LIKE TO HAVE SOMETHING LEFT FOR SLIPPER-- THANK YOU, OH, SO MUCH!

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY



OH, LET ME OPEN IT! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO HEAR WHAT HE'S DOING!



AND THE MAN WE FOUGHT WITH ON THE BOAT TURNED OUT TO BE OUR FUTURE BOSS-- HE DIDN'T GIVE US A JOB!

INSTEAD, HE SENT US TO PETERSBURG ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE OF RED BATS-- A RED BAT IS A RED BACK!

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



WE WHOPPED ONE OF OUR SACRED CROCODILES! HE MADE IT GIVE UP HIS HELMET! HE CAN'T DO THAT, THE RIVER GODS WILL BE WROTH! THEY WILL VISIT DIRE VENGEANCE UPON US! WE PRIESTS MUST ACT FOR THE GODS! HIS SIN MUST BE BURNED OUT IN THE SACRED FIRE!



AYE, MY BROTHERS-- ATTEND TO IT! YES, GRACIOUS HIGH PRIEST OF WOOLLY... WE GO!! T' E PAGAN SHALL PAY FOR HIS ACT OF SACRILEGE!

WELL, WHATCHAWANT!

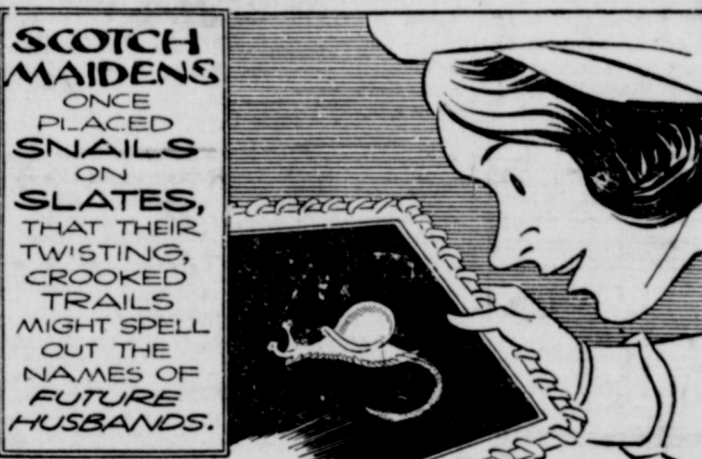


SO HERE WE ARE-- INSTEAD OF EARNING MONEY, WE'VE HAD TO SPEND IT!

HOW MUCH IS THE P.S. GOING TO COST ME?

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



SCOTCH MAIDENS ONCE PLACED SNAILS ON SLATES, THAT THEIR TWISTING, CROOKED TRAILS MIGHT SPELL OUT THE NAMES OF FUTURE HUSBANDS.

RED RYDER

By Harman



COME ON, HANLON! PUT UP YOUR FISTS! I'LL BUST YOU IN TWO, RYDER! YOU'D BETTER START QUICKER THEN, ACE!



WHAT A BEATIN' HE'S GIVIN' ACE-- BUT I'LL STOP THAT!

RED RYDER! LOOKUM OUT-- ONE-EYE GOTTUM BOOM GUN!

Spirit of 1940

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at all possible. If the worst comes it might be highly possible to materially aid the cause of right other than by sending our boys across again.

Moral and religious standards play a most important part in peace-time work as well as in war time. But the result of war is not the raising of moral and religious standards. If the time to prepare for war is in time of peace, then the time to prepare for our moral and spiritual regeneration is in time of peace.

Roger Babson says that we are

greatly in need of God and that we are on our way back to Him; that a revival along the spiritual lines is close at hand. My honest conviction is, that if we are dragged into another war that revival will be a long time in coming.

A noted financier in a meeting in Washington, D. C., a few years back, when meeting was called to find a way out of the depression, arose to his feet and read from a black covered book II Chronicles 7:14, and said: "Gentlemen, that is the only way out," and took his seat. One of the statements in that ancient but true record says, "If the people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear

from heaven and heal their land." Now is the time to prepare for a moral and spiritual awakening. If we get into the war it may be too late.

"For God and Country" in the preamble to the American Legion constitution sets forth our obligation in time of peace, more than in time of war. As patriotic citizens we are duty-bound to defend our shores, not only against attacks by water, land or air, but against attacks Communist, Nazi, Fascist--and against the atheistic. If we are not able or not willing to defend our beloved country "while we are able to believe," as the editor of Fortune says, "then we will be consumed in revolutions and wars."

Fruita, Colorado.

SERIAL STORY

MURDER INCOGNITO

BY NORMAN KAHL

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YESTERDAY: Martin Saylor's eye dinner guests find his body in the study. Dale calls police. Lieutenant O'Leary arrives, makes routine inquiries, then asks Dale: "If you did not touch the body, how did you know Saylor was shot?"

CHAPTER III

DALE fingered the black bow tie that stood out in sharp relief against his white mess jacket. How DID he know that his stepfather had died from a bullet? "I don't know what made me think of shooting," Dale said in a monotone. "It's just the first thing that occurred to me. I don't know why. I just saw him there in that pool of blood, and the only thing I could think of was that he had been shot to death."

"Did your stepfather have any enemies?" Dale wondered how he should answer that, and then he said, "Yes, lots of them."

"Don't you think he might have had more than the usual because of his parole racket?" Dale shot a quick glance at the detective. "Then you know about that?"

"Sure. We've known about it all along, but we couldn't stop it. There wasn't anything we could put our fingers on. You know-- getting convicts out of prison through crooked connections on the parole board and making them pay stiff fees if they didn't want to get sent back on trumped-up parole violations."

"Extortion, maybe. But what could we do? Nobody squawked, naturally. And if they had, it would have been the word of an ex-con against a respectable attorney."

Dale nodded. "It might have been almost anyone who killed him, I suppose."

Lieutenant O'Leary clasped his ear-lobe and pulled at it. "Yeah, might have been." He arose and stretched himself. "Let's go back to the study. I may want to look around a bit."

The body had been removed when they entered the room. O'Leary walked over to Saylor's desk and seated himself in the swivel chair. He opened the top drawer and fingered the sparse contents nonchalantly.

"Do you know very much about your stepfather's affairs?" the lieutenant asked.

"Practically nothing. He never confided in me."

O'Leary peered a moment at some papers he had removed from the desk drawer. "Tell me who was here tonight?"

Dale leaned against the mantle over the fireplace. "Miss Leighton and Mr. Barbour--I told you

about them before, I believe." "Who is Barbour?" "He was my stepfather's law partner."

"Okay. Who else?" "There was Mr. Mardell and Miss Waters, my fiancée, and myself. The servants, of course, but they were in another part of the house."

O'Leary pinned his gaze directly on Dale. For a second, the young man met the stare and then he peered uneasily at the floor. "You said a little while ago," the officer recalled, "that Miss Leighton was coming in here to see Saylor when she found him dead. What did she want to see him about?"

"I don't know," Dale snapped. "Better ask her."

"Thanks," said O'Leary. He brushed the incident aside. "I'm curious about this window next to the desk. You'll notice that the spot where the body lay was directly opposite."

Dale walked over to the window. "I don't think the shot could have been fired from the outside. My stepfather always kept the windows locked and there obviously isn't any glass broken. I don't see . . . Oh--oh, what's this?"

O'Leary got up and came to the window. "What's the matter?" "Look, this window is unlatched. That's queer. Saylor never permitted that. He insisted the windows be kept locked."

O'Leary made a brief round of the room. "The others are locked," he said. "Tell me, when you were all standing in the room, did anyone go near the windows?"

Dale frowned. "Why, yes, now that you speak of it--George Barbour did. He was just looking out. There would certainly have been no point in his unlocking the window."

"Maybe not," O'Leary agreed. "Anyway, it's interesting." Dale studied the latch on the French windows. "Of course, if the window had been unlocked, it might have been possible for someone to jimmy it from the outside and then close it again."

O'Leary went back to the desk. "It's possible. Anyway, we'll find out soon. The boys are going over the outside now for footprints and they can take a look at the windows in a little while."

Dale rested on the arm of the divan before the fireplace. "If the shot wasn't fired through the window, it stands to reason it must have been fired from somewhere inside the house--and that's absurd."

O'Leary leaned back and tossed

one knee over the other. "That's another thing I wanted to make sure about. During the 20 minutes, between the time Saylor left the drawing room and when Miss Leighton found his body, did any of you leave the room?"

"No one. I tell you, Lieutenant, the idea of anyone within the house having murdered my stepfather is ridiculous. It just couldn't be done."

"Who's Mardell?" O'Leary suddenly blurted out. The change of subject startled Dale.

"I don't know exactly. I understood he had something to do with gambling."

"What was he doing here tonight?" "I wish I could answer that, Lieutenant. It's been whispered around that Saylor wanted to see him about some gambling debts. I don't know how true that is."

The police officer scratched his head and looked puzzled. "If you mean Mardell owed Saylor some money from gambling, it would hardly seem that he'd invite the man over for dinner to collect it."

Dale smiled. "You didn't know my stepfather very well. That would be precisely what he would do. His method of operating was mysterious--and usually cruel."

O'Leary looked up quizzically. "You know his cruelty, then?" "The smile vanished from Dale's lips. "Yes," he said abruptly.

FOR a moment, it seemed as if O'Leary intended to press the point. Instead, he asked, "And how about Hazel Leighton?" "My stepfather had his sentimental side, too. He had been going out with Miss Leighton for the past year or so. My mother died three years ago, you see, and Saylor had several other heart interests after that. His friendship for Miss Leighton lasted longer than any of the others."

O'Leary picked up a small sheaf of papers from among the few he had spread before him on the desk. "I think I'd like to talk to the young lady. Maybe she'll know something about this."

Dale was curious. "Do you mind telling me what it is?" "I found it in Saylor's top desk drawer," Lieutenant O'Leary explained. "He evidently wanted it handy for the young lady when she came in to see him. This is a cashier's check for \$5000 made out to Hazel Leighton. And this--he fingered a single sheet of legal-size paper--"this is a release made out to Martin Saylor guaranteeing against any breach of promise action. The two are clipped together--and the release hasn't been signed."

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THE PAY OFF

BY HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Service Sports Editor

THE driver is the hardest club for most golfers to master thoroughly, but as Harry Cooper points out, few good ones will admit it because the tee shot is the most spectacular and therefore the most sought-after.

Lighthorse Harry Cooper is convinced that an analysis of most players' games would show more errors committed with the driver than any other club.

There are few players in the low 80s and high 70s who don't push, hook, top or otherwise mangle four tee shots out of 18. For a man to be off on four mashie-niblick swings in a round is care. They don't pay off on the drive, but Cooper, the stylist, stresses that neither do they write checks for 10-foot putts which drop for an eight after a 450-yard expedition through the rough.

DURING tournaments of national importance you frequently hear the remark that the stars devote practice periods to the putting green because that is where championships are won and lost.

"That is nonsense," says Cooper, the great runner-upper. "Most topnotchers spend considerable time on practice greens at tournaments because no two courses have greens exactly alike, and it is highly essential to get the feel of strange greens."

"These same players have spent days perfecting long wooden shots on practice fairways at home."

"Since a drive is hit the same way on one course as on another, driving practice at the site of the tournament isn't so necessary."

NINETY-NINE of every 100 golfers, if given their choice of having only one perfect shot on a hole, would prefer the drive. And their judgment would be sound, according to Cooper.

There's no other club with which you can cover as much distance. "It is well to be able to make delicate recoveries from traps and stroke-saving run-ups from off the green," asserts the machine-like Texas Englishman, "but the fact remains that on a par 4 450-yard hole this distance must be covered before a putt can be holed, and I know of no more damaging factor than a driver sliced or hooked off the fairway."

The farther away from the hole, the less chance a player has of hitting the green, so why, asks Cooper, delude one's self into ignoring poor tee shots upon the false assumption that the mashie and putter will make up the lost ground? Golf courses simply are not laid out that way.



# Society Notes

### Booster Class Report

Mrs. L. Y. Morris presided at the opening session of Booster Class of the First Methodist Church school with Mrs. Harper, presiding at the piano. Mrs. Harold Durham brought the lesson.

Present: Mmes. Gay Patterson, G. A. Kinard, L. Y. Morris, B. G. Blair, Herman Hassell, G. A. Harper, W. A. McMann, A. E. Herring, H. H. Durham, Joe C. Stephen and Mr. Ed Willman, and Henry Van Geem.

Phil Wrigley, owner of the Cubs, calls his yacht "The Wasp." An inadvertent but excellent reminder of his deal for Dizzy Dean.

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### Eastland Lions Have Good Program

The Eastland Lion's club Tuesday at noon enjoyed a program featuring Pete Pegues in two trombone numbers in which he was accompanied by Mrs. Martin Gene Morton—the former Miss Martin Gene Lister—on the piano.

Claude Strickland made a report to the club of the progress of the work on the Boy Scout Home now under construction in Eastland. This work, Mr. Strickland reported, was progressing nicely.

Donald Kinnaird, club member, reported on two boys to which the club is furnishing milk.

M. H. Kelley and Veon Howard were in charge of the program. W. Q. Vernor, president of the organization, presided.

### Eastland Personals

Stanley and Rodney Stephen have just returned from a week's visit in Anson with their grandmother.

Mrs. H. E. Everett spent last week in Merkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wolf, and Leon Wolf, are in Houston this week visiting in the home of Mr. Wolfe's mother, Mrs. R. Dow.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Castleberry have just returned from Rochester, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Richmond of Hobbs, New Mexico, were visitors in Eastland, Tuesday.

### TO HOLD REUNION

The J. H. Collins family will hold a reunion at the Eastland City Park Sunday, according to an announcement made by members of the family. All relatives and friends are also invited.

J. E. (Elmer) Collins, a member of the J. H. Collins family, and who for the past 12 years has resided near Tucson, Arizona, is here on a visit and to attend the reunion of his father's family.

### BOY SCOUTS MISS SCOUTING

UKIAH, Cal.—Santa Rosa Boy Scouts, in camp at the Noyo river, had an exceptional opportunity to apply all they had ever learned about scouting. During the night, all their money, clothing and food supplies were stolen. However, the sheriff, whose clothes weren't stolen, had the advantage, scouted down the two thieves and returned the loot.

Veterinarians say 2500 race horses have faulty vision. Maybe that's why many of our selections seem to run backward instead of forward.

### Flashing the 'T. R.' Smile



Col. Theodore Roosevelt, one of the army's reserve officers appointed as liaison observers for Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, commanding huge First Army maneuvers in northern New York State, took time out from his observation duties to flash characteristic "T. R." smile.

### EXECUTIVE TURNS LABORER

BIRMINGHAM, Eng.—To impress upon his workmen the necessity of concentrated effort, N. G. Lancaster, finance director of Fisher and Ludlow, well known engineering firm of Birmingham, rolled up his shirt sleeves and went to work as a laborer in his own factory.

## I GIVE YOU TEXAS . . . .

By Boyce House

Now that Texans are about to have an opportunity to see "Boom Town," the motion picture on which your columnist served as technical adviser during the writing throughout the past winter in California, perhaps the reader would be interested in a peep "behind the scenes" long before the cameras started turning.

When I reported for duty at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's that bright October morning, I went first to the office of Kenneth MacKenna, the head of the script department, who had sent me the telegram employing me—and I never saw him again after that one meeting. For that matter I never did meet James Edward Grant, who wrote the story—"A Lady Comes to Burk Burnett"—on which the film was based. Grant, by the way it was my understanding, received \$15,000 for the motion picture rights and was to receive \$1,000 a week for five weeks to aid on writing the script but, when the time called for arrived, the company wasn't ready, so he was paid the \$5,000 additional anyway.

From MacKenna's office, a very nervous Texas newspaperman was escorted to the sumptuous quarters of Sam Zimbalist, one of the greatest of the producers—tall, dark, calm, handsome and urbane. After a cordial greeting, the famous producer himself took me down the hall to the room assigned as my private office, told me to make known my wants and gave me the first task—a description of an oil town, such as Burk Burnett, at the height of a boom.

Having heard that the property department of a studio could produce anything, from the asp that stung Cleopatra to the bat that Casey used the day he struck out, I gave a difficult request:

"A typewriter, about ten years old, stiff in the joints from long, hard usage and one that really clatters when you punch it!"

And in five minutes a man was there with a typical Texas newspaper office typewriter. And I went happily to work!

Of course, describing the main street of a boom town wasn't hard for one who had "seed the painter and hear'n the owl"—and that probably was the reason the suave Zimbalist had given that as the opening assignment, to establish the newcomer's confidence.

At the first story conference (attended by Jack Conway, the

director, and John Lee Mahin, chief writer, Zimbalist opened proceedings by asking me how I liked California, to which my reply was "Fine—and I think I'm going to like it better because I plan to see the world's welterweight boxing champion in action tomorrow night and the U.C.L.A.-Oregon football game Saturday."

A friend had cautioned me that, as a technical adviser my advice would be wanted only on matters pertaining to Texas and to oil and even then to wait until called upon, but Zimbalist (who must have been a mind-reader along with his other talents) said:

"We want any ideas you have at any time about anything; this is your picture as well as ours." It was seldom during the weeks that followed that the technical adviser took advantage of this invitation but it had the effect at once of making me feel that my work really counted.

Hardly had I returned to my office after that story conference than the phone rang and a voice said, "This is Mr. Conway's secretary; he requests you to call at the box office of the athletic club tomorrow night for two ringside tickets." And an hour later, the phone rang again: "This is Mr. Zimbalist's office; can you step down here a moment?" Upon entering the producer's reception room, two doors down the hall, I was greeted by Miss Margie Warden, the Secretary, who extended an envelop with "Mr. Zimbalist wanted you to have this"—"this" proving to be two tickets to the football game!

Appreciated though such hospitality was, needless to say my plans for attending future athletic events were not divulged any more.

(To be continued, maybe).

S. B. Compton, publisher of the Crawford Sun, has been elected justice of the peace by an overwhelming vote. And my friend Deskins Wells, Wellington publisher, led in the first primary for Congress, going into the runoff with genial Gene Worley of Shamrock.

Are these old enough? Wife to husband who comes staggering home at 3 a. m.: "Drunk again!" Husband: "So am I." And the similar one: Friend—"Drunk again?" Other—"No—yet." And we'll sign off with this one: "Is Jones dead? Well, if he ain't, they played a mean trick on him; they buried him."

### More Farmers Now In Turkey Business

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—More farmers are going into the turkey business, but smaller flocks are the rule and a 2 per cent decrease in number of turkeys is indicated for 1940 as compared with 1939, according to a preliminary study made by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service.

Generally, the South Central and Western states, including Texas, show decreases of about 5 per cent; the South Atlantic states a decrease of 12 per cent; and the North Atlantic and North Central states increases ranging from 5 to 10 per cent. It all adds up to a 2 per cent decrease in the turkey population.

An extensive survey of turkey flocks will be made in September in order to determine the number of turkeys in sight for market. Shortly thereafter Texas turkey growers will get the first indication of the market they may expect.

A large number of hot-headed folks are rapidly cooling off in all this draft talk.

### FIRST AID IN REVERSE

LONDON—A London pedestrian on his way home tripped over a pile of sandbags and fell heavily. He merely grazed his shin. Two A.R.P. wardens rushed to his help. One leaned over him and his steel helmet fell breaking the stumbler's nose. The other phoned for an ambulance and while they were lifting the casualty the stretcher slipped and the occupant fell to the floor, sustaining concussion.

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### CYCLIST COVERS 10 COUNTRIES

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