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London Heroine Awarded Medal



Among British women's war organizations whose heroism has been outstanding is the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Among members who recently won military medals for gallantry is Corp. Elspeto Henderson, above.

Livestock Still The Backbone Of The Southwest

By United Press
EL PASO, Tex.—The great, rich Southwest has been noted for, among other valuable natural resources, its fabulous stores of oil. There is a romance to the gushing oil well.

There is comparatively little color to a grazing flock of sheep, herds of goats or cattle.

The oil comes suddenly, with a mighty flow, and then it is all gone.

Grass ranges, upon which depends the condition of the livestock industry, go on forever.

Despite the comparatively recent advent of the mighty petroleum industry, the livestock business is still the major business of the Southwest ranges.

In the state of New Mexico there are 122,000 square miles, over 78,000,000 acres. Of the total acreage less than two million is in cultivation or subject to cultivation.

Because of the importance of grazing land to New Mexico, as well as Texas and Arizona, conservation has become a major project in these states.

Range conservation hit a new high in Texas last year under the AAA program, when over twenty-two thousand ranches earned \$5,822,824 of the \$6,347,244 available for the work.

Reseeding by deferred grazing was practiced on 5,397,340 acres in 1939, almost a million more than the previous year. On 154,000 acres, grass was reseeded artificially, nearly three times as much as in 1938. A total of 2870 acres were sodded with grass.

Contour listing, furrowing or subsoiling was put into effect on seven ranches and over twenty-seven million acres were ridged on the contour to hold water on the range.

With over six million feet of spreader terraces built, the total of 1939 surpassed by more than half a million feet the work done during 1938. Spreader dam construction made a substantial gain of 200,000 cubic yards of dirt moved for a total of 1,538,484 cubic yards moved.

More than 16,000,000 cubic yards of dirt was moved in the construction of 17,762 Texas ranch stock water tanks, an increase of 4372 over the previous year. Drilling of water wells to supply stock water jumped 100,000 linear feet for a total of 574,486 feet in the state.

She May Be Last Who Knew Outlaw

By United Press
BALMORHEA, Tex.—One of the few living persons who has seen the famous "Billy the Kid," youthful hero-badman of the old West, is Mrs. J. L. Moore, pioneer Balmorhea resident.

One of her favorite stories is of the time when the famous young bandit visited her father's ranch. She describes him as "a quiet, modest sort of boy," and recalls that he borrowed fresh horses and returned them shortly afterwards according to a promise he made.

Tiny University Has A Military Unit

By United Press
LAS VEGAS, N. M.—New Mexico Normal University, one of the smallest colleges in the United States, nevertheless is national defense conscious.

J. Edward Connor, Normal extension representative and a reserve officer in the army, and Edward Eyring, president of the school, have established a voluntary military training unit.

Jury Commission Named by Judge

Judge Geo. L. Davenport of the 91st district court has appointed a jury commission to draw petit and grand juries for the December term of his court.

Oil Industry's Defense Groups Are Named by API

NEW YORK.—Defense preparations of the oil industry moved forward today with the appointment of chairmen and vice chairmen of regional committees, and naming of three additional members to the national committee, on safeguarding oil storage. Appointments were made by William R. Boyd, Jr., executive vice president of the American Petroleum Institute, which last week named the national committee at the request of the advisory commission to the Council on National Defense.

Additional members of the national committee appointed today by Mr. Boyd were Frank Buttram, Oklahoma City, Okla., president, Independent Petroleum Association of America, C. L. Henderson, Wichita, Kans., president, Western Petroleum Refiners Association, and C. L. Suhr, Oil City Pa., executive vice president, National Petroleum Association.

Preliminary organization of five regional committees was speeded with the appointment of chairmen and vice chairmen, as follows: Northeastern, E. H. Barlow, Standard Oil Development Co., and R. W. Black, Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey, both Elizabeth, N. J.; Southwestern, Wiley L. Moore, Wofford Oil Co., and H. A. Grumann, Sinclair Refining Co., both Atlanta, Ga.; Great Lakes, L. W. Westcott, The Pure Oil Co., and P. L. Grauel, Standard Oil Co. (Indiana), both Chicago; Centra, J. C. Hunter, Abilene, Texas, president, Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, and R. C. Powell, The Texas Co., Houston, Texas; Western, R. A. Sperry, and B. A. Moeller, both General Petroleum Corp. of California, Los Angeles. First named in each region is chairman, second is vice chairman and also secretary.

Those appointed last week to the national committee were: W. S. Farish, Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), New York, chairman; H. D. Collier, Standard Oil Co., of California, San Francisco; Henry M. Daves, The Pure Oil Co., Chicago; J. Frank Drake, Gulf Oil Corp., Pittsburgh; George A. Hill Jr., Houston, Texas; J. C. Hunter, Abilene, Texas, president, Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association; J. Howard Pew, Sun Oil Co., Philadelphia; W. S. Rodgers, The Texas Co., New York; W. G. Skelley, Skelly Oil Co., Tulsa, Okla.; and D. V. Stroop, American Petroleum Institute, New York, secretary.

Investment Funds In Federal Loan Association Grow

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Savings and investment funds in steadily increasing amounts continue to flow into the 120 insured savings and loan associations in Texas, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock reported today in its monthly review of home financing conditions in the state. The figures prepared by the Bank include those of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Ranger whose shares are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

Since January 1st the Texas associations have received \$18,275,000 in new savings funds, being an increase of \$2,634,000 over the figures for the same ten months' period of 1939. The number of savers with accounts in the associations increased in the past ten months from 80,690 to 85,603. Officials of the Bank attributed the gains to the bank's business conditions prevailing through out Texas and to the fact that funds placed in the associations are protected by insurance up to \$5,000 for each account by an agency of the Federal Government.

Loans made by the associations to Texas home owners during October aggregated \$1,983,406, of which \$881,644 was used by the borrowers for the construction of new homes. These figures compare favorably with those for other recent months, the loans made since January 1st totaling \$21,536,717.

Collections on loans were reported to be excellent and officials of the Bank expressed gratification at the widespread service the associations are rendering to Texas home owners. They pointed out that the loans made by the associations were for an average amount of \$1900 and are payable in small monthly installments over a long period of time, enabling persons of modest means to enjoy the benefits of home ownership.

Much additional home financing is expected to be done during the coming months and the associations are reported to have ample funds on hand for lending. In addition to their own resources, the facilities of the Federal Home Loan Bank System are available to them in case of need.

Ranger Guard Unit Mobilized Monday

Company I 142nd Infantry, Texas National Guard, of Ranger, was mobilized today at the company's armory, awaiting the call to active training at Camp Bowie, Brownwood.

Until the call for induction into federal service, which is expected on or about Wednesday, Dec. 4, the members of the company will be quartered at the armory building.

Walter-Logan Bill Goes Before Senate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The senate voted 34 to 21 today to take up the controversial Walter-Logan bill to allow the courts to override rules of the powerful quasi-judicial federal agencies.

Administration leaders asked that the bill be deferred until next year, but many democrats voted to consider the measure at this time.

Revolt Is Reported In Uruguay Today

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 25.—Rumors circulated today that a revolution has broken out in Paraguay, where it was announced that three cabinet members had resigned.

County's Rainfall Reaches 4.72 Inches

Government reports show rainfall in Eastland and vicinity for last night to be .75 inches. With a total of 3.49 inches previously reported for this section, the total up to this morning is shown as 4.24 inches for the past few days.

Honored for Long Senate Service



As a tribute to his 24 years of service in the Senate, his colleagues unanimously elected Senator William H. King of Utah as their president pro tem, occupying the chair left vacant by the recent death of Senator Pittman of Nevada. Senator King, pictured presiding over the Senate, was not renominated in the primaries, and will not return to Congress next year.

Canada Building New Rescue Boats

TRENTON, Ont.—Highpowered "crash boats", to be used by the Royal Air Force in rescuing pilots shot down off the coast of the motherland, soon will be rolling off the production lines here.

Herbert Ditchburn, widely-known Canadian designer and manager of the Aero Marine company revealed that the first Trenton-built crash boat for the British government will be completed on Jan. 15.

"One craft will follow every two weeks until the initial order of six crash boats has been completed," Ditchburn said.

"Not long after that, our factory will reach maximum production until, finally, a crash boat a week will be delivered to the British government."

Winter ice in the Trent river will not permit the first tests to be made here after launching, but official tests will be made at an Eastern Canadian port after a journey of hundreds of miles by rail. Then the boats will be shipped directly to England.

Built according to English specifications, these "sea boats" are 70 feet long, 15 feet across the beam, and have a depth of 10 feet at the bow and 6 feet at the stern. All are solidly manufactured of hardwood, and powered with the fastest type of marine engine, lately proved by the world famous speed-boat driver, Gar Wood, of Detroit, Mich.

Assembly in the Trent river is being speeded up daily, and since the first week of September, a former lumber mill has been renovated and equipped with the most modern ship building machinery.

At present, 100 men are employed at the plant, and another hundred workmen are expected to start work soon.

Colony P.-T. A. Has A Regular Meeting

The Colony Parent-Teacher Association met Wednesday afternoon in the school auditorium for the regular business meeting. The program was opened with group singing, after which the elementary grades gave several numbers carrying out the Thanksgiving theme.

Mrs. Anderson presided over the business meeting. The members of the association voted to buy a piano for the school auditorium. This project will render great benefit to the school. The association also voted to have charge of the booth during the basket ball tournament which is to be held Dec. 6th and 7th.

Those present were: Mrs. Boyd, Davis, Kirk, Roper, Beck, Anderson, Ivy, Landtroop, Mills, Donley, Caze, Paige, Smith, Ford, Weekes; Misses More, Ramsey; Mr. Guy T. Smith.

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DIPLOMACY OF AXIS POWERS HITS A SNAG

The diplomatic activities of the axis powers' offensive to put the "new order" in effect in all of Europe, hit a snag today, while the Greek soldiers continued to push the Italians toward the Albanian coast.

The Greeks reported the capture of Pogradec, 25 miles north of Koritza, which fell last week when the Italians abandoned their largest Albanian supply base in the fact of an intensive Greek drive.

The Italians reported, however, that the withdrawal of their troops, which the Greeks termed almost a rout, as part of the scheduled withdrawal to establish more adequate bases from which to push their invasion of Greece.

Meanwhile both Russia and Bulgaria, whose foreign policies are mysterious, indicated they are not ready to enter the Nazi orbit.

The German press continued to criticize the Greeks, but the Bulgarians had a less belligerent tone than usual.

The British Air Ministry announced that the Royal Air Force has smashed what was believed to be an attempt to invade Ireland and seize bases there, when they bombed an invasion base where preparations for the invasion were being made. RAF planes smashed at the important shipping center of Hamburg where it was said docks, oil refineries, gasworks and a chemical factory had been destroyed.

The Germans, meantime, claimed that their planes had done extensive damage to the port of Bristol, England, where a large part of shipments of American supplies have been received, and termed it a "second Coventry."

Axis Steamers Now Ready for a Dash From Mexican Port

Nine Italian and three German ships were ready to leave Mexican harbors today, reportedly for a rendezvous with Axis submarines or raiders, for which British warships continued an intensive search.

A submarine attacked a new 5,200 ton British freighter off of Ireland today, according to messages received from the ship.

Included in the ships ready to leave Mexico are three which started to sea last week, but which returned to port after one of their number had been scuttled by its crew when they thought they saw a foreign warship.

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Denies Tapping Court's Wires

"Impossible" declared Robert C. LaBorde, above, of New York, when questioned by the Senate wire tapping committee on testimony of another witness suggesting he had listened in on telephones of the U. S. Supreme Court. LaBorde, who operates a company selling electrical recording equipment, is pictured as he testified in Washington.

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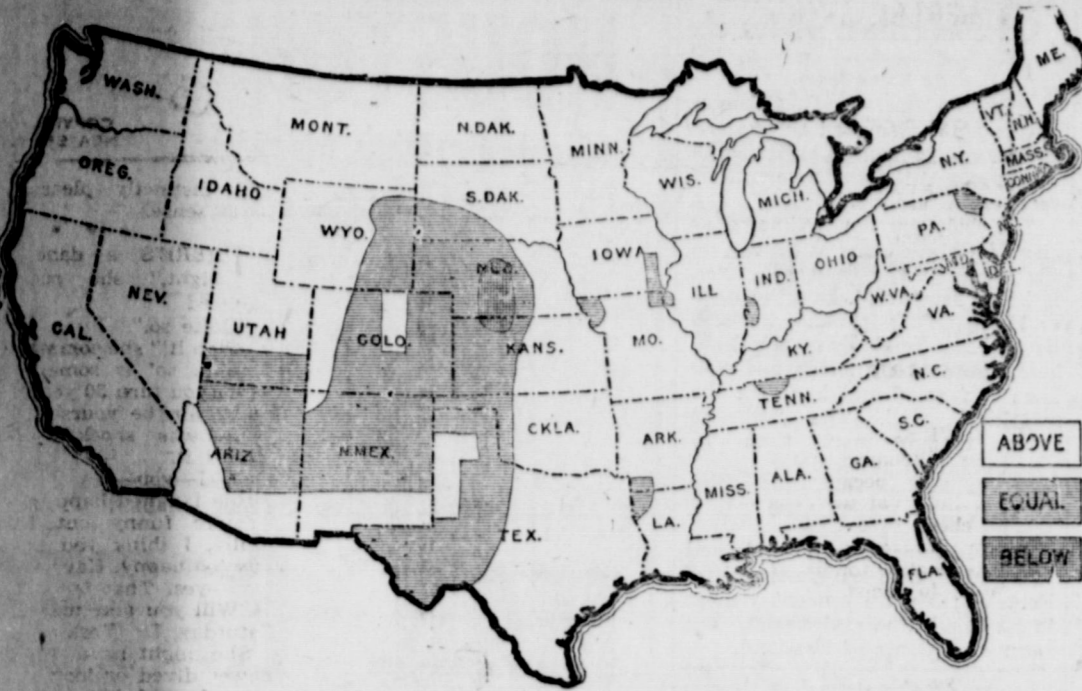
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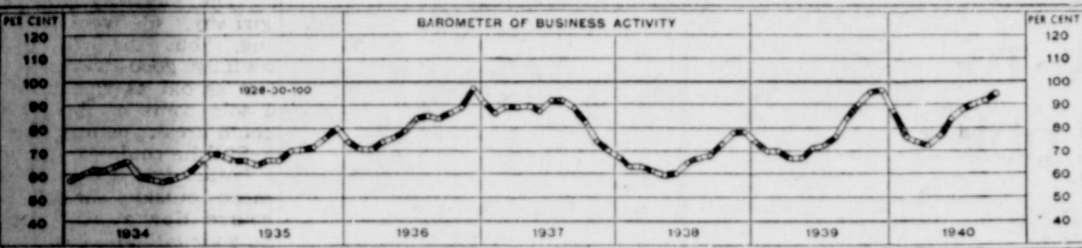
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Business Conditions



This map depicts current business conditions as compared with the same period last year. It will appear in the December number of "Nation's Business", published by the United States Chamber of Commerce



retail sales were retarded in some sections by mild weather, trade and industry generally were maintained at high levels.

THE BAROMETER

continued expansion in industrial output, mainly in connection with the defense program, is reflected in a further uptrend in the Barometer, which has risen steadily since May.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



Repeal of Hatch Act Is Asked By Educators

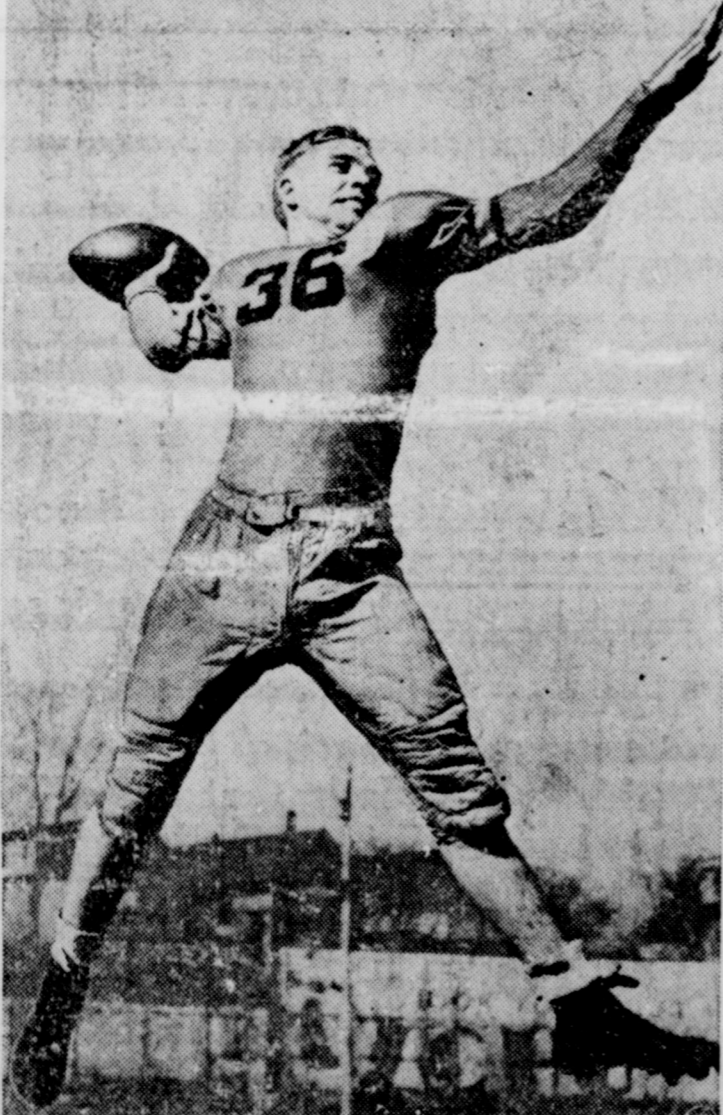
By United Press
MADISON, Wis.—Repeal of the law prohibiting political activity by federal employes because it "gagged" educators of grant schools during the presidential campaign is favored by Howard Becker, University of Wisconsin sociologist.

Becker urged repeal of the "entire" law before the 1944 Presidential election and said he was "willing" to accept an unwilling test case if one has to decide the question. Wisconsin, like most states, is a federal land.

Becker said, in its "failure to distinguish between academic and ordinary political freedom," the law has a certain duty when I before a class in the university is explained. "No professor has the right to use a class as a sounding-board, to lend himself to the teaching of those students by whom the law can't effectively be enforced in the classroom however, and he believes he should be allowed to do so and say exactly what he has to say."

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Nation's Leading Ground Gainer



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Wisconsin law school, first chairman of the National Labor Relations board, criticized the bill for absence of what he termed "clear-cut meaning."

"But then," he said, "I'm not sure it's possible to phrase any statute intelligently with regard to an educational institution—especially one that wouldn't do more harm than it would good. Such a thing is just too hard to do."

Freckles and His Friends—By Blosser



draft."

Garrison expressed "sympathy" for the Hatch law's major objectives but said lawmakers "let their original impulses roam too far astray."

One university educator, Asher Hobson, agricultural economist, defended the Hatch "clean politics" law, terming it "a good thing."

"I suppose," he said, "the argument could be held that a university educator has two separate entities, but I do believe there was some necessity for curbing the political activity of federal employes."

Dentists recently flocked to Cleveland from all over U. S. for a convention. It didn't hurt a bit. If all the autos were placed end to end, it would be Sunday.

Students Again Will Get Wooden Firearms

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OXFORD, O.—Wooden firearms of the World War again are to be used to train students at Miami University.

More than 20 years ago, students in the industrial arts department of the university made a quantity of the guns, which were used for World War training until the war department supplied the real article.

Workers on projects of the Works Projects Administration have canned 43,333,000 quarts and dried 1,680,000 pounds of food for distribution to the needy during four and one-half years of the WPA's operation.

SERIAL STORY

DUDE COLLEGE

BY OREN ARNOLD

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YESTERDAY, Ronnie determined to jar Dr. York out of his shell. She takes him flying, orders him to leave off his glasses, decides to call him "Wes" and eliminates all by asking him to take her to the dance Saturday night. The professor readily agrees.

WES MEETS A RIVAL

CHAPTER VIII

"I'LL sing a song-g-g-g-g--"

Dr. Woodrow Wesley York, Ph.D., stopped short.

He caught a glimpse of himself in his long bathroom mirror. His muscular body was pink from bathing, but his face was pink from embarrassment. Astonishingly, he had actually been singing a snatch of a current campus song!

It was something he hadn't done in--well, ever in his memory. Back in his own college days he had been extremely busy working to pay expenses, studying to make his grades, and practicing to make the varsity swimming team.

He had been deeply interested in his chosen science of archaeology--the mysteries of people who lived centuries ago, long forgotten races and clans. He had loved even then to explore their ancient cliff ruins and pueblos in the Southwest. Never had he found time to do any social frizzling. Certainly he had rarely been one to sing a love song, notwithstanding his undisputed ability in the church choir.

Still, why not?

He snapped his jaw tight. He had, this day, gone airplane riding for the very first time. He had gone with America's best-known girl, Ronica Bailey, wealthy socialite renowned coast to coast. Moreover--and this thought really appalled him--he actually had a date with Ronica Bailey to take her to a dance. The first date with a girl in more than five years.

Dr. York resumed punishing himself with his rough towel. He rubbed exceedingly hard and--resumed singing!

ANDRE GIRARDEAU discovered, through the tactful help of his dude ranch hostess, that the big Pueblo University dance on Saturday night was not exclusively for students but was open to "the right people" of the little community as well. The village was closely knit to the university in both business and social life. Mr. Girardeau could feel himself quite welcome there just by purchasing tickets in advance.

He bought two tickets in the

Varsity Pharmacy and went at once to the drugstore phone booth. The Rocking R ranch answered but somebody with a Mexican dialect informed him that Miss Ronica was not at home.

Andre couldn't understand well; somewhat out of patience he asked for anybody who spoke English. That brought Thomas U. Bailey himself to the telephone. Andre was, in truth, pleased to have this chance at speaking with Ronica's dad.

"So good to talk with you again, Mr. Bailey," he spoke heartily. "This is Andre Girardeau."

"Oh! Oh yes, Andre. Sure, how are you, son? Well, well, now you've followed her out here! How are you?"

"Fine, Mr. Bailey. I hope you don't mind if I do drop in to see Ronica."

"Oh no. Nope. Wouldn't do any good if I did. Ronnie sees anybody she wants to see. Saw a lot of you in New York, didn't we? Heh-heh!" Mr. Bailey felt like teasing a little. "When you coming out to the ranch?"

"Well sir, I wanted to come Saturday--that's tomorrow. There's a dance tomorrow night. College dance. I hoped maybe Ronica would--"

"Sure, sure, Andre! Come on! Know Ronica'll be glad to see anybody from back home. She's not too much at home yet in this wild country, I imagine. She'll be tickled to go to the dance with you, of course!"

Andre was definitely pleased. He had wanted a date and he had wanted to resume what he hoped were cordial relations with Ronica's dad; all this had come to him at once. In fact, practically everything had come his way since he left the east. He felt very confident. All he had to do was move slowly, cautiously, build thoroughly and pretty soon his business as well as his personal plans would all materialize.

ON Saturday he was downtown again, hoping to see either Ronica or the Mexican girl named Montoya. He wanted somehow to arrange a logical meeting with the girl using the crutch.

He had received instructions to contact this person at once, and he had already been in town almost a week. Still, he had been told to move with discretion, too. He knew it would never do to rush in carelessly. The whole fate of a nation--if one looked at it that way--hung on his or her under-cover activity here; but more important, his personal pleasure and fortune was at stake. He didn't see either Ronica or

Miss Montoya downtown. He telephoned the Rocking R ranch again Saturday afternoon, but neither Ronnie nor her father was in. He went, somewhat in boredom, to a theater, then after dinner in a cafe drove back to his own dude ranch to dress for the night's dance.

As he dressed he whistled in mounting anticipation. He would see Ronica again--even hold her in his arms and dance with her!

Before his dressing mirror, Andre surveyed himself. He had a powerful frame. Weight right at 200 pounds. Good muscles--not to be scoffed at in his work--and a perfect polish in manner, too, he told himself.

It was just after 9 p. m. when headlights of his sleek, almost silent new coupe picked up a sign on the highway. "Rocking R Ranch, Turn Here," it read. He made the turn and almost immediately had to slow down for an elderly and rather rattly sedan ahead of him. Impatiently, he touched his horn.

The car ahead couldn't pull out of the narrow trail, and apparently couldn't speed up. Andre's eight cylinders were wild chargers straining at their bits. He looked out in distaste.

"Tin can affair," he murmured. "Some stupid Mexican work!"

They swerved into the big barn beside the ranch house porch. Andre saw that the house was a massive thing of rocks and logs. He was appraising it in the moonlight, hence not driving with much care, when the rattly sedan stopped beside the front step just ahead of him.

Slap! Crash! Bumpers collided, rather hard.

"What's the idea?" Andre growled, leaving his seat. "Isn't there a servants' entrance to this place? Now please get that thing away from the door before we come out!"

"Oh! Quite so! I--I beg your pardon! I shall gladly pay for any--"

But Andre Girardeau was not listening. Already this ebullient swain had stepped up onto the porch and was walking toward Ronica in the big lighted living room.

Standing in the darkness beside his ratty second-hand sedan, Wesley York heard happy greetings and laughter within, and saw everywhere about this ranch the evidences of wealth and aristocratic living. A vital something within him seemed now to be stifled, its very life suddenly ebbing away.

(To Be Continued)

Pin Ball Play Is Held In A Court

By United Press

NEW ORLEANS.—Incongruities poked at the traditional dignity of Orleans Parish Civil District Court when five pinball machines were the principal exhibits in a hearing.

Assistant Attorney General Bertrand J. Cahn of Louisiana announced he would prove that the machines were instruments of gambling, not games of skill. Operators, the machine sought an injunction to prevent authorities from barring them from public places.

Cahn told the court he would show it was impossible for a player to release the plunger on the right side of a machine so lightly that the ball--or marble--would roll back down its channel on the right side without going out onto the board.

On his first try, Cahn did what he had said was impossible. He blushed while Clarence Dowling, attorney for the pinball interests, rushed up and congratulated him as "an expert witness."

"I didn't think it could be done that well," Dowling said. "You're far too modest," Judge Byrnes chuckled.

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Society, Club and Church Notes

MARTHA DORCAS CLASS REPORT

The Martha Dorcas Sunday School class of the Methodist Church met Sunday with good attendance, despite the rain.

Mrs. C. W. Young led song service with song, "I Love to Tell the Story," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. George Lane. Mrs. Ed Sparr had charge of the short.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, Abilene Division.

In the Matter of City of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas, Debtor.

No. 1838 In Bankruptcy (Ancillary Proceeding).

NOTICE

All persons holding bonds or warrants of the City of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas, which have not been involved in this proceeding, by depositing coupons therefrom or interest not represented by coupons thereon in escrow and or by having been presented for endorsement, all as required by the Plan of Composition approved in this cause, are hereby directed and ordered to appear on the 6th day of January, 1944 and then and there to show cause why the City of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas, Debtor, be not granted the declaratory relief sought in its Ancillary Complaint filed in this cause which seeks, among other things, a declaration that such bonds and securities are no longer obligations of the City of Eastland, Texas, Debtor, and that no cause of action against said City can be based thereon.

Done at Fort Worth, Texas, this 8th day of November A. D. 1944.

GEORGE W. PARKER,
Clerk of the United States District Court.

By G. B. Buckley, Deputy.
(Seal)

business session.

Mrs. W. P. Leslie brought the lesson, subject, "The Parable of the Sower." Mrs. Mac O'Neal acted as secretary pro-tem. Mrs. Geo. Brogdon, reporter pro-tem.

The class was glad to learn that Miss Marie Hayslip, who was badly burned in Fort Worth, is doing nicely. Miss Hayslip is being sponsored by the class in the Methodist Hospital, training as a nurse.

Present: Misses B. O. Harrell, Geo. Lane, C. W. Young, Ed Sparr, Lucille Brown, W. P. Leslie, M. B. Titeworth, W. H. Davidson, W. H. Mullings, Clint Jones, Herman Hague, Gene Ashley, A. A. Edmondson, Mas O'Neal, and Geo. Brogdon.

The class was glad to welcome as a visitor, Mrs. Fred Hale, of Lubbock.

RED CROSS WORK GOES FORWARD

Mrs. Dr. Townsend in charge of local Red Cross work advises that all materials, with the exception of dress materials, for the present Red Cross quota, have been received.

Also that the Red Cross workers will meet to work Wednesday from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 and from 1:30 to 5:00 p. m. in room 201 in the Exchange National Bank building.

HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

Carl Van Geem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Van Geem, and who recently joined the United States Navy, came in Sunday from California for a few days visit to homefolks and friends. He has just completed a period of training and upon his return to California will be assigned to duties.

DOING POSTGRADUATE WORK

Dr. E. R. Townsend, Eastland physician, left Sunday night for San Francisco where he will do some post graduate work. He did not know just how long he would be away.

NEW FAMILY IN EASTLAND

T. A. Jones and family, formerly of Cisco, have moved to Eastland and are located at 107 East Lens Street. Mr. Jones is employed by the Community Natural Gas Company.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



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WHAT ARE THE FOLLOWING?
CHARLEY HORSE, HOBBY HORSE, SAW HORSE, LATIN PONY?

ANSWER: A leg ailment; a toy wooden horse; a carpenter's trestle; a book of Latin translations.

'Room Service' Said To Be a Good Play

"Room Service," the Presto Players' choice for opening the current season, is the most ambitious play that has so far been attempted. The royalty is unusually steep; new scenery must be built, and the list of properties is unusually staggering: 15 suits of clothes, a moosehead, nine pairs of socks, a stalk of bananas, a typewriter, two stuffed hawks, one rubber glove, and a room service dinner for three, to name a few on the long list. The cast also of 12 men and two women is of unusual proportions.

But the Players' intense belief that Room Service will delight Eastland audiences as it has those in New York; and that it is gayer, faster and funnier than any movie—these beliefs are encouraging the Players to work unceasingly, to spend without stint in bringing forth what promises to be their most successful production.

You Are Urged Not To Miss the Show 'Room Service'

With the twelve men cast in "Room Service," the play will represent a varied number of business establishments: a barber shop; a haberdashery, the Railway Express; a department store; the agency for a very popular automobile; a paint shop; and a shop for furniture repair. These are the places where you will find the cast in the daytime.

But night must fall. And then, these people transform themselves to become: a shoe string producer, a Doctor, a hotel supervisor, a stage director, a messenger from the bank, a playwright from Oswego, a hotel manager, a zany errand runner, a confidential secretary, a bill collector (from the We-Never-Sleep agency) and a Russian waiter.

Now here's a puzzle for you: Guess which day-time job most fits or unfits each night-time job.

Home Has Memento Of Sherman's March

By United Press

SPARTA, Ga.—J. H. Coleman, whose home was used as quarters by Sherman's men on their march to the sea, still has a memento of the Civil War visit.

The Coleman house, known as the old Cheely home at Shoals, on the banks of the Ogeechee river, is being remodeled. But the owners have carefully preserved a section of the wall where the Yankees wrote their names and will have it framed and hung on the remodeled wall. The yellowed names, though more than 75 years old, still are legible.

VISIT EASTLAND

Roy Birmingham and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Westbrook of Fort Worth were recent visitors in Eastland. The entire party are former residents of Eastland.

Then go to the Connellee theatre on December 3rd and 4th and see how nearly right your guesses were.

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Roosevelt Faces Third Term; Our Most Powerful President

Big Vote, Federal Funds, Old And New Laws Add to His Office

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Heading triumphantly into his third term, President Roosevelt carries with him more actual, concrete power than any President in American history.

Lay aside the prestige that goes with his smashing of the third-term tradition and his victory at the polls, and consider only black-and-white laws.

These are in literal fact what some of them have often been called—blank checks signed and countersigned by the Congress, giving the President power to do practically anything he may wish with the foreign and domestic affairs of the nation.

Some of these powers were voted to him last summer. Others are holdovers from the early days of the New Deal. Still others come down from laws passed long before Mr. Roosevelt came to office. Probably it is fair to say that no one in Washington knows precisely how many of them there are and how far they go.

Along with the powers goes a vast amount of authority over a sphere Congress has always jealously considered its own—the public purse. In any survey of the vast powers held by the President, first consideration must be given to the money.

MONEY—AND MORE MONEY

For example: The President has complete control over a stabilization fund of \$2,000,000,000.

He can devalue the dollar at any time he chooses. He can print \$3,000,000,000 in greenbacks.

He can fix the value of the silver dollar at any ratio he selects, and may lay down the rules under which gold can be acquired, held, imported or exported.

In addition, he has \$250,000,000 in cash at his disposal. The army and navy appropriation bills of last June set up an emergency fund of \$100,000,000 for the President to use as he saw fit to provide for emergencies affecting the national security and defense.

The President need make no accounting of this money before June 1942. So far, only a little more than \$5,500,000 of this has been spent.

A supplemental defense appropriation bill passed in September gives the President another hundred million for defense housing. Slightly less than \$40,000,000 of this has been advanced to the Federal Works Agency, but the President will get this money back from the War and Navy Departments.

Lastly, there is \$50,000,000

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He can commandeer factories for the manufacture of military equipment, supplies and munitions.

He can issue priorities on defense materials.

He can control the railroads in time of emergency.

He can control radio if national security requires.

He can control and regulate electric utilities.

He can control and regulate electric utilities under an act of 1935 which gives him broad powers over distribution systems to provide current for war-essential industries.

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He can control and regulate foreign exchange and transfers of credit.

Through the RFC and the Import-Export Bank he can grant loans to private industry or to foreign governments. He can authorize the sale of "surplus" war materials to foreign countries, subject to the approval of ranking army and navy chiefs.

Last but certainly not least, the draft act is so drawn as to give the President sweeping power over the nation's men. The act vests exceedingly broad powers in the local draft boards—which, in the last analysis, means that the power is vested in the President. Conceivably, these powers could be used to regiment workers, farmers and indeed all other men between 21 and 36 to an almost unimaginable degree.

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