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Bloody Boots Introduced In Murder Trial at Vernon

(By Associated Press)
VERNON, Tex., Jan. 31.—Bloody boots, identified as those worn by Emmett Thompson on the day Homer Crabtree was beaten to death, were introduced as evidence and described by Constable Bob Walls at Thompson's trial here today on charges of murdering Crabtree. The defense counsel objected vigorously at the introduction of this evidence.

Most of the morning was spent in cross-examination of witnesses, the questioning centering on the scene of the slaying.

Solons are Guests Of Sterling Today

(By Associated Press)
HOUSTON, Jan. 31.—The Texas legislature, almost to a man, arrived here today to be the guests of Governor Ross S. Sterling and J. M. West. The legislators will attend the annual salesmanship club gridiron dinner here tonight.

Both houses adjourned at Austin yesterday to Monday.

Three Dead in Apartment Fire

(By Associated Press)
BALTIMORE, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Arthur Tucker, Miss Alveta Claggett and D. Howard burned to death, Miss Marcella Roberts is missing, and Arthur Tucker and M. Long are in a critical condition from jumping from a four-story apartment house as the result of a fire which destroyed the building early today.

The fire started on the third floor, quickly enveloping the structure.

WRONG PICTURE PRINTED FOR LOCAL C. C. OFFICIAL

A picture appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Saturday morning, supposed to be the image of C. R. Stone, new chamber of commerce president here. In some way, however, the wrong picture was placed above Mr. Stone's name and showed a slender man with large glasses on. The incident afforded much amusement here and Mr. Stone is lamenting his hard luck in not breaking into the state paper correctly. Friends say the pictures were changed on account of shortage of space.

Jap is Arrested For Selling Wine

Chief of Police Lee Moreland and Deputy Sheriff Harp McFarland arrested Ben Togo, a Japanese, Friday night and placed him in jail on a charge of possession and sale of intoxicants. Saturday morning an examining trial was held and Togo made a complete confession to County Attorney Roy Hill, saying that he manufactured the wine and had done so for some time, selling it where he could. Bond was set in the case at \$500.

The two officers were riding about the town and had gone by where a dance was being held when they passed Togo with something under his arm. Chief Moreland stopped his car and called to the boy to come to the car and noticed he dropped the article he was carrying and it struck the ground without breaking. While he was talking to the Japanese, McFarland secured the package which proved to be a half-gallon fruit jar filled with grape wine. He granted officers permission to search his living quarters and a search there revealed several other jars making.

In the statement Togo stated that he knew the wine was intoxicating and had seen in one instance a man become drunk and unable to move in five minutes after drinking it.

The case will be held over for action of the grand jury which meets here on Feb. 9. For the present the defendant is in the Rummels county jail. With the confession was filed a check received by Togo for a jar of wine which he had sold and which had not been cashed.

Firemen Plan to Go to Short Course

M. C. Atkins, chief of the Ballinger fire department, and C. L. Armstrong, assistant chief, plan to attend the short course for firemen at A. & M. College this spring. These courses have been held for the past two years at the college, last year more than 200 firemen from 79 cities in the state attending to study better methods of fire fighting.

A school was held here for all firemen recently with a competent instructor discussing uses of chemicals, salvage and how to fight certain types of fire more efficiently. The local firemen feel that much good was accomplished at the school and to follow this up believe representatives of the local company should be sent to the College Station short course.

A bill has recently been presented in the Texas legislature to create a permanent school at A. & M., giving short courses in fire fighting every three months. Instruction would be given by the most competent firemen in the state.

The school would be operated as a department of the college, under direction of a board to be created composed of three members of the college staff and four representatives of the State Firemen's Association.

An appropriation of \$45,200 for the biennium ending September 1, 1932, is proposed in the bill for purchasing equipment and for maintenance. Of this \$38,000 would be allotted for equipment for the two-year period. One professional fireman would be engaged on full time to maintain and supervise use of equipment. The bill also carries an emergency clause.

The firemen's short course conducted at the college last spring developed pronounced sentiment for a regular training school and the State Firemen's Association of Texas at its recent annual convention in San Angelo adopted a resolution approving such a project and urging the state legislature to authorize and make an appropriation for it.

As pointed out by Prof. H. R. Brayton, of the department of chemistry and chemical engineering of the college, who had supervision of the short course last spring, such a training school as proposed would make possible the development of a uniform system of training and drill evolutions in all cities of the state, small as well as large. The representative of each local fire department in the state who attended the school would be expected to repeat in his local department the training received at the school. Cooperation of state and federal vocational boards in the work has been assured.

Three per cent discount in key insurance rate granted by the fire insurance commission to cities where fire prevention is taught in the public schools would be requested for such cities sending representatives to the training school, it has been announced.

CAUDLE SHOWS BIG EGG HERE SATURDAY

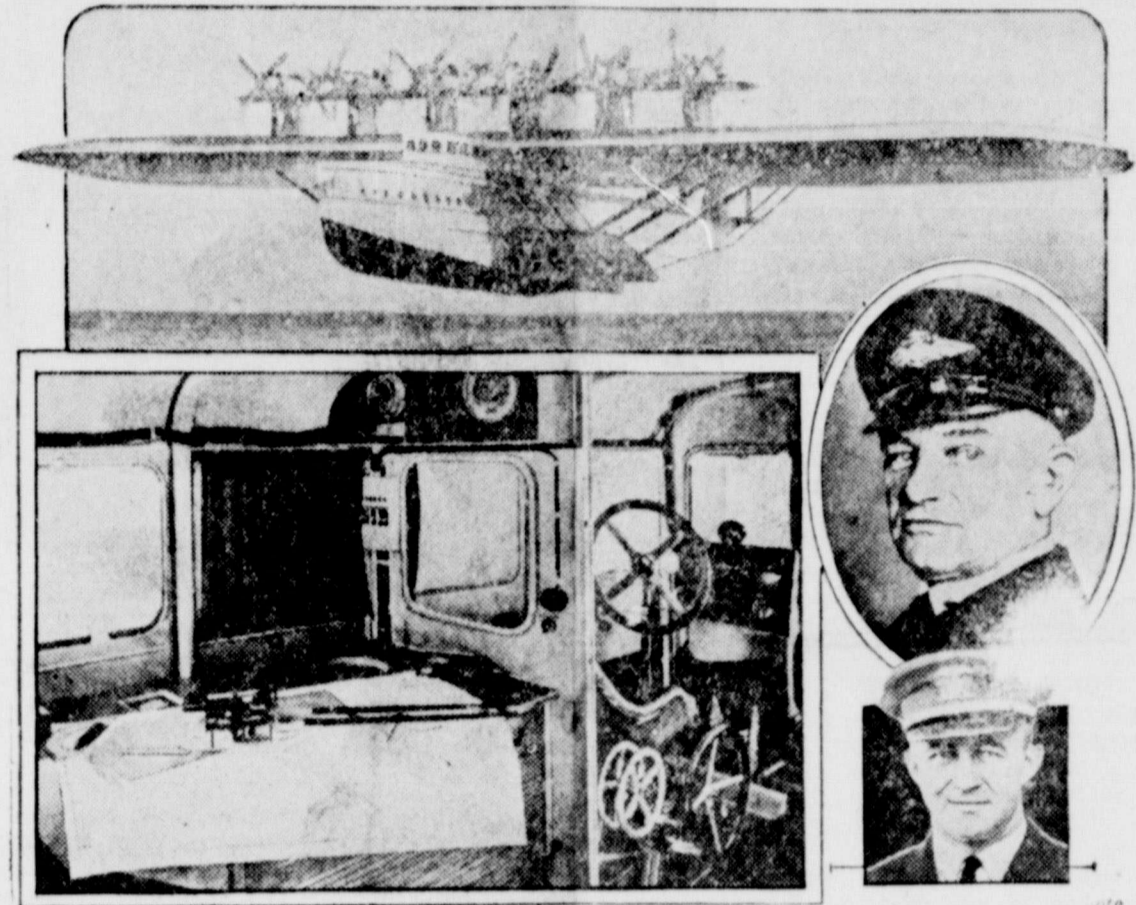
W. S. Caudle of Hatchel was here Saturday proving the kind of eggs he has for sale from his flock of White Leghorn hens. The egg was enormous in size, weighing four ounces and he stated was one of the largest he had ever seen. Mr. Caudle stated that they received many big eggs with two yolks in each but he had never before found one to equal the one shown here Saturday.

Gem Paper Clips at Ballinger Printing Co.

Slayer of Common Law Husband Guilty

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 31.—Miss Dorothy Jacobs, alleged slayer of her common law husband, Robert Morrison, was convicted here today of involuntary manslaughter. Miss Jacobs pleaded self defense.

German Air Giant on Way to United States



The huge Dornier plane, DO-X, is now on its way to the United States. The plane is in charge of Capt. Friedrich Christiansen (upper right) and Lieut. H. Schildhauer, American naval officer, is acting as pilot. The navigation and control rooms are shown below.

First Days of Next Senate to Bring Tests of Strength on Party Control

Collector's Office Open 'til Midnight

The county tax collector's office was rushed all day Saturday with a large crowd waiting at all times to pay different kinds of taxes. W. A. Forgey, tax collector, stated that the office would remain open until midnight and everyone would be taken care of until that hour.

Tax payments the past week have been coming in fine and Saturday morning approximately 2,800 cars had been registered and it was expected that several hundred more would be registered during the day. Many persons were also paying poll taxes so that they can participate in elections to be held in the county this year.

The delayed payment of taxes for county and state has been passed and all collectors in Texas notified of the new ruling. This allows a delay in paying taxes until October 15 but those letting payments go will be charged 10 per cent interest on the amount.

This same delayed plan of payment of taxes applies to public school districts except those that are a part of the city government and whose taxes are collected by the city. This ruling gives tax payers here the right to pay their school tax at a later date or handle them the same as the state and county tax. To date however the school tax collections have been up to par and the amount to be carried unpaid past Feb. 1 will be small.

W. A. Forgey had a large force on duty Saturday to take care of the last day rush and expects to wait on patrons fast until every one has been taken care of, or until midnight.

Tom Cox, of Beville, was here Saturday attending to business and visiting with friends.

Geo. Kirk, Drew Dickson and C. A. Doose, Jr., came in from Texas Tech at Lubbock Friday night to spend the week-end here with relative and friends.

Scratch Pads, 20c per pound, at Ledger office.

200 Miles an Hour In Practice Run

(By Associated Press)
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Jan. 31. Captain Malcolm Campbell, British contender for the world's land speed record, attained the unofficial speed of nearly 200 miles an hour today in a practice run with his automobile, Blue Bird, II.

German Plane, DO-X, Sails Today for N. Y.

Wilbur Demands Oil Lands Probe

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Secretary of Interior Wilbur today demanded before the Senate public lands committee a full investigation of the charges by Ralph S. Kelley that the administration had favored large oil companies in disposing of oil shale lands in Colorado.

Kelley had charged that the government was allowing the large oil corporations to file of oil shale lands valued at millions of dollars.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Senator Elmer Thomas, Democrat, of Oklahoma, charged before the Senate interstate commerce committee here today that an effort was being made to delay the federal tariff commission's report on oil "so it will be too late to get action during this session."

Radio Operator is Found Dead at Post

(By Associated Press)
OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 31.—Clifford T. Paulson, radio operator, who was credited with saving many lives when the steamer San Juan sank in a collision off the Pacific coast on August 31, 1929, was found dead beside the radio transmitting set here of the Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., this morning, apparently having been electrocuted during the night.

Paulson's hands were burned, apparently when they came in contact with a 2,000-volt conductor nearby.

To Base Payment On School Rolls

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Jan. 31.—S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction, today announced that legislation to base the per capita payment on actual enrollment of the schools rather than on the census figures would be introduced in the legislature Monday.

Be wise and advertise.

(By Associated Press)
LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Jan. 31.—The twelve-motored German seaplane DO-X, carrying nineteen persons, landed in the harbor here at 9:10 o'clock this morning, Central standard time, after an eight hour and two minute flight from Lisbon, Portugal, on the first lap of its transatlantic flight to Brazil.

The plane carried the largest number of persons ever to attempt a transatlantic flight in a heavier-than-air machine. The machine also carried mail to drop at Madeira en route here.

Tomorrow the ship will be flown to Porto Praia, Cape Verde Islands. Then after a thirty-six hour halt the DO-X will attempt its longest hop, 1230 miles to Fernando do Noronha, Brazil, thence in a series of hops northward to New York city.

Captain Friedrich Christiansen commanded the Dornier plane, with Lieutenant Clarence H. Schildhauer, American naval officer, as second pilot.

Today's hop covered a distance of 715 miles.

37 Condemned To Death for Attempt Holy War

(By Associated Press)
ISTANBUL, Turkey, Jan. 31.—Thirty-seven persons, accused of attempting to foment a holy war, were condemned to death here today by a military court sitting at Menemen.

C. L. Baker is still confined to his home where he has been for several weeks suffering with a bad case of influenza.

Miss Flora Cox, who had been visiting Miss Evelyn Brewer of this city for the past week, left Friday for her home at Beville.

Calling Cards, printed on short notice. Phone 27, we do the rest.

WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press)
West Texas—Cloudy and cooler in the north portion tonight. Sunday unsettled, probably rains.
East Texas—Cloudy tonight and Sunday. Possibly showers on the coast, and cooler in the north and north central portions tonight.

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Tomorrow is Sunday and the national campaign for church attendance is still in progress. Be one of those to begin the habit and let eleven o'clock find you at the church of your choice.

One of the best pieces of work being done in this county at present is the women's clubs 4-H pantry program. These women are putting into practice the slogan of "live at home," and by this means produce and conserve nearly enough for the family to live on a whole year. The campaign was given a fair start in 1930 and this year it promises to be carried on in a way that will bring real farm relief.

The entire state of Texas seems to be stirring just now to secure passage of legislation at this session of the legislature to regulate trucks and effect laws dealing with the buses. The local chamber of commerce has passed and sent resolutions to the senator and representative of this district asking that something be done. In addition a number of personal telegrams were sent and other local organizations are said to be ready to pass similar resolutions.

A card was received by The Ledger Saturday from Edwin B. Stimpson, of Brooklyn, New York, which read as follows: "We are glad to tell you that business has improved very materially with us since the first of January and we are looking forward to a very good season. We sincerely hope that you will reap some of the good times that are coming, as our business shows that prosperity is on the way."

MILLIONS FOR ROADS One hundred and sixty million dollars is now available for road construction, as a result of recent federal appropriations and sums on hand in the various states. The appropriations have given the nation an almost unprecedented opportunity to advance the good roads movement and at the same time aid in bringing business back to normal. Prices of materials of all kinds are the lowest in many years, there is an abundance of labor and engineering talent, and governments can borrow money at low rates of interest.

PUFFY



"Now that we're here," says Puffy, "on this odd celestial shore. We'll organize an exploration party and—explore. You take a shovel Bunny, and I'll take a pick to dig. And we'll concentrate on turning up a Chinese China Pig."

HOW'S your HEALTH

TIME TO RECOVER In many a case of childhood disease, the child suffers more during the period following the acute condition than it does while it is ill.

Because of this, pediatricians and physicians specializing in the treatment of children, have recently placed emphasis upon the value and importance of adequate convalescence.

They insist that every child who has been ill should be allowed time to recover before being put into the ordinary "run of things."

During illness all energy is concentrated on the task of overcoming the disease. Growth suffers a setback, or at best, is arrested.

To enable the child to catch up, its routine should be so modified as to place a minimum tax upon its strength.

Every home can be made into a convalescent home for the child recovering from an attack of illness. The convalescent child should be fed an appropriate diet. Its physical activities should be kept down to a minimum unless there are warrants to the contrary.

By Richard Massock NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—(AP)—A former office slave turned fiction writer found that with success in his new field he had a lot of leisure he hadn't thought about.

It seems that three or four hours a day is sufficient for a craftsman of letters to do his stint and these hours usually were consumed before lunch. Thus the afternoon was left free and, after a while, empty.

Picture shows soon paled and after that strolls around town. Then, while his friends lunched at their desks, our novelist found himself alone with nowhere to go.

He then made a sudden discovery. "You can get a liberal education free in New York," he said, breathless from his find, "if you don't have fallen arches."

Learning gratis The writer was correct. The multiplicity of lectures, museums, concerts and exhibitions are an informal university. Excursions into the various neighborhoods of New York are almost equally instructive.

On a single evening one could explore the spirit world with the Society for Psychical Research or go to Brooklyn and listen to a lecture on "Ourselves and the Universe."

Or he could go up to Columbia University and hear about "Art in the Western World," if he didn't care to hear Floyd Dell on "Love in the Machine Age," or was too bashful to attend the debate elsewhere on the question, "Is Monogamy Desirable?"

Meanwhile talks were also offered on "Personality Adjustment in Business," "What Newspaper Advertising Can and Should Accomplish," "How and Why One Writes a Novel," "Great Poets of the World," "The Wild Grizzlies of Alaska," and "War Dances from Europe," by such eminent lecturers as Andre Maurois, John Cowper Powys and Prof. Frantisek Pospisil.

Museum Laboratories These evening courses, many of them, are philanthropically endowed through such organizations as the People's Institute, the Rand School of Social Science, the Ethical Culture Society, the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences and the New York Academy of Sciences.

And for resident New Yorkers an afternoon in one of the 15 or more museums may be informative instead of tiring.

The Museum of Natural History with its dinosaurs and other forms of primitive life in preservation, the art museums, the

aquarium, the zoo and shrines of American history contain a wealth of lore which many find surprisingly engrossing.

One may even study languages through the talking pictures, for there are in New York theaters exhibiting talkies in French, German, Yiddish, Hungarian, Swedish and Russian.

On the Bowery Chinese plays are produced, there are several Italian theaters, and in Greenwich Village one Irish playhouse.

Furthermore, he may have as teacher, in some instances, a favorite star, for Greta Garbo is appearing in a German "Anna Christie" and Maurice Chevalier in a French version of "The Playboy of Paris."

Does anybody, you may well demand, really attempt to make the most of all these marvelous educational opportunities? I dare say no one does.

Three Checkups This is just one of three checkups made in the rehearsing and the broadcasting of the B. A. Rolfe orchestra.

While the president listens at home, a group in the control room at the studio watches to see that there is no hitch.

The third check is made at the dress rehearsal preceding each broadcast. The orchestra performs in the studio before a microphone connected only to a loudspeaker in the board room on the fifteenth floor of the NBC building.

The president is present each Saturday. Besides, at every rehearsal, there are a vice-president of the company, an assistant to the vice-president, the president of the advertising agency which handles the program; the NBC



When and if votes of the senate in the new congress result in a tie, Vice President Curtis (center) will cast the deciding vote. But the vote of Sen. Henrik Shipstead (upper left), the only farmer-laborite, also may be decisive in some cases. Sen. Joseph Robinson (upper right) is the democratic leader.

program manager; two other NBC representatives, and last but not least the president's secretary, who is a good dancer and sketch artist.

Like Fast Rhythm Each of this group, seated around a large table, has a pad and a pencil, a copy of the continuity and a score sheet upon which a record of the playing of every tune is kept.

Occasionally the secretary and one of the men will arise and dance through a number to see that the tempo is fast and snappy.

The rehearsal ended, Mr. Rolfe and his secretary join the assemblage. There follows a general discussion. Some one will suggest that such and such a bar did not seem to click just right.

Another will point out that a certain number should be replaced by another, until the entire hour has been thoroughly canvassed.

NOTICE Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company has been called by the Directors of said corporation, to be held at the principal office of the corporation in the City of Galveston, Texas, on the 23rd day of February, 1931, at eleven o'clock a. m., for the purpose of submitting to the stockholders the question of increasing the authorized capital stock of the corporation from Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), consisting of One Hundred Thousand (100,000) shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each, to Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), consisting of Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each, and to do all things and give all proper authorizations to carry out and effectuate such increase.

GEO. N. YARD, Secretary of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company, Dec 8-60td

Groom Bausch's Successor LAWRENCE, Kas. Jan. 31.—(AP)—Ormand Beach, fullback of the 1930 University of Kansas football team, is being groomed for the weight events on the track team in place of "Jarring Jim" Bausch, all around athlete, declared ineligible by the Big Six conference.

The total collection of revenues in 1930 from motor vehicle licenses in Louisiana showed an increase of \$566,658 over 1929.

New Airway Maps To Cover Nation As Navigation Aid

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The first of a series of 92 maps of the nation especially designed for air navigation has been completed by the federal government.

Covering an area of 50,337 square miles, the map represents, on a scale of an inch to eight miles, a slice of territory in upper Illinois and Indiana and parts of Ohio and Michigan that measures 329 miles from east to west and 153 miles from north to south.

The complete series, planned by the aeronautics branch of the department of commerce and carried on by coast and geodetic survey, will map the entire area within the boundaries of the United States.

They will indicate topographic features and aids to air navigation, including locations of airports and landing fields, routes of the regular airways, location of beacon lights, radio range beacon courses, and radio communication stations, railroads, federal and state highways, electric power lines, and magnetic variations.

On the back of the maps will be printed photographs or sketches of airports and landing fields to assist in identification. The first of the series covers Chicago and vicinity.

Buy Russian Cotton LIVERPOOL, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Thirteen thousand bales of Russian cotton, valued at \$750,000, has been purchased by a Lancashire spinning mill combine. Part of the cotton is here and the remainder will be shipped during the next few months.

This Lady's Husband Urged Her to Take Cardui.—Soon Benefited.

Troy, Ala.—"Cardui has done me good, and it has done my 16-year-old daughter so much good," says Mrs. J. W. Jirright, of this place, "that I felt I wanted other women to know the facts about it, so I wrote to The Chattanooga Medicine Co., telling them about my experience with this medicine, Cardui."

"I have used it at intervals for sixteen years, when I suffered from weakness, and it always helped me. Mostly I was afflicted with bad spells of backache. At times I felt as if my back would break. I would drag one foot after the other, in a helpless sort of way, and once I got down in bed. My husband urged me to take Cardui, and I soon found what a fine medicine it really was."

"When my second child was little, I was in very bad health. I did not pick up as I should have. I was weak and stinky. I do not believe that I would have come through, but for Cardui."

"Thousands of other women have written to tell how Cardui had helped them to health. Cardui is a purely vegetable remedy and contains nothing harmful or injurious. It may be safely taken by a delicate young girl as well as by a feeble old lady."

On inquiry by the clerk, he formally nominated Clark, although saying he had not risen to do so but to explain his vote on the speakership.

Clark was elected, 217 to 205 for Mann of Illinois, Republican, nominated by Lenroot, Wisconsin. Lenroot received two votes, Gillett of Massachusetts two, and two members did not vote.

The Senate has had even closer balances to contend with than it will know in the seventy-second congress. In the forty-seventh congress, the Garfield-Arthur administration, it was tied, 37 Democrats, 37 Republicans and two independents.

In that congress, as in the seventy-first, about to pass into history, the Republicans relied for legislative power on a House majority, an over-all margin of 11 votes. The Democrats relied similarly on a Senate majority of eight votes over-all in the sixty-fifth congress.

But never before have both houses been faced simultaneously with a one vote party margin as they will be in the 72nd congress.

Never before has a congress as a whole been shadowed from the start with such utter doubt as to what its voting line-up may be on every issue.

Experiment With Dates KINGSVILLE, Tex. Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Texas College of Arts and Industries here soon is to plant an acre of dates on the college farm for experimental purposes.



By C. E. Butterfield (Associated Press Radio Editor) Three times a week a certain big business man listens closely to the radio at home.

It's a pleasure for him to do so, yet it's official business too. For he tunes in the dance orchestra his firm sponsors. He is George W. Hill, president of a nationally known company.

As he listens he follows the continuity of the program from a copy he has at hand.

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DOROTHY DARNIT



I JUST HAD A LOVELY TIME AT THE PARTY

I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT

WE PLAYED KISSIN' GAMES

YOU DID?

AND A BOY HAD TO KISS A GIRL OR ELSE PAY FIFTY CENTS

IS THAT SO?

YES - LOOKA I MADE NINE DOLLARS

By Charles McManus

EVELYN BRENT
in
Madonna of the Streets
A COLUMBIA PICTURE
From the story "The Ragged Messenger" by W.B. Maxwell.

Chapter One
As a noted New York attorney, John Kingsley had handled many complicated cases for people who wanted to contest wills. But the case of May Fisher, who was sitting in his office with such an air of nonchalance and cynicism, was different. Kingsley admitted to himself, though he had never dared tell May, that he was in love with her. It seemed a strange twist of fate, an unjust piece of irony, that he should be the instrument chosen to inform her of the bad news she was waiting to hear.

Kingsley was puzzled. Should he tell her with appropriate seriousness that the money she had expected to inherit from her lover, Howard Crane, had been willed to some one else, or should he treat the entire matter facetiously, humorously? He decided upon the latter vein, believing it would take away momentarily some of the sting.

"Gentlemen of the jury," he began, a twisted smile upon his lips,

"Unfortunately," he took her up, "Crane never reached my office. The automobile that killed Crane—killed your chances to get that million dollars—you can't sue an automobile."

"I don't want to sue an automobile," May made an angry little cluck noise. "I want to sue the guy that got that money. Just because of a—"

Kingsley held up a restraining hand. "Legally," he reminded her, "it's called an act of God."

"An act of God," May said harshly. Kingsley who had known her for many years and loved her vainly, wondered at the coarseness of her naturally sweet voice. "Pshaw, singing hypocrite," she continued, referring to Peter Morton, the nephew about whom all she knew was that he devoted himself to running a saloon for down and outers in San Francisco. The very idea that the money with which she had hoped to live in luxury would be spent on loafers who



"My legal advice to you is to forget it—my advice to you as a friend is to forget it. An admirer, I— the words came stuttering out, words that he withheld out of loyalty to his former friend.

"There's May Fisher. She was a devoted companion of the late Howard Crane, his friend and his helpmate. Crane loved her—he wanted her to have his money. She's been everything to him that a wife could be. Crane telephoned his lawyer and told him he wanted to change his will—he didn't want his nephew Peter Morton to inherit this estate, he wanted her to inherit his estate. And now gentlemen of the jury—"

May was irritated. Impatiently she interrupted.

"Quit the clowning, Jack," she said. "What about it?"

"You wouldn't have a chance if you were little Eva, and after all—you're not little Eva."

"And what's that got to do with it?" May wanted to know.

"If I were the judge and jury, May," Kingsley said softly, "there would be no argument—you'd win hands down. But what's the use, right or wrong the law says that—"

"The law my eye," May broke in, her hands worrying a tiny handkerchief to shreds. "What do I care about the law? That money belongs to me!"

Kingsley fought down an inclination to shake her. From her point of view the human equation was so much more important than the legal aspects—but Kingsley knew he would have to thrust the facts into her understanding or she would leave his office filled with false hopes.

"Morally, you're right," he told her. "Legally—no."

May looked at him out of hard eyes.

"Crane wanted me to have that money," she said tensely. "He was on his way to your office—you could testify and say that he telephoned you and told you he wanted to change his will."

How like her to fight against a blank wall, Kingsley thought. She was courageous, but all the bravery at her command could not overcome the legal facts—the fact that no matter what she did, no matter how tenaciously she fought, the money would go to Crane's nephew and not to her.

TO AMUSE



RALPH GRAVES, BARBARA STANWYCK in **LADIES OF LEISURE**
A COLUMBIA PRODUCTION

Columbia Heeds Belasco's Style in Screening "Ladies of Leisure"

David Belasco, probably the greatest stage producer of modern times, learned early in his career the value of expensive settings. He was the first to realize that realism in a play is enhanced one hundred per cent by the introduction of furnishings that are exactly what they should be, not cheap imitations. So effective are the results he obtains that Columbia in filming "Ladies of Leisure," the all-talking screen adaptation of a famous Belasco stage success, which will be shown in Ballinger three days at the Palace Theatre, commencing Sunday afternoon, has followed his lead closely.

For example: the Oriental rugs, richly carved tables and chairs and the sumptuous velvet drapes which add to the magnificence of the artist's studio atop a New York skyscraper, where much of the action takes place, are absolutely genuine. The oil paintings that ornament the walls are well executed reproductions of masterpieces valuable enough to be prized by any connoisseur of art.

Columbia has been equally true to the traditions of the master producer in the matter of casting too. Every role in "Ladies of Leisure" is enacted by an artist. The list of players, which reads like a "Who's Who on the Stage and Screen," includes Barbara Stanwyck, Lowell Sherman, Marie Prevost, Ralph Graves, Nance O'Neil, George Fawcett, Johnnie Walker and Juliette Compton. Frank Capra, who won universal acclaim for his direction of Columbia's air epic, "Flight," directed.

There is no doubt that "Ladies of Leisure" has been brought to the screen on a most pretentious scale.

"Heads Up" Closes Run Tonight
One of the most comical "trick inventions" ever seen in the movies provides cause for much laughter in "Heads Up." Paramount musical comedy which closes a two-day run at the Palace Theatre tonight.

The "invention" is a life preserver, and Victor Moore, leading comedian in the show, is its inventor. The life preserver is twice the size of an ordinary safety belt and has numerous watertight compartments for food, toilet articles, books, clothing and a small radio set.

MAVERICK NEWS
We are very glad to report that those who were ill last week have improved very much.

Dr. M. E. Davis and Rev. Mac Boyd of Brownwood delivered wonderful messages Saturday night and Sunday to the people of this community.

Mrs. A. M. Miller of Brownwood is spending this week with her daughter, who is a member of the faculty here.

Dr. Leonard and wife of Bronte attended church in our community Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

The boys' basketball team met the Crews boys Friday night on the Winters court and played a good game. The game ended with Crews in the lead.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Richardson visited in the home of Mrs. Richardson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Davis Sunday.

The P.-T. A. will render an enjoyable program Friday night, Feb. 13. Everyone is invited to be present.

Mrs. J. L. McAulay and son, of Ballinger, visited relatives in this community Sunday.

The S. S. A. W. Club presented a very interesting program last Friday afternoon in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Anna Gibbs of Las Cruces, New Mexico, is visiting in the home of her daughter and daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. M. Miller and Anna Bell.

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HERRING TOPICS

Sunday was another Sunday dry enough to go to Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. A large crowd attended both services and all classes had good reports. All enjoyed being there as it had been several Sundays since we had met as we don't have paved streets and roads to travel.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Odie Morton and children of Glen Cove were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kerby and family.

Ira Hale of Del Rio spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Loy Brevard spent Sunday with Miss Mona Avent.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer entertained a large crowd of young folks Friday night with a party. Everyone present reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faublon and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard of Blanton spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kerby.

A large number of ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. Lewallen Tuesday and quilted the friendship quilt that they had already pieced for Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kerby.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams of Talpa visited our school and played two games. The Talpa boys won while the girls' game ended in a tie.

Miss Ozella Avent spent Sunday with Miss Lemma Brevard.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller visited Mr. and Mrs. Barmore of the Crews community Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Barmore is seriously ill and her many friends are sorry to learn that she is not on the road to recovery. We hope she will soon be better.

Miss Gwendolyn Barmore of Glen Cove spent the week-end with Miss Maggie Ruth Brevard.

Mrs. G. C. Avent entertained the junior Sunday school class Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fuller and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avent.

Garland Barmore spent the week-end with Charles Roemer.

There will be singing at the Hopewell Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Everybody is invited.

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Notice
We have taken over the plumbing of E. J. Carroll in connection with our roofing and sheet metal works and will continue to operate all three at the same location.

We are well equipped to handle any phase of this work and give perfect satisfaction as to workmanship and price.
Ballinger Plumbing, Roofing, and Sheet Metal Works
9th Street, next to City Hall
Phillip Stroud, Manager
Fred Tappee, Plumber.

SWISS ARMY GROWS DESPITE PEACE TALK

(By Associated Press)
BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 31.—Although most of the peace and disarmament conferences since the World War have been held in Switzerland, this country has experienced a growing military spirit.

The condition is reflected in the fact that the national militia now numbers 330,000, an increase

of 60,000 since 1921. The new military budget calls for \$20,000,000 to protect a population of 4,000,000 against aggression.

Swiss Plan Air Projects
GENEVA, Jan. 31.—(AP)—A new Swiss company, "Sagitta," working with the French company, "Star," plans to provide direct air connections between Geneva and Paris, Lyons, Bordeaux, and Turin.

BUILD A PERSONAL RESERVE

Any business man, personally, may have need of a little extra private capital someday, available in cash, outside of his business, unknown to others, and ready for any call. Have a business reserve too. Don't argue that you can use your money to better advantage in your business. A reserve may be your financial salvation someday.

Remember no morning sun last a whole day, \$1.00 a day, \$1.00 a week, \$1.00 a month—whatever amount you can lay up—lay it up. Start that personal reserve account today.

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"Now We are Three!"

Katherine and Bill—what fun it is to know them! They seem to get so much out of living. You met them just a little over a year ago—the week before they were married. Ten days later it gave you a pleasant glow of anticipation to receive the trim card telling you when they'd be "at home."

And today you got another card, headed "Now we are three!" Bill's signature comes first, then Katherine's, and then—the guided, chubby scrawl of the new-comer, Jeremy.

You happen to know that although he is in line for an important promotion, Bill's present salary isn't large. Most other young couples would consider themselves "up against it" if they had to manage on so little. Yet Katherine and Bill maintain a standard of living that is the admiration of all their friends.

You know how they do it, for Katherine has told you. They budget all expenditures. And when they decide a purchase is to be made whether it is a new shade for the reading lamp, or a suit for Bill, or shoes for Katherine, they study the advertisements until they find just what they want for the price they can pay. Careful, budgeted buying of consistently advertised merchandise enables them to get the most out of their dollars.

Take advantage of the advertisements in this paper—They are your guide to profitable buying

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY SOCIAL PROGRAM

Young people of the Methodist church enjoyed a radio program and social at the church Friday night. The receiving set was installed in the basement of church by the D. E. Moody Music House and a program was heard over the machine, rendered by artists in another part of the building.

Following the program games were enjoyed for more than an hour and coffee and cake were served to all present. After refreshments a sing-song was enjoyed with everyone present taking part. The social was given by the Epworth League and a

large per cent of the members of that organization and a large number of invited friends were present.

"WATER GLASS" NOW USED FOR CLEANSING PURPOSES

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 31.—Sodium silicate, known as "water glass" to housewives who use it to preserve eggs, has developed a talent for cleaning.

In a slightly different form, called sodium metasilicate, it is used to wash clothes in laundries, to clean bottles, cans and plant equipment in food industries, and to prepare greasy metals for inspection, plating or lacquer finishing.