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SEVERE COLD SNAP HITS THIS SECTION

The most severe cold spell of the present winter, and the first winter snap of the new year arrived here last Friday morning, when, after being delayed for several days, a frigid norther eased in, bringing with it ice, sleet and cold, misty rain.

For two or three days, cold weather had raged in the central states and even as far south as Amarillo but due to a low pressure area throughout this section it failed to reach us until Friday. While San Angelo to the north had cold weather Thursday night it was mild here until Friday forenoon when the long-delayed norther finally arrived and sent the thermometer down to real low levels.

Warned in plenty of time the ranchmen made preparations for the protection of their stock and it is believed losses in livestock will be at a minimum. Some slight damage was caused in and about town to shrubbery and by frozen water pipes and also to automobiles.

Range News

The ranges throughout South Texas had their first taste of real cold weather the past week end, when the edge of a severe blizzard hit these parts. This winter had been an unusually mild one and fairly beneficial although December was fairly dry but the ranges had been in pretty good shape.

Eight Texas counties were released on December 1st last from tick quarantine, says a Texas Livestock Commission report, at the same parts of three more released. It is estimated that at least 2 years more work in this field is needed to complete the freeing of all counties. Suggestions that the Rio Grande border fence be constructed are urged to prevent reinfection from Mexico.

MRS. SEARGEANT NEW CITY CLERK

At a meeting of the Brackettville City Council last Thursday, Mrs. Laura Seargeant was named as City Clerk to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, A. J. Seargeant, who had for four years served in that capacity.

The choice of Mrs. Seargeant for this post meets with popular approval.

The sudden death of Albert Seargeant, who had been both city secretary and in charge of the city waterworks, left the city without a secretary temporarily. Employees continued the waterworks department operation regularly.

Asks More Army Post Appropriation

A bill has been introduced into Congress, which met just a few days ago, by Senator Morris Sheppard, which seeks authorization for the appropriation and expenditure of several million dollars for improvements and building on army posts throughout the nation.

Among the projects in Texas mentioned in the bill was an item of \$22,000 for Fort Clark.

The authorization for the work would not mean an appropriation of the money by Congress at this time, the money to be sought from various sources.

Improvements

The repainting of the Catholic rectory, including the roof thereof, which was started last week, is progressing.

The work on the Kinney County jail reached the stage last week end where concrete was being poured. The winter weather of Friday and Saturday halted the project for a couple of days.

Grading and working of some of the city streets, which needed same, was started Friday.

BRACKETT NEWS OF THE YEAR '02

Nat Holman, who had been ranching in Kinney County, left to make his home in Lagrange.

Romus Salmon is now deputy sheriff, having taking the place of Mr. Yeates, who resigned to go to live on the ranch.

County Attorney Henry Moore of Val Verde county, and Miss Mary Walker, both of Del Rio, were married in San Antonio.

The lumber has arrived and the work of building the new pump house and ice factory building is being rapidly pushed to completion.

In the school notes of the day was contained the information that the graduating class consisted of Misses Flory Dooley, Mabel Anderson and Maude Racer. A. H. Horn was superintendent of the schools at this time.

Another appropriation of \$8818 has been made by the government for the repairing and building of more quarters here. This with other appropriations mentioned in the last issue, made much work for this post.

Chas. Schwandner was in from the ranch on the Nueces yesterday morning and reports the death of Huey Gorman which occurred on the ranch of Herman Heneke Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. The death was probably due to heart disease.

Among those mentioned in the news of the day locally were Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Meier, Wm. Taylor, Miss Lucy Neil, Wiley Barkdale, Mrs. James Murphy, Mrs. Wm. Sharpe, J. M. Smith, W. L. Clamp, Thanks Anderson, Mrs. McGovern, Chas. Kartes and Harry Clamp.

1936 RAIN RECORD WAS AVERAGE ONE

The year 1936 had slightly over the average rainfall for this section, thanks to the good rains which continued at intervals from March on through October. This, according to the official rain record kept by the City Clerk's office, was as follows for the year:

January	.28
February	.01
March	1.54
April	.32
May	5.02
June	5.00
July	1.54
August	1.75
September	3.95
October	2.10
November	.49
December	.34

1936 Rainfall inches 22.34

The last two months of 1936 had many cloudy days but very little moisture.

HIGHWAY PATROL DOES GOOD WORK

The State Highway Patrol's safety squadron which is making a tour of most towns and cities of the State in an effort to educate the people of Texas as to the need of keeping their cars in working order and under control, and of careful driving as a part of a safety campaign, were in Uvalde last week. They established a safety lane through which cars were driven and tested and educational talks were given in the school.

A safety lane is established by the safety squadron wherever they go, and cars are run thru it so that defects, if any, are checked in mufflers, brakes, all lights, horns, etc., and the cars found in good working order are given O. K. stickers.

This safety squadron, as was announced some time ago, will visit nearly every town in this section, including Brackettville, in the near future to carry out this fine work.

Combine The CPL District Offices

A consolidation program has been inaugurated by the Central Power & Light Company, and the San Antonio and Winter Garden districts of the Company have been consolidated and the new district will be known as the Winter Garden district with its district headquarters at Uvalde, and E. W. Franke of San Antonio its manager. Forty-two towns, including that of Uvalde, are in the district. In reforming the district, naturally a number of changes were made in parts of the district.

Much good predatory animal extermination work has been done by both ranchmen and trappers in the past few weeks. Although sections can be kept practically clear from these pests, it takes unceasing work to keep it clear as animals from below the Rio Grande and other parts of the State come in.

Officer To School

Among the four army officers who have been ordered from the Eighth Corps Area to take an army school course was Major Calvin DeWitt Jr., cavalry, of this post.

Pseudonym Used By S. S. Van Dine, Author of Serial

S. S. Van Dine, author of "The Garden Murder Case," our newest serial story, is actually named Willard Huntington Wright. This little known fact about America's foremost writer of detective fiction was uncovered only a few months ago.

As Willard Huntington Wright, Van Dine was an obscure literary, dramatic and art critic, also writing a few books on scholarly topics which gave him little fame. In 1916 he published his first novel, "The Man of Promise," but it attracted small notice.

It was in 1925 that the modern Van Dine was born. By way of occupational therapy after a long illness he wrote "The Benson Murder Case," creating the master sleuth, Philo Vance. In order to avoid comparison of this more popular type of literature with his previous scholarly works, he adopted the pseudonym of S. S. Van Dine, taking an old family name of his maternal grandmother.

"The Benson Murder Case" was published in Scribner's magazine and in book form during 1926. Within a year came Van Dine's second mystery story, "The Canary Murder Case." Already he had become a best seller and his detective, Philo Vance, was a household word.

Following an anthology, "The Great Detective Stories," and an introduction under his own name to "Some Famous Medical Trials," he continued the exploits of Philo Vance, turning them out since at the rate of one a year. After Van Dine's enormous success as a writer of detective fiction, his earlier neglected novel, "The Man of Promise," was reissued in 1929 and received high praise.

Born in 1888 at Charlottesville, Virginia, the author was graduated from Harvard university where he was a prize student in anthropology and ethnology. With his wife, who was Eleanor Rulapaugh, a portrait painter known professionally as Claire De Lisle, he lives in Los Angeles.

Van Dine's newest story, "The Garden Murder Case," has received enthusiastic praise from critics everywhere. You will be thrilled by this tale as it unfolds serially in our paper.

December Rain

Below we give the December, 1936, rain as taken from the official rainfall records at the office of the City Clerk.

December 2	.06
December 5	.14
December 6	.03
December 27	.11

Inches December Rain .34

Prospects for the Spring appear to be steadily improving in favor of the producer.

RANGE ITEMS OF GOOD INTEREST

J. F. Beidler has completed the delivery, to Frank Kincaid of Uvalde, of five hundred large steers which he had purchased recently.

The eradication of cedar as a part of the federal government's soil conservation program is one that is sure to mean millions of dollars in general benefits to the ranchmen who range live stock where ever this cedar grows, and there is plenty of it.

Joe Blakeney of the San Angelo area, purchased some 25,000 fleeces of 12 months wool on the 8th of January, at 35 cents per pound, for Hollowell, Jones and Donald in several West Texas towns. More deals in this same direction are expected real soon. Jack Allison of Munro, Kincaid and Edgehill had purchased 7090 fleeces of 8 months wool from Byron Newby of Brackettville and two others from Sheffield at 33 cents, said a San Angelo dispatch last week.

Livestock men from up Midland way at a meeting the past week actively took up the matter of protecting the ranchers from cattle thieves and rustlers, and have hired an attorney to represent them at the work of passing legislation for the protection of the ranchers. There is no doubt that the ranchers have had all they want of losses from rustlers and it is their intention to protect themselves from these common enemies. It is much easier now, with the advantages of the small trucks, for the rustlers to move rapidly and strike quickly, rendering their capture harder. An ess laws for transportation of stock is made more effective, and other measures taken for the protection of the rancher. There is hardly a rancher in the State who does not at one time or another suffer losses of livestock from the alert, motorized rustler.

Showers of a general character fell Monday morning as the cold norther blew itself down and the temperature rose. The precipitation however did not amount to very much.

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1 cupful cold water
1 1/2 cupsful fat
10 teaspoonfuls ground ginger
5 teaspoonfuls soda
4 eggs
Enough flour to make a nice dough.
Roll moderately thin and cut with cookie cutter. Bake well but not too fast. Makes large quantity.
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Andersen's Fairy Tales

One hundred years ago there was published in Copenhagen a pamphlet, badly printed on poor paper and bound between thin blue paper covers. Its author and publisher were faint hearted about the enterprise. Thus did the first series of Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales appear.
Hans Andersen, as he is known in Denmark, was one of the founders of modern Danish. He introduced Danish language into Danish prose, and before his death Denmark credited his name with a national holiday in honor of his birth.

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Man as Nature
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BOOKS—PAMPHLETS
The Argument Settler—Odd, Strange, Curious, Suppressed, Unbelievable Facts, Sensational—An Eye Opener—64 Pages, 10c. Star Publishing Co., Box 315, Louisville, Ky.
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What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—
Out here the new Authors' club is functioning nicely and abounds in surprises. For instance, at one of our luncheons, the following types were observed:

An Armenian, he being the only Armenian I ever met that didn't try to sell me a rug.

A visitor from Aberdeen who not only bought for himself but wanted to buy copiously for others.

A native writer who declined to talk about his own works.

A British writer in the same admirable fix.

A radio comedian who did not discuss his nationally important feud with some other radio comedian—probably saving that stuff for his regular broadcasts.

A house committee chairman who neither bragged nor apologized.

If we can only maintain this average, the Authors' club will become the most unusual organization on earth.

"Made in Japan."
A HIGHLY patriotic function there was a tiny American flag at each place, and on mine I found, in very small print, "Made in Japan."

And it is officially stated that at least three out of four of the totem poles sold to tourists in Alaska as authentic relics of the aborigines come also from the orient.
If, as and when we get to heaven, I wonder how many of the angels we're going to find running around wearing the label, "Made in Japan?"

Collegiate Cosmetics.
THE students' newspaper of the University of Wisconsin has made a scientific study of the subject and announces that the average coed (female type) uses enough lipstick in one year to paint four barns. That sounds like an exaggeration, or maybe mouths are running longer and barns are running smaller. But the barns do look better for being painted.

Movie Family Parties.
MONTHS after a moving picture studio has changed hands or undergone an upheaval—such earthquakes being quite frequent—the new bosses sometimes are still finding, tucked snugly away in the payroll, relatives by blood or marriage of the ousted bosses. To you, reader, a new production may be either an epic or a flop, but out here it's often just a pleasant family party, extending even unto the third generation.
In other words, Hollywood has added a new line to the old spiritual, as follows:
"All Gawd's chillen got kinfolks!"

An Anti-War Prescription.
IF SENATOR HIRAM JOHNSON of California had never done any other statesmanlike thing—and he's done many a one during his long service in Washington—this country would owe him a debt of gratitude for that act which he put through congress providing that America can lend no more moneys to any foreign government still in default for sums previously borrowed from us.

Can any sane man doubt that certain European powers, now heavily in debt to us, would now be at one another's throats if they were assured of financial backing by Uncle Sam for their fighting. In other words, they'd love to enjoy another world war so long as they didn't have to pay for it. But once in awhile, even a born sucker takes the cure, provided there's a Hiram Johnson to write the prescription.
IRVIN S. COBB.
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Teacher's Treat
As schools all over the world break up on St. Thomas' day, it is a great occasion for children. In Denmark it is customary to allow children to do almost as they like, and near Antwerp they rise early, run to school, and lock the master out till he promises to treat them. In other parts of Belgium, parents, servants, and schoolmasters are locked out, the teacher being chaired to the nearest inn where he is forced to pay for cakes and punch. In Germany, St. Thomas' day is a great day for forecasting the future. Thousands of young women visit astrologers, palmists, and clairvoyants, to learn what the coming year has in store. In Westphalia they eat and drink to capacity as a sign that they hope to escape scarcity within the next twelve months.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

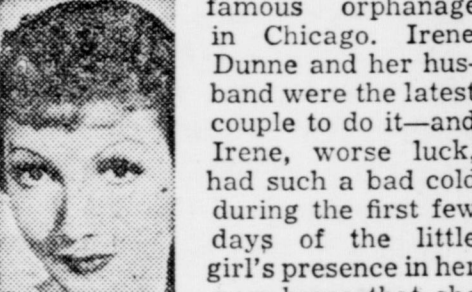
Not All Have Mouths
Not all animals have mouths, for certain parasitic forms, notably the tapeworm, lack a system for digesting food. In such cases, the food is absorbed through the surface of the animal.

STAR DUST
Movie • Radio
By VIRGINIA VALE

OF COURSE you've seen Sid Silvers, and laughed at him, in many a movie; now you're going to hear him on the air with Al Jolson, whom you've also seen in pictures, but not recently.

Silvers is something new under the sun. He writes the very funny lines he speaks; that is, he makes them up, but he doesn't put them down on paper. He just says them. Somebody else takes them down. And if he gets a very funny idea during the final filming of a scene, in it goes and the scene is done over again. But what havoc that will create if he forgets himself and does it on the air, since radio scripts have to be written and re-written, and then approved.

Now it's Claudette Colbert and her husband who are going to adopt a baby from that famous orphanage in Chicago. Irene Dunne and her husband were the latest couple to do it—and Irene, worse luck, had such a bad cold during the first few days of the little girl's presence in her new home that she couldn't go near the infant. Meanwhile Claudette has been given the lead in the screen version of "Tovarich," the successful stage play; she should be grand in it.



Claudette Colbert

Claire Luce, who was Fred Astaire's first dancing partner after his sister deserted him for matrimony, is in Hollywood, with yearnings to become a motion picture actress. On the stage she got along beautifully with the nimble Fred, but she's not making tests for RKO, so apparently she isn't being considered for his partner on the screen. Practically everyone else has been, apparently!

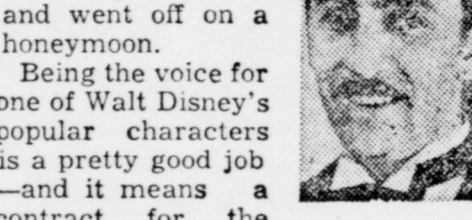
The blonde Miss Luce has a lifetime on the stage behind her—that is, she has her lifetime, as she started at the age of four. She was one of the six or eight chorus girls in the musical show in which Miriam Hopkins and various other celebrities were also chorus girls—and what tales they all tell about each other in private!

It looks as if James Cagney would break out again—not in a fight with a motion picture company this time, but in a new venture. He is talking of reviving the theater in small towns, so you may see him in person before long.
It is said that Robert Montgomery and Pat O'Brien may appear with him, as well as his brother Bill. Meanwhile his first picture for Grand National, is completed at last.

How do you like the idea of a picture with Robert Taylor, Spencer Tracy and James Stewart in it? The picture will be "Three Comrades," and the author is the man who wrote "Journey's End," so the story ought to be good. Once upon a time studio executives would have screamed at the idea of putting three such players in one picture, but nowadays the big companies plan to give us as much for our money as they can.

Have you been missing "Minnie Mouse" from the screen? If you have, don't worry—she'll return. You see, her voice—that is, the young woman who plays "Minnie" voice—got married and went off on a honeymoon.
Being the voice for one of Walt Disney's popular characters is a pretty good job—and it means a contract for the actual owner of the voice, too, because the public is so familiar with the sounds that Mickey and his co-players make.
Maybe some day we'll see that Disney feature-length picture that has been talked about for so long, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

ODDS AND ENDS... Ever since he finished "The Gay Desperado" Nino Martini has been traveling around, giving concerts, and flying east each Wednesday for his broadcast—so imagine how thankful he is that the opera season has started in New York, keeping him home for the winter... B. P. Schulberg, the movie producer, finally admitted that he and Sylvia Sydney will probably marry when his marital affairs are straightened out... He and Mrs. Schulberg have been living apart for some time... Richard Dix is taking out a patent for a thornless rose which he has developed at his ranch... Robert Young will appear with Claudette Colbert in "She Met Him in Paris," which may console him for losing out on "Love on the Run," the Crawford-Gable-Tone picture... Now they say it is Gladys George who will play the role of the mother in "Stella Dallas."



Walt Disney

Western Newspaper Union.

Burgos, "First City" of Rebel Spain, Has Intriguing History

Venerable Place Was Once the Capital of Old Castile.

Burgos, "capital" of rebel Spain, while new to the ears of present-day observers, has played an important part in the Spain of the past, says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society.
"Burgos, with only 32,000 inhabitants, rises from the heart of a rolling plateau about 130 miles due north of Madrid," continues the bulletin.

"As capital of the province of Burgos, it was normally a quiet city which the hard-working farmers, shepherds and foresters in the province used as their market place. Irrigated fields form green patches along the valley of the Arlanzon river, but much of the district surrounding the city is arid and barren like parts of the tableland of Mexico. Where water is available, however, good crops thrive—chiefly grains and chick peas.

Once Capital of Old Castile.
"While Burgos may have no boast as to high rank among urban centers on the Iberian peninsula, it is rich in history and in architectural treasures. Until 1087, when the royal residence was moved to Toledo, it was the capital of Old Castile. It is hinted that the crumbling castle above the city is one of the main reasons for the name of Castile.

"Even after the transfer of the royal residence, Burgos was still the scene of much royal pomp, splendor, and treachery. Several kings were crowned there, and some were born within its walls.

Perhaps Burgos' most notorious son was King Pedro the Cruel, who was reputed to decorate his rooms with the heads of his victims.

Columbus Welcomed Here.
"Columbus, returning from his second expedition to the fabled New World, was welcomed by Fernando and Isabella in that palatial residence of old Burgos, the Casa de Cordón. The building still spreads its stone front across one side of the Plaza de Libertad.
"Royal marriages attracted to Burgos the pageantry of medieval chivalry from more than one nation. England sent a Twelfth-century princess there to become a Spanish queen, and later came an English king and a French duke to claim Spanish wives.

City Is Battle Scarred.
"In Burgos was born El Cid, the national hero of Spain in the struggle to reconquer the country from the Moors. The hilltop cas-

tle, then a magnificent stronghold, was the scene of his marriage to Ximena, who is buried with him in the Cathedral. One of the town's saddest days was that of their hero's return, when all doors were closed against him by the jealous king's command, and the grieving populace had to do their hero-worshipping silently from their windows.

"Remnants of warlike days survive in the city. The castle, demolished by the French after it had successfully resisted the forces of the mighty Wellington, flaunts its ruins from the hill. Four fortified gates remain, as well as a pleasant walkway, called the Paseo de los Cubos, the Promenade of the Tubs, because it passes a row of tublike circular bastions of the old wall.

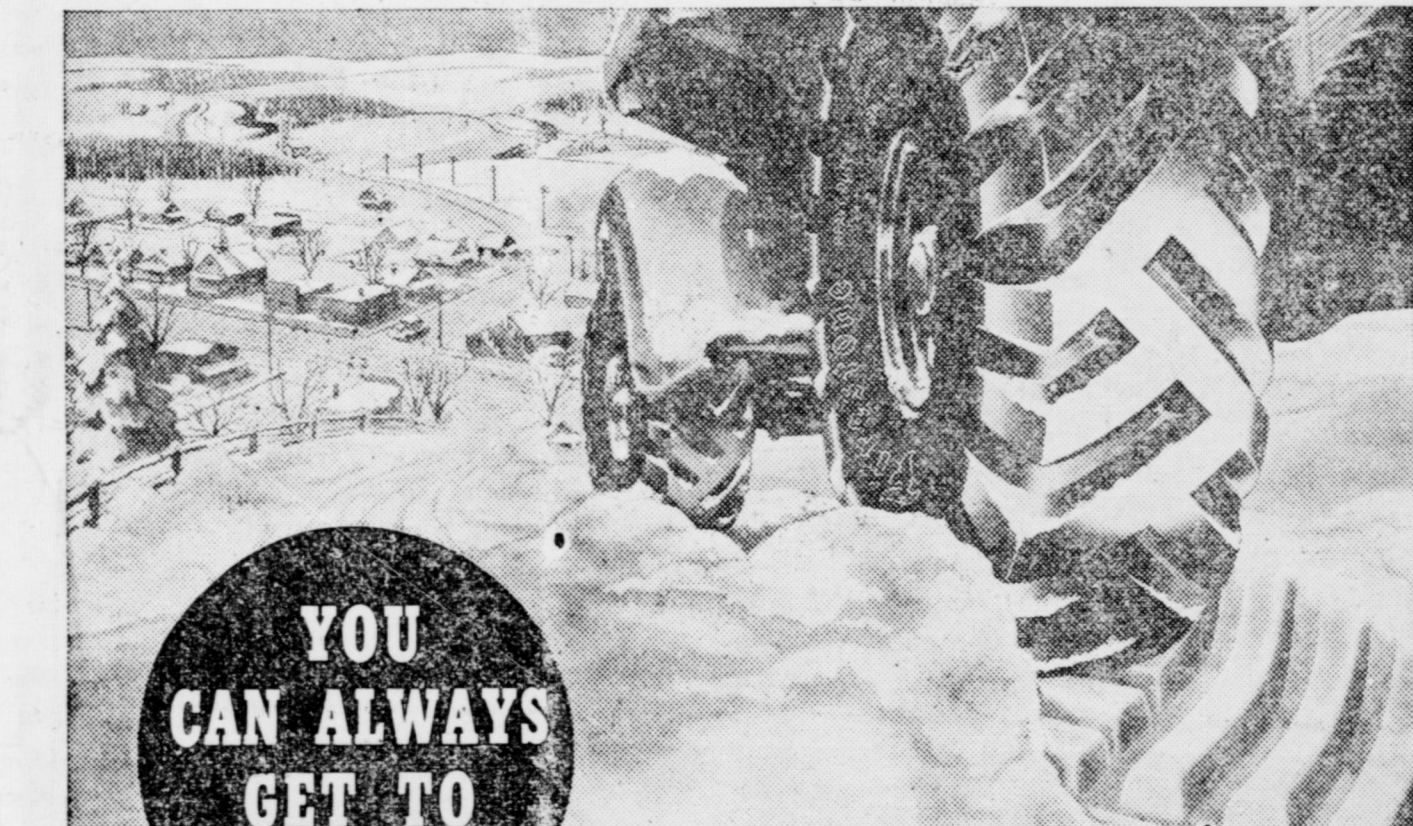
"On the outskirts of Burgos stands the convent of Las Huelgas, to which only noble women were admitted. Its abbess for 500 years ranked second only to the queen of Spain, and had power of life and death, the gallows and the knife, over all who came within her jurisdiction."

Great minds erect their never-failing trophies on the firm base of mercy.—Massinger.

The Past

IT IS because so much of the past still exists in our lives that it is so dear to us... These are compensations for the loss of youth and fresh impressions; and one learns little by little that a thing is not over because it is not happening with noise and shape or outward sign; its roots are in our hearts; and every now and then they send forth a shoot which blossoms and bears fruits still.

—Anne Ritchie.



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To the Public
Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of the News-Mail will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

Local News

C. L. St. John was a business visitor in Del Rio Tuesday.

Buddy Hybrarger was in Fort Worth last week end.

Henry Lowe Jr. returned last Thursday to the CCC Camp at Burnet.

V. G. Deason was a business visitor in Del Rio Saturday afternoon.

W. O. Vincent of Spofford was a business visitor here Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vandy of Cline visited relatives in Brackettville Tuesday.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met Monday in a regular monthly meeting.

Frank Rose of Del Rio was here Monday evening to take a new car from Veltmann & Sons to Del Rio.

Mrs. Mary Kellam and son, Lt. Kellam, and daughter of San Antonio were visitors here last week end.

Mrs. Laurie has taken over the building between the Sinclair Station and concrete bridge on Spring Street and has opened up therein a hamburger and refreshment stand.

Robert Senne

John G. Blackman was a welcome visitor in our office Monday.

Fred West returned Sunday from a business trip to San Antonio.

Have your radio tubes accurately tested, without cost, at the News-Mail.

Missee Sara and Virginia Webb were visiting in Denton the past week end.

L. C. Purnell of Lampasas was here this week visiting with John G. Blackman.

Brackett high school basketball team has been diligently at practice for the past few days.

Mrs. C. H. Kendrick and Mrs. L. P. Caddell of Froer, Texas, were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. August Smith the past week.

A new, large refrigeration unit and equipment was installed the past week end in the Buck Winters market in the Blue Goose building.

A number of local school children went over to Del Rio Monday to attend the special choral musical presentation at the high school auditorium.

A "petty cash" burglar who broke into the Central Power & Light Co. office last week end took only a cash box with two dollars in it.

In this issue the new statement of the Brackettville First State Bank appears and it will make some very good reading for everyone.

Some thief who figured on having music in his home broke into the Balenti Luna place Sunday night and made away with a small radio in the place.

Alex Schutach Jr. has purchased Tanny's Place building and grounds. He is having the building moved back some and is preparing to make some more improvements.

At the regular meeting of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department Wednesday of the past week it received 6 new members into the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gardner and Mrs. G. T. Fleet and children of San Antonio were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner during the New Year holidays.

The City Council this week secured a blanket insurance for the members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department, which protects the department members while on active duty.

Verge Brown, Edwards County rancher, died in San Antonio Thursday of last week, and the burial was made in Rocksprings. He was well known throughout this ranching section.

The Palace Theater Friday and Saturday showed a film on the results of feeding experiments on hogs as conducted by Texas A. & M. College. It proved to be of value to ranchers.

Alice Vincent

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Huffman of Eagle Pass, were Brackettville visitors on Wednesday morning. Mr. Huffman is publisher of the Eagle Pass Guide and dropped in and made the News-Mail a very pleasant visit.

Cal Huffman and Sharp McFarland of Eagle Pass were in Brackett Tuesday evening calling on friends. Mr. Huffman is a candidate for Representative of this district to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Standford Payne.

Mrs. Viola Jeffers died in San Antonio Tuesday morning. She had been quite ill and was taken to San Antonio for special medical treatment. She was well known here, having been a resident of Brackettville and this county for some time.

Desk blotters at the News-Mail office.

KINNEY CO. FARM LOAN ASS'N MEET

The annual meeting of the Brackettville National Farm Loan Association, which was held at Brackettville Tuesday January 12, was one of the best meetings in the history of the association, according to John H. Stadler, who was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

A. M. Slator, W. W. Nipper, J. E. Bader, H. E. Zinsmeister and Ben H. Nolan, all of Brackettville were elected directors of the association for the ensuing year.

A feature of the meeting was 48% attendance of the members, talks by R. H. Alvey, Secy-Treas., P. C. A. Uyalde, J. B. Kidd, County Agent, and J. H. Stadler, Secretary and Treasurer and a radio address by A. C. Williams, President of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, who spoke to the members of the 365 national farm loan associations in Texas who were attending similar meetings in cities and towns all over Texas at the same hour. This was made possible through the cooperation of the major radio broadcasting stations which make up the Texas Quality Network.

Mr. Williams discussed some of the factors that make up good and bad loans and urged that the farmers take care of their property. He said that a well-kept farm whose soil is protected from erosion is seldom, if ever, foreclosed. He also commented upon the important part which the cooperative farmer-owned national farm loan associations play in the successful operation of the Federal Farm Loan System, and emphasized the fact that Farm Credit Administration units offered the many types of credit needed by agriculture.

"Farmers generally should familiarize themselves with types of loans available through these institutions, with the view of developing cooperative credit centers where deserving borrowers may secure both long and short term credit according to their needs", said Mr. Williams.

The Brackettville National Farm Loan Association has helped more than 70 farmers and stockmen of Kinney County finance their indebtedness on a sound basis. Since the creation of the Farm Credit Association this association has made land bank and Commissioner loans in its territory amounting to a total of \$727,300.00.

Daniel Taylor

Roll Call Success: Call Annual Meet

The Kinney County Chapter of the Red Cross, through its officers wish to express thanks and appreciation to the Misses Emma Jean Martin and Chrysta Kennedy for so graciously consenting to act as Chairman and Assistant Chairman of the recent Red Cross Roll Call held in Kinney County, and to congratulate these young ladies for the very successful culmination of the valiant services they rendered on behalf of our Chapter.

To the end that the Kinney County Chapter of the Red Cross shall properly function, the Annual Meeting of the Local Chapter is called and will be held in the County Court room at 4 P. M., Monday, January 18, 1937, for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports, etc., and all members are most earnestly requested to attend this meeting as it is at that time the policy to be pursued by the Chapter is determined.

W. J. MULLER, Acting Chairman.

PAUL JONES, Secy. Treas.

Louise Sprott

A Resolution

WHEREAS, the Omnipotent, God, the all-powerful, has removed from our midst our dear and beloved co worker and City Secretary, Mr. Albert J. Seargeant:

NOW THEREFORE, by this unanimous resolution, we, the members of the City Council, hereby extend to Mrs. Albert J. Seargeant, the wife of our deceased member, and her immediate family, our most sincere and profound sympathy in this, their greatest hour of bereavement.

In the passing of Mr. Albert J. Seargeant, that the City Council of Brackettville, Texas, has lost a faithful member and a conscientious officer. In his several years association with the members of the City Council, his broad experience and good judgement proved very valuable to the work of our Council, and he won the respect of all with whom he was brought into contact. Mindful of this long association with Mr. Seargeant as an official of our body and his constructive work on behalf of the City, the City Council, on behalf of its members, gratefully records its appreciation of him by adopting the following:

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Unanimously Resolved by the City Council of the City of Brackettville, Texas, meeting in Regular Session, this the eleventh day of January, 1937, that we, as members of the City Council of the City of Brackettville, Texas, attest to the inspiration and support which Mr. Seargeant brought to our City Council, and

Be it further Resolved, that a

copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council, that a copy be sent to Mrs. Albert J. Seargeant, a copy to the Brackett News-Mail for publication, and one to be mailed to the President of the League of Texas Municipalities at Austin, Texas, as a testimonial of our sincere appreciation of his usefulness, not only as a member of the City Council of Brackettville, Texas, but also as a citizen of our great State.

F. H. FRITTER,

MAYOR.

H. H. ZINSMEISTER,

BEN S. JONES,

W. H. GOLEMON,

ALLAN WILLIAMS,

G. B. WINTERS,

ALDERMEN.

Spofford News

Bill Vincent is in Sanderson on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rolan were in Del Rio Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Varga of Rocksprings visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe York last week end.

Mrs. R. L. Nickel and son returned Wednesday from Del Rio where they had been for several days.

Mrs. Alva Ward and baby have returned home after a pleasant visit with relatives in Schulenburg.

Mrs. Robert Richmond and Mrs. Baie were visiting in Brackett Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. O'Dell spent Sunday in Del Rio with their mother.

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FOR TEXAS HIGHWAYS?

Texas' highways, to date, have cost Texas taxpayers approximately seven hundred and fifty millions of dollars.

License fees from motor vehicles have contributed \$202,000,000.

Gasoline taxes have accounted for \$176,000,000.

Federal aid has donated \$91,000,000.

YOUR PROPERTY TAXES HAVE CONTRIBUTED \$281,000,000—MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL.

Large trucks—those weighing more than 8000 pounds loaded—have paid a total of \$27,000,000 in license fees and gasoline taxes, or 3 3/4 per cent of the total cost.

Yet these trucks have been responsible for an additional cost of construction and maintenance amounting to approximately 50 per cent of the total—an amount far in excess of their contribution. These wider trucks result in 25 per cent increase in pavement costs.

Their bigger loads have required thicker pavements, costing from 35 to 60 per cent more; their size has made wider and heavier bridges necessary; maintenance costs have increased through their use and abuse of the highways.

Such extra expenditures are almost solely for the benefit of the big trucks, and are not necessary for the small trucks and passenger cars. YET THEIR COST IS BORNE BY THE OWNERS OF PASSENGER CARS AND SMALL TRUCKS AND BY THE GENERAL TAXPAYER, WHO MAY NOT EVEN OWN A CAR, WHILE THE BIG TRUCKS THEMSELVES HAVE PAID ONLY 3 3/4 PER CENT.

Any increase in present truck loads, size or speed limits will further increase the highway costs which all of us, the people of Texas, must pay.

Texas railroads provide and maintain their own rights-of-way; afford employment to 60,000 men and women (who are also taxpayers); pay large taxes in support of city, county, state and federal governments; and, in addition, pay annually more than \$900,000 toward state highway costs. The interest of the railroads in highway regulation is precisely parallel to that of the public.

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Chicago Rock Island and Gulf
Cotton Belt

Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe
Kansas City Southern
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Louisiana Arkansas & Texas
Lubin Memphis & Gulf
Missouri Kansas Texas
New York Pacific Lines
Panhandle & Santa Fe

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Southern Pacific Lines
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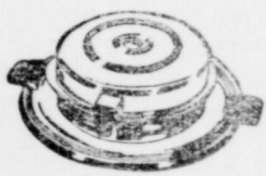


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Social Happenings

Of Brackett and Fort Clark

BY MARY LOUISE THOMPSON

Auction Bridge

Mrs. N. P. Petersen entertained the Auction Bridge Club on Friday afternoon.

The high score souvenir was given to Mrs. V. Christensen; Mrs. C. D. Covington received second high and Mrs. Baxter was awarded the low score prize.

Delicious marshmallow pudding was served with tea and cookies.

The guests were Mrs. C. D. Covington, Mrs. V. Christensen, Mrs. J. B. Hudson, Mrs. A. E. Bartsberger, Mrs. A. Wickham, Mrs. C. A. Bitter, Mrs. Roy Baxter.

Bunco Party

Mrs. Roy Baxter was hostess on Saturday to the members of the Bunco Club.

Mrs. Oswald Sauer received high prize; Mrs. C. Westphal was awarded low score prize; Mrs. C. A. Bitter cut consolation; Miss Beas Fitz received the high guest prize.

Refreshments were served to the following guests: Mrs. C. Westphal, Mrs. E. Sauer, Miss Elsie Sauer, Mrs. Oswald Sauer, Mrs. C. A. Bitter, Mrs. Sampson, Miss Mittie Jones, Mrs. Beulah Carr, Mrs. Schwander.

W. M. U. Notes

Mrs. John Reese was hostess to the W. M. U. ladies last Thursday afternoon for their regular Bible Study.

There was a very interesting discussion of the 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st Chapters of Genesis.

After the discussion, delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Moy, Hall, J. Miller, DeWalt, C. O. Jones, Henick, Hancock and the hostess, Mrs. Reese.

The News-Mail has received a nice assortment of desk blotters in any color you desire. Buy now.

C. Huffman Announces For Representative



CALVIN C. HUFFMAN

Calvin C. Huffman, for six years managing editor of The Daily Guide at Eagle Pass, announced Tuesday that he would be a candidate for Representative of the 87th District, succeeding Rep. Stanford Payne, who resigned Monday to accept an appointment from Gov. Allred. Mr. Payne will be director of Public Relations for the State Health Department.

Cal Huffman, widely known in the border counties, thru his editorial writings in the "They Say—" column, pledges a forceful representation of his district, seeking promote to the Big Bend park, State cooperation for better schools and highways, enlargement and improvement of Sul Ross, and is all for the best interests of the ranchmen.

Cal Huffman was born in Del Rio, 29 years ago. He was educated in Eagle Pass High School and the University of Texas, and Port Arthur Business College. He is the son of L. M. Huffman, and for 20 years they have successfully operated The Guide.

He has long been active in the business and civic affairs of his community, serving the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and other civic groups of Eagle Pass, as Director of the International Highway Commission of Coahuila.

He asks your support now to continue his activity for public good in the Texas Legislature.

Notice

In compliance with the law providing for a system of county depositories, I hereby give notice that the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, at a regular term to be held beginning February 8th, 1937, will receive proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in this county desiring to be selected as depository of the said funds of said county.

All bids shall be sealed and shall be delivered to me before 10 o'clock A. M. February 8th, 1937, stating the rate of interest the bidder offers to pay on the funds of said county for a term of two years beginning sixty days after February 1937. Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of \$150 as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, and if his bid should be accepted he will enter into the bond required by law for county depositories.

The Commissioners Court will publicly open said bids at 10 o'clock A. M., on Monday, February 8, 1937, and select as the county depository the bidder offering the highest rate of interest per annum for said funds, to be computed upon daily balances of the credit of the county with such depository and shall be payable to the County Treasurer monthly.

All bids shall be in conformity with this notice, and no proposition, aside from a straight percentage bid, will be considered.

The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Witness my hand this the 13th day of January, 1937.
JNO. S. FRITTER,
County Judge, Kinney County, Texas.

The News-Mail's Amusement Section



"CHARGE OF LIGHT BRIGADE" BOOKED FOR THE PALACE

The thundering hoofs that dashed across the pages of history to be immortalized by the unforgettable poem of Alfred Lord Tennyson—sound again through Warner Bros.' stupendous screen version of "The Charge of the Light Brigade," which comes to the Palace Theatre on Sunday and Monday with Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland in the featured roles.

Tennyson's verse deals only with the famous charge of the Light Brigade against the Russian artillery on the heights of Balaclava during the Crimean war—an action which forms only the terrific climax of the film story that is replete with thrills from start to finish, and presents a glamorous romance in which two brothers are rivals for the love of a beautiful girl.

The picture, heralded as one of the biggest productions ever filmed by Warner Bros., has an all-star cast of 20 noted actors in the important roles, and over fifteen thousand extra people. Scenes are said to be spectacular in the extreme, with border skirmishes, hand-to-hand fighting, and the soul-stirring charge of the Light Brigade. Scenes depict colorful interiors of the palace of Surat Khan, Amir of Suristan, with his Nautch dancing girls and slaves—as well as mammoth exteriors of British walled towns.

"THE MAGNIFICENT BRUTE" TORN BETWEEN TWO BLONDES

"The Magnificent Brute," starring Victor McLaglen, Academy award winner, will introduce the age of steel to the cinema at the Palace Theatre. This is the first time that the awe-inspiring background of a steel mill has been used for a feature screen production. Fantastic flame effects, the glow of molten metal, the bursting showers of steel sparks and grotesque shadows are shown in marvelous photographic treatment, which heightens the drama enacted by the interesting characters in the tale of primitive men and prime beauties.

Victor McLaglen in the title role is cast as a modern swash-buckler with a roving eye. The central figure is a tremendous giant of a fellow who towers above most men and is torn between two blondes. Binnie Barnes gives a splendid characterization as a girl who delights in causing men to fight over her. She is attractive enough to make the fighting seem worth while. William Hall, a tall, well-built newcomer to the screen, gives glorious battle to Victor McLaglen in a gigantic conflict that is a classic.

Henry Armetta, the comedian who is welcomed by audience laughter before he speaks a line, has a prominent role.

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"BACK TO NATURE" IN HILARIOUS FILM HIT

North, South, East and West, the happy, scrappy Jones Family travel the trail to adventure and romance in "Back to Nature," new Twentieth Century-Fox hit coming to the Palace Theatre and heralded as the best in the hilarious series of the Jones Family pictures.

Featuring Ted Poley, Shirley Deane, Dixie Dunbar, Tony Martin, Spring Byington, Kenneth Howell, George Ernest, June Carlston, Florence Roberts and Billy Mahan, "Back to Nature" is the riotous story of the Joneses on a vacation—a vacation more thrilling, more exciting, and more riotous than your own.

For the Joneses don't go vacationing in an ordinary manner. When Dad Jones announces that he is going to the druggists' convention at Tranquil Lake, the family announce to dad that they are going alone.

When Dad Jones asks how they expect him to pay railroad fares and hotel expenses for the entire family, they present a simple solution—buy an automobile trailer!

Outnumbered and out-argued, Dad gives in and the whole family starts out for Tranquil Lake in a house on wheels.

Filling the wide open spaces with fun and romance, the Joneses roll along their highway, meeting, of course, with exciting adventures. Arriving at Tranquil Lake, the family park the trailer and pitch camp.

Jack Jones meets his girlfriend and Bonnie Jones attracted by a handsome young man who rescues her from the tiny clutches of a bear cub. Dad and Mother Jones are apprehensive about Bonnie's romance for they know nothing about the smooth-talking stranger.

James Tinsling directed the film, with Max Golden associate producer. Robert Ellis and Helen Logan wrote the screen play, an original story based on the characters created by Katharine Kavanaugh.

JONES FAMILY GOES LAUREL - HARDY HEAD PROGRAM ON . . . SCREEN

"Our Relations," opening Wednesday and Thursday at the Palace Theatre, presents the famous laugh-making team of Laurel and Hardy in a feature comedy rated surprisingly different, more elaborate and funnier than their many successes which have extended over the past ten years. For the first time portraying dual roles in a full-length feature—each a twin brother—Laurel and Hardy have double the opportunity to display screen talents.

In "Our Relations," based on W. W. Jacobs' short story, "The Money Box," Laurel and Hardy appear as sedate business men living peacefully and harmoniously with their wives (Daphne Pollard and Betty Healy) in a quite seaport city. Sometime later a tramp steamer docks and down the gangway come their twin brothers, Alf and Bert, who were bad lads, ran away to

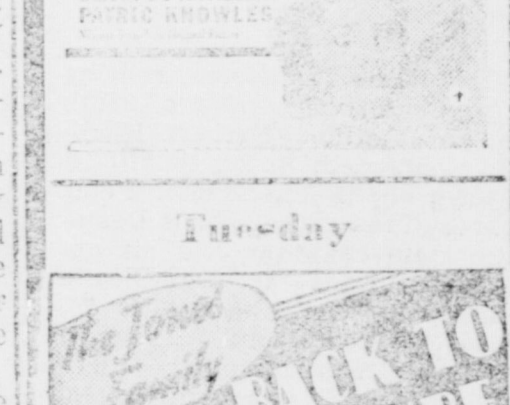
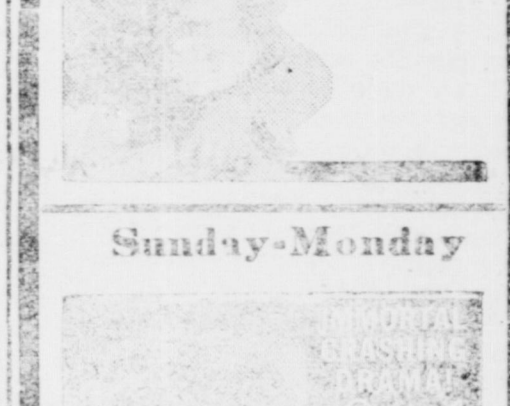
sea and long since had been reported hanged for joining in a mutiny.

Feeling the families' disgrace, Laurel and Hardy had kept secret—even from their wives—brothers. The sailors, unaware it is their twin brothers' home, are ashore for the purpose of delivering a fabulously valuable pearl ring for the captain of their ship (Sidney Toler). The ring attracts two girls and their gangster boy friends and the complications result in an uproarious evening's entertainment.

Jacqueline Veltman



Friday Saturday



A. T. Terry

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Bru Plans Settlement of Cuban Debts to Americans— Roosevelt Says Federal Government Should End Child Labor and Starvation Wages.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD
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FEDERICO LAREDO BRU, the new president of Cuba, proposes to settle all Cuban obligations in the United States and is expected soon to invite the bankers and bondholders concerned to enter negotiations to that end. Credit for inducing Bru to do this is given to Col. Fulgencio Batista, who appears to be largely in control of affairs in the island.



President Laredo Bru

The obligations include about \$75,000,000 owed to many Americans who invested in public work gold bonds which were issued during the administration of President Gerardo Machado.

The new constitution which the Cuban congress recently voted originally prohibited any such negotiations as those contemplated before 1940, but when it appeared in the official gazette that article had been radically altered. It now orders the government to find a satisfactory way to settle all debts to the United States before 1940 and authorizes the president to open negotiations immediately.

This "error" in the gazette's composing room is supposed to have been ordered by Colonel Batista, and though congress has the power to correct it, a majority of congressmen, after reading the article in the gazette, gave it their approval. So President Bru, it seems, is free to go ahead with the negotiations.

ELIMINATION of child labor, long working hours and starvation wages is a necessity, and must be carried out by the federal government since it cannot be done by state action. So declared President Roosevelt in his press conference. He warned the correspondents not to say he was planning to revive the NRA and insisted all he could say at present was that something should be done to fix maximum hours and minimum wages.

Since the day of the NRA, said Mr. Roosevelt, there has been a steady decline in child labor, grueling hours and starvation wages by 90 per cent of American business. As for the other 10 per cent, he said, they were still failing to live up to the best standards since the death of the NRA.

Attorneys for the American Federation of Labor were reported to be about ready to submit to the President a bill designed to restore labor protective features lost in the death of the NRA. It provides that congress catalogue unfair "conduct" which would be forbidden to employers and assure workers adequate protection. Violations would be punishable by a fine. The federation is expected also to back federal licensing of interstate corporations as provided by the O'Mahoney bill.

TOM BERRY, before retiring from the governorship of South Dakota, appointed Herbert Hitchcock of Mitchell, S. D., to fill out the term of the late Senator Peter Norbeck. The new senator is Democratic state chairman and his appointment brings the Democratic membership in the senate to 76, the highest party total in history. The Republicans now number 16.

Mr. Hitchcock was born in Maquoketa, Ia., in 1867 and was educated at Anamosa, Davenport and Chicago. He went to Mitchell in 1894 and was admitted to the bar two years later. He was president of the school board in his home town for ten years and state's attorney four years. He served as state senator in 1909, 1911, and 1929.

AS NEBRASKA'S unicameral legislature, unique in the United States, was about to begin its first session, Gov. R. L. Cochran declared politics was out. He discouraged party caucuses among the members and said he would have no spokesman in the legislature.

The governor pointed out that the constitution provides that the one-house chamber shall be non-partisan and that the voters had done their part by electing, on a non-partisan ticket, 22 Democrats and 21 Republicans. He said he would continue personally and as governor, all measures for new forms of taxation.

FINANCIAL status of American farmers may be much improved, as reports of governmental agencies say, but some of them still appear to need a lot of help. Senator F. Ryan Duffy of Wisconsin asked federal officials to allot \$10,000,000 to aid the Wisconsin farmers who are suffering from the effects of the drought.

"This would be \$200 per farm," he said, "and considering the high price of hay and other items of feed, it would be difficult to make a smaller sum cover the needs which

would develop during the winter season." Duffy estimated 40,000 to 50,000 Wisconsin farmers would need assistance in purchasing live stock this winter. He said at least 35,000 farmers in the drought area and from 10,000 to 15,000 outside the drought districts were in need of aid. In addition, he said, between 30,000 and 40,000 farmers would need government aid in purchasing seed for the 1937 crop.

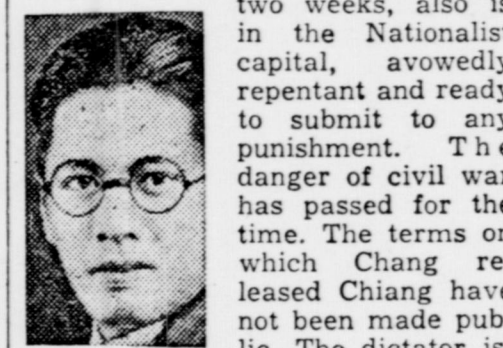
GOVERNMENT officials, from the President down, were anxious to prevent the export of American airplanes to Spain, license for which was given perforce by the State department to Robert Cuse, a Jersey City airplane broker. Cuse proposes to send \$2,777,000 worth of planes to the Spanish loyalists, and his action was criticized in Washington as "legal but unpatriotic." Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, chairman of the foreign relations committee, assailed the Cuse deal as improper and dangerous and said it might embarrass not only the United States but also other nations in their efforts to enforce the hands off policy toward the Spanish war. Congress may be able to rush through prohibitive legislation before the planes are shipped. Meantime pressure was being brought to bear on Cuse to cancel the deal.

WHEN the German steamer Palos was captured by Spanish loyalists at Bilbao because it carried war munitions supposedly destined for the Franco forces, the Berlin government demanded its release under threat of reprisal. The Basque authorities, when the German cruiser, Koeningberg, arrived at Bilbao, let the Palos go, but held on to the cargo and to one Spanish citizen who was a passenger. This did not satisfy the commander of the cruiser who insisted the cargo and the Spaniard must be released. The authorities defiantly refused this, and several more German warships were ordered to the Bilbao sector.

There was a report in Berlin that Hitler had been advised by Mussolini to withdraw as gracefully as possible from the Spanish embroglio, and that Il Duce himself had decided to cease supporting Franco and the insurgents.

It was believed Hitler would avoid war measures in this crisis, and both Great Britain and France were hopeful that he would preserve peace because they have offered to help his economic and colonial needs in return for nonintervention in the Spanish conflict. However, informed German sources said the Anglo-French note sent Christmas, urging a cessation of German volunteer enlistments for Spain had come too late, and that Germany will permit and even encourage a continuance of such enlistments.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK, generalissimo of China and its dictator, is back in Nanking. Marshal Chang, who held him prisoner in Sianfu for two weeks, also is in the Nationalist capital, avowedly repentant and ready to submit to any punishment. The danger of civil war has passed for the time. The terms on which Chang released Chiang have not been made public. The dictator issued a statement, directed to his kidnaper, commending his change of heart and promising to use his influence to obtain leniency for him; and Chang also gave out a statement admitting his grievous fault.



T. V. Soong, directed to his kidnaper, commending his change of heart and promising to use his influence to obtain leniency for him; and Chang also gave out a statement admitting his grievous fault.

These developments would seem to have quieted down the Oriental situation, but there is another matter that threatens continued trouble. This is the prospect that Chiang may decide to confine his attention largely to military affairs and to make Dr. T. V. Soong, his brother-in-law, premier. Soong, who used to be minister of finance, stands high among those who favor a strong foreign policy, including resistance to further encroachments by Japan. Therefore it is easy to see that his elevation to the premiership would greatly annoy Tokio and might easily bring about an open break between the two nations. Since Marshal Chang is one of those demanding war with Japan, it is rumored that the appointment of Soong was the specified reward for his release of Chiang and submission to discipline.

FRANCE took a census in 1936, and the figures, just given out, show the population of the republic on August 3 was 41,905,983. This was an increase of 71,045 over the last previous census, taken in 1931. Of the total, 2,453,507 are foreigners, their number having decreased by 437,416.

Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted By WILLIAM BRUCKART
NATIONAL PRESS BLDG. WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington.—The Capital city has returned to normalcy. It is not the normalcy of January, 1935, or the years immediately preceding, but the normalcy of the year in which that quadrennial spectacle, an inauguration of a President, takes place. But Washington's normalcy is a condition that comes in cycles and it matters not how the wheel of life turns, those who are resident here get used to it and of necessity they take the condition in regular stride.

That sounds like Washington residents are blasé. And they are to a greater extent than residents of most cities. But paradoxical as it may seem, native Washingtonians and a certain percentage of those in the political field become so excited that they lose all sense of proportion on occasions such as an inauguration ceremony. The answer seems to be personal vanity—a desire to be "out in front" and to "show off" by having important places in parades and having their names and pictures in the newspapers.

But there is another side of this Washington normalcy. It is the side of the political powers who have little concern about the District of Columbia as such or what goes on therein unless those affairs strengthen the position these political powers hold among their constituencies "back home."

Hence, under the dome of the great Capitol building, there is all the activity of a bee hive. The old timers among the legislators have learned to proceed with caution and to develop their plans slowly, but the newer members of the house and senate are all agog, each one with his own pet idea for saving the nation; each one with a varying conviction about his own importance as a member of the national legislature, and each one determined not to overlook a single opportunity to show the folks back home that their representative or their senator has become a national figure.

Then through the corridors, the halls, committee rooms and offices there are the hurrying feet of newspaper correspondents, representatives of this interest or that, messengers and lowly members of the Capitol's vast staff of carpenters, cleaners and chore workers. They are, of course, important only as they make the Capitol habitable but they are an inescapable part of the picture—of Washington normalcy.

"Downtown" Washington has another picture. In the executive departments, in the bureaus, commissions and agencies of which scores have come into being under the Roosevelt New Deal, there is intense activity. Policy makers of these various units make plans, study, confer, propose or reject ideas for consideration of the new congress and the administration heads. These fellows are less concerned about the folks back home than are the legislators. Their chief concern usually is perpetuation of their jobs, development of their units or agencies into places of such importance that the country cannot do without them. There is a personal interest hardly less to be condemned than that of the self-seeking politician.

On top of all of these—the governmental activities of the government—there is still another normalcy in Washington. It is the social side. Of course, all Washington society springs and has its being in White House reflection. From the great mansion at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue, there radiates every kind and condition of a social engagement. Outstanding among these obviously after the inauguration of a President is the Chief Executive's dinner to the members of the United States and the other members of the judiciary follows. In rapid order come receptions to the legislators, to the army, navy and marine corps, to the foreign diplomats resident here and all of these are interspersed with smaller official dinners in the great state dining room at the White House.

In various sections of the city and in the hotels, dinners, receptions, cocktail parties continue in ceaseless chains. And if the brutal statement must be made, the truth is that nearly every one of them has a purpose above and beyond personal enjoyment, but the selfish interest is quite frequently so deeply concealed that those who are being "cultivated" may not realize what the objective is.

These random observations have been presented chiefly to show the gloss and the glamor that is self-imposed upon the hundreds of persons who combine to make up what we know as government. They play, as they have a right to play,

They must have diversion. Frequently this diversion serves useful purposes for the country as a whole because through personal contact these charged with responsibility many times gain information, understanding, of the problems with which they must deal in official positions.

And so it is that, as Washington returns to normalcy, we have a congress—the seventy-fifth—beginning its labor with perhaps a confusion as great as any in recent years with the exception of that which opened the first term of the Roosevelt administration. In my own mind, I doubt that the confusion of 1933 was as great as it is now because in that period of emergency, the important wheelhorses of government were concerned with only one thing, namely, quick enactment of policies that would help in bringing order out of the economic chaos in which we found ourselves.

The current congress gets down to work, however, in a different atmosphere. Agencies of the government time after time have held lately that the emergency is over; that policies considered now must be considered on a permanent basis and that if there is to be a new order, the make-up, the consistency, of that new order must be examined with the idea of fitting the various pieces into a compact and workable whole.

It is in this atmosphere, therefore, and under the circumstances of an overwhelming landslide of votes by which President Roosevelt was returned to office that the administration must take stock of what has happened in the last four years and must analyze the prospects as far as the future discloses them.

Probably the most serious long range problem confronting the country involves the relationship of government and business. For weeks, I have sought information and views of individuals concerning the real crux of this problem because it has so many different phases. From all of this research I am inclined to the opinion that the fundamental question to be answered is that peril that faces the portion of our people that have passed the age of forty-five.

It may seem like a broad statement to pin down the relationship of government to business to that one question of what to do with workers above forty-five but I verily believe that is the crux.

It will have to be treated briefly in these columns but nevertheless it seems to me that all of the growing howl about "social security" centers on this one point. It centers there because politicians and starchy-eyed wishers have made so much noise about the government looking after the aged that a natural reaction has taken place in industry and, in consequence, there is a growing disinclination among employers to take on workers past forty-five.

Under the whip of competition and in an effort to offset the costs of the present social security program, manufacturers everywhere have been looking for methods by which they can substitute machines for human workers. Where that was impossible, they have turned to younger workers so that the increase in protection per worker, according to the best calculations, is not all due to the use of machinery. Greater efficiency has come from the employment of people able to go at high speed throughout the working period.

This development has been in progress in the manufacturing industries for at least 20 years but it has received its greatest impetus in the last three or four years since it became evident that the federal government was going to force upon commerce and industry protection for the older employees.

Federal Reserve board figures reveal that 16 years ago, nearly 70 per cent of all gainfully employed workers were in the basic industries while 30 per cent were employed in the professions and service groups mentioned above. Five years ago, 60 per cent were in the basic industries and 40 per cent in the professions and service industries while at the beginning of 1936, about 57 per cent were in basic industries and the professions and service groups embraced about 43 per cent.

From this it will be seen that an enormous transformation has been taking place in the type of work that people do. It represents, of course, changes in our national life, practices and traditions but who is there to say when and where this trend will halt. Equally, what government authority can be able to say that social security laws enacted now will be applicable and workable by the time the Roosevelt administration ends?

On Judging Characters—

Some Views to Hold in the Reading of Modern Books

THE desire to belittle the characters of those who have been held in high esteem for years, even for generations, is only excelled in these times by the determination to make heroes of those whose reputations have been unsavory. There is, of course, in all things a happy medium. No one is all good. No one is all bad. But it is the predominance of virtue or vice which sets its stamp on persons' characters, and causes them to be estimated good or bad accordingly.

Writers of biography are seldom readers. One of the greatest difficulties is in really getting at the truth about persons whether they be dead or alive. Biographers, living in the same period as those of whom they write, are unable to make delineations free from personal ideas or estimations, especially if the person about whom they are writing is known to them. Sometimes this accent is deliberately derogatory, sometimes it is fulsome in praise.

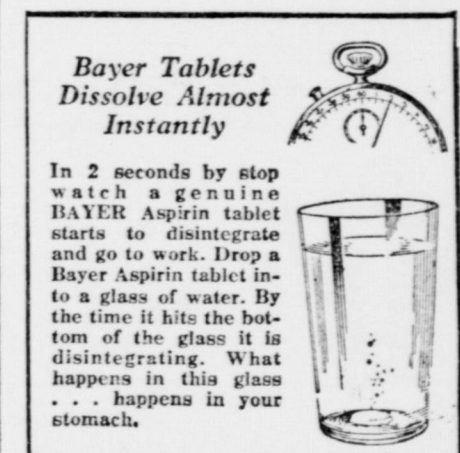
Individual View Point. It is for readers to make their own discoveries. They have this privilege and they should take it. Get acquainted with the facts as much as possible through perusing more than one biography. Get more than one other person's point of view. There are great men. There are little ones. To learn a few derogatory things about the former does not make them unworthy natures. The balance remains still for virtue. To find out good qualities in poor characters is delightful, but so long as flagrant misdeeds can merely be mollified and not erased, the person has to stand the brunt of his

own deeds. Unless the good outweighs the bad, he fails to ascend to the higher plane.

Well Tempered Judgment. In reading biographies and in studying human nature it is well of whom they write, are unable to re-estimate circumstances are present. Rarely are they absent totally. There are certain situations which exist, and complications which arise to influence action. Knowing these we become less harsh in adverse judgments, or more laudatory in favorable estimations according to how the character acts. We learn to detect the difference between the desire to undermine a fine character or to establish a poor one as good, whether in the spoken word or the written.

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The Garden Murder Case

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CHAPTER I

There were two reasons why the terrible and, in many ways, incredible Garden murder case—which took place in the early spring following the spectacular Casino murder case—was so designated. In the first place, the scene of this tragedy was the penthouse home of Professor Ephraim Garden, the great experimental chemist of Stuyvesant university; and secondly, the exact situs criminis was the beautiful private roof-garden over the apartment itself.

It was both a peculiar and implausible affair, and one so cleverly planned that only by the merest accident—or perhaps, I should say a fortuitous intervention—was it discovered at all.

The Garden murder case involved a curious and anomalous mixture of passion, avarice, ambition and horse-racing. There was an admixture of hate, also; but this potent and blinding element was, I imagine, an understandable outgrowth of the other factors.

The beginning of the case came on the night of April 13. It was one of those mild evenings that we often experience in early spring following a spell of harsh trances, when all the remaining traces of winter finally capitulate to the inevitable seasonal changes. There was a mellow softness in the air, a sudden perfume from the burgeoning life of nature—the kind of atmosphere that makes one lackadaisical, and wistful and, at the same time, stimulates one's imagination.

I mention this seemingly irrelevant fact because I have good reason to believe these meteorological conditions had much to do with the startling events that were to break forth, in all their horror, before another 24 hours had passed.

And I believe that the season, with all its subtle innuendoes, was the real explanation of the change that came over Vance himself during his investigation of the crime. Up to that time I had never considered Vance a man of any deep personal emotion, except in so far as children and animals and his intimate masculine friendships were concerned. He had always impressed me as a man so highly mentalized, so cynical and impersonal in his attitude toward life, that an irrational human weakness like romance would be alien to his nature. But in the course of his deft inquiry into the murders in Professor Garden's penthouse, I saw, for the first time, another and softer side of his character. Vance was never a happy man in the conventional sense; but after the Garden murder case there were evidences of an even deeper loneliness in his sensitive nature.

As I have said, the case opened—so far as Vance was concerned with it—on the night of April 13. John F-X. Markham, then district attorney of New York county, had dined with Vance at his apartment in East Thirty-eighth street. The dinner had been excellent—as all of Vance's dinners were—and at ten o'clock the three of us were sitting in the comfortable library.

Vance and Markham had been discussing crime waves in a desultory manner. There had been a mild disagreement, Vance discounting the theory that crime waves are calculable, and holding that crime is entirely personal and therefore incompatible with generalizations or laws.

It was in the midst of this discussion that Currie, Vance's old English butler and majordomo, appeared at the library door. I noticed that he seemed nervous and ill at ease as he waited for Vance to finish speaking; and I think Vance, too, sensed something unusual in the man's attitude, for he stopped speaking rather abruptly and turned.

"What is it, Currie? Have you seen a ghost, are there burglars in the house?"

"I have just had a telephone call,

sir," the old man answered, endeavoring to restrain the excitement in his voice.

"Not bad news from abroad?" Vance asked sympathetically.

"Oh, no, sir; it wasn't anything for me. There was a gentleman on the phone—"

Vance lifted his eyebrows and smiled faintly.

"A gentleman, Currie?"

"He spoke like a gentleman, sir. He was certainly no ordinary person. He had a cultured voice, sir, and—"

"Since your instinct has gone so far," Vance interrupted, "perhaps you can tell me the gentleman's age?"

"I should say he was middle-aged or perhaps a little beyond," Currie ventured. "His voice sounded mature and dignified and judicial."

"Excellent!" Vance crushed out his cigarette. "And what was the object of this dignified, middle-aged gentleman's call? Did he ask to speak to me or give you his name?"

A worried look came into Currie's eyes as he shook his head.

"No, sir. That's the strange part of it. He said he did not wish to speak to you personally, and he would not tell me his name. But he asked me to give you a message. He was very precise about it and made me write it down word for word and then repeat it. And the moment I had done so he hung up the receiver." Currie stepped forward. "Here's the message, sir."

Vance took it and nodded a dismissal. Then he adjusted his monocle and held the slip of paper under the light of the table lamp. Markham and I both watched him



Markham snorted, "That May Make Sense to You."

closely, for the incident was unusual, to say the least. After a hasty reading of the paper he gazed off into space, and a clouded look came into his eyes. He read the message again, with more care, and sank back into his chair.

"My word!" he murmured. "Most extr'ordin'ry. It's quite intelligible, however, don't y' know. But I'm dashed if I can see the connection . . ."

Markham was annoyed. "Is it a secret?" he asked testily. "Or are you merely in one of your Delphic-oracle moods?"

Vance glanced toward him contritely.

"Forgive me, Markham. My mind automatically went off on a train of thought. Sorry—really." He held the paper again under the light. "This is the message that Currie so meticulously took down: 'There is a most disturbing psychological tension of Professor Ephraim Garden's apartment, which resists diagnosis. Read up on radioactive sodium. See Book XI of the Aeneid, line 875. Equanimity is essential.' . . . Curious—eh, what?"

"It sounds a little crazy to me," Markham grunted. "Are you troubled much with cranks?"

"Oh, this is no crank," Vance as-

sured him. "It's puzzlin', I admit; but it's quite lucid."

Markham sniffed skeptically.

"What, in the name of Heaven, have a professor and sodium and the Aeneid to do with one another?" Vance was frowning as he reached into the humidor for one of his beloved cigarettes with a deliberation which indicated a mental tension. Slowly he lighted the cigarette. After a deep inhalation he answered.

"Ephraim Garden, of whom you surely must have heard from time to time, is one of the best-known men in chemical research in this country. Just now, I believe, he's professor of chemistry at Stuyvesant university—that could be verified in Who's Who. But it doesn't matter. His latest researches have been directed along the lines of radioactive sodium. An amazing discovery, Markham. Made by Doctor Ernest O. Lawrence, of the University of California, and two of his colleagues there, Doctors Henderston and McMillan. This new radioactive sodium has opened up new fields of research in cancer therapy—indeed, it may prove some day to be the long-looked-for cure for cancer. The new gamma radiation of this sodium is more penetrating than any ever before obtained. On the other hand, radium and radioactive substances can be very dangerous if diffused into the normal tissues of the body and through the blood stream.

"That is all very fascinating," Markham commented, sarcastically. "But what has it to do with you, or with trouble in the Garden home? And what could it possibly have to do with the Aeneid? They didn't have radioactive sodium in the time of Aeneas."

"Markham, old dear, I'm no Chaldean. I haven't the groggiest notion wherein the situation concerns either me or Aeneas, except that I happen to know the Garden family slightly. But I've a vague feeling about that particular book of the Aeneid. As I recall, it contains one of the greatest descriptions of a battle in all ancient literature. But let's see . . ."

Vance rose quickly and went to the section of his book-shelves devoted to the classics, and, after a few moments' search, took down a small red volume and began to rifle the pages. He ran his eye swiftly down a page near the end of the volume and after a minute's perusal came back to his chair with the book, nodding his head comprehensively, as if in answer to some question he had inwardly asked himself.

"The passage referred to, Markham," he said after a moment, "is not exactly what I had in mind. But it may be even more significant. It's the famous onomatopoeic Quad-rupedumque putrem cursu quatit ungula campum—meanin', more or less literally: "And in their galloping course the horsehoof shakes the crumbling plain."

Markham took the cigar from his mouth and looked at Vance with undisguised annoyance.

"You're merely working up a mystery. You'll be telling me next that the Trojans had something to do with this professor of chemistry and his radioactive sodium."

"No, oh, no." Vance was in an unusually serious mood. "Not the Trojans. But the galloping horses perhaps."

Markham snorted. "That may make sense to you."

"Not altogether," returned Vance, critically contemplating the end of his cigarette. "There is, nevertheless, the vague outline of a pattern here. You see, young Floyd Garden, the professor's only offspring, and his cousin a puny chap named Woodie Swift—he's quite an intimate member of the Garden household, I believe—are addicted to the ponies. Quite a prevalent disease, by the way, Markham. They're both interested in sports in general—probably the normal reaction to their professorial and ecclesiastical forebears: young Swift's father, who has now gone to his Maker, was a D.D. of sorts. I used to see both young Johnnies at Kinkaid's Casino occasionally. But the galloping horses are their passion now. And they're the nucleus of a group of young aristocrats who spend their afternoons mainly in the futile attempt to guess which horses are going to come in first at the various tracks."

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