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## Highway Engineer Here; Work Starts Next Week

C. T. Steed, engineer for Brown & Root, contractors for hard-surfacing of highway No. 4 south of Ballinger, arrived here Thursday and began at once to arrange preliminaries for starting work here next week. Machinery that will be used in the job was unloaded here Thursday morning and sent to a point near the Concho county line where construction will begin.

Mr. Steed stated he would open temporary headquarters here in the blue-front warehouse on Railroad Avenue between Seventh Street and Broadway, and that material would be concentrated there and business transacted here until an office was located on the highway near the city. He further announced that he expected to employ between 25 and 30 local laborers on this contract but that all truck drivers and machinists would be supplied by the company as these departments required skilled, experienced men. The drivers came in from Austin with the trucks and are ready to begin.

A camp will be set up about seven or eight miles from Ballinger, the exact location of which has not been determined. No material dumps have been spotted, but the state highway department has already selected the material to be used on the road and arrangements have been made with land owners for same.

Operations will commence at the Concho county line and move toward Ballinger. The total distance is about 11 miles. Grading and drainage structures are already completed.

Citizens desiring employment may interview Mr. Steed at the temporary office here. Many have been visiting the offices of the resident state highway engineer and the county judge. These two officials have nothing whatever to do with employment of labor for the contractors.

All machinery that will be needed for the present is here and will be moved to location within a day or so. The work gangs will be organized and work begun as quickly as possible.

The firm of Brown & Root is not unknown here. Broadway and Eighth Street were paved by this company, and the dam across Elm Creek creating the new municipal reservoir was built by the same company.

## Norton Farmer Beats Hard Times

W. T. Forbus, who lives three miles north of Norton, was in Ballinger Wednesday attending to business and to get his county paper coming to his address. Mr. Forbus is a prosperous farmer and has the right idea of how to combat times of depression. He believes in diversified crops, raising enough feed to take care of his own wants and some to sell, raising his own meat, lard, eggs, chickens, milk and butter, and letting his cows and chickens take care of the flour, sugar and coffee necessary for his family table.

Mr. Forbus declares living at home will defeat hard times and if practiced by all would restore prosperity to the country.

This plan as practiced by the Nortontite has been advocated by extension service workers and others for the past five years but so few actually put the scheme in practice that the campaign has availed little. Mr. Forbus said he had a number of home-cured hams in his smoke-house, plenty of good chickens, and had planted and some to spare, a large flock of good chickens, and had planted a large garden to supply fresh vegetables in season.

Mr. Forbus' visit to The Ledger office was in decided contrast to the pessimistic attitude taken by many.

## Man Wanted for Murder Gives Up

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Mar. 25.—Elliott R. Hathaway, of Fall River, sought in the murder of Verna Russell, student nurse, at Tiverton Tuesday, surrendered to Attorney General B. M. McLyman today.

Miss Russell's body, badly battered, was found in a ditch Wednesday.

## 148 Farmers Have Applied for Loans

A check-up in the federal farm loan office in Ballinger shows many farmers have been aided in Runnels county. Wednesday afternoon of this week 148 applications had been filed through this office for loans totaling \$23,646.75. This is an average of \$160.45 for each farmer applying.

Of the 148 applications sent from the local office to St. Louis and Ft. Worth general offices, 85 have been approved and checks received here totaling \$10,978.75, or an average of \$128.10 each. Other checks are due to arrive daily as they have been in the general offices for some time and should be approved and acted on within a short time. All but about ten of the applications filed at the local office have been sent in and those held are being passed on by community committees and will be ready for filing shortly.

Employees of the local office said a number of farmers are now filing applications and the work is rather heavy. Many of these are supplemental applications for food money. A few weeks ago a large appropriation was made available for human food and those who had already received checks for feed and seed were allowed to file supplemental requests for loans for food.

April 30 is the last date for filing any application. The rules state that applications must be in either the St. Louis or Ft. Worth office on that date. This regulation applies to loans for all purposes, but applicants will be granted loans for buying food supplies to last them until July 1. Any person who did not farm last year is not entitled to apply for a loan, a point that has been misunderstood by many. A man who operated a farm at any place last year and has a farm in this county this year may file through the local office, but if this is his first year on the farm or if he was in some other occupation last year he cannot apply.

The Ballinger office will be kept open for accommodation of Runnels county farmers until date. April 30, but will be closed after that date. Those who expect to apply for loans are warned to apply in plenty of time so that all details may be attended to and the application sent to the general office before April 30. All applications approved at the Ft. Worth office will be followed by checks being mailed back here to the county agent.

The local office is operated without expense to anyone except a few Ballinger business men who contributed to employ extra clerical help.

Jefferson Davis Home is Burned

(By Associated Press) VICKSBURG, Miss., Mar. 26.—Information received here today said Brierfield, former home of Jefferson Davis on Palmyree Island near here, was burned Friday.

Built of solid cypress, a chimney spark hit the roof ablaze.

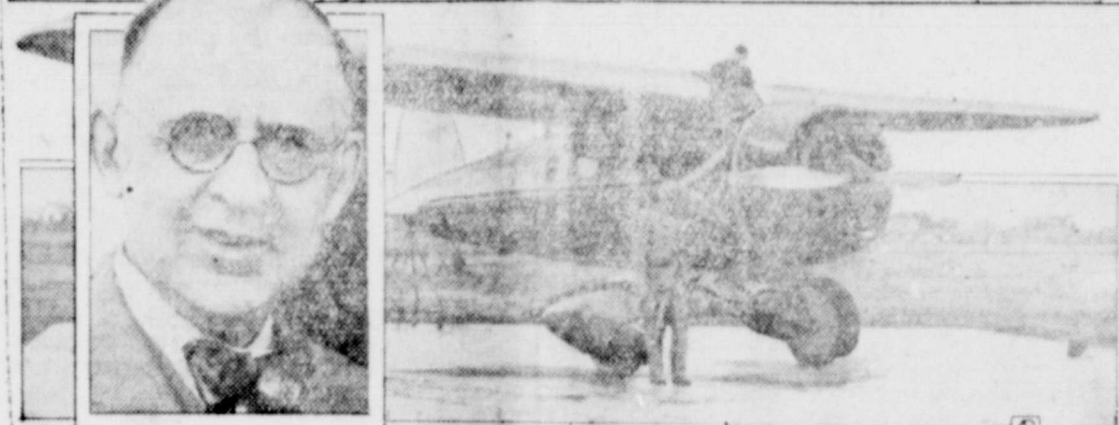
MILLER SELLS WOOL FOR 20.5 CENTS LB.

Q. V. Miller of this city received notice Thursday of the sale of his wool by the Wool Growers Central Storage Company of San Angelo. The wool sold for 20½ cents a pound. The wool sold by Mr. Miller represented a 12-month lamb clip which was removed in February and stored in the San Angelo warehouse.

The general feeling prevailed here that wool would bring only about 14 to 16 cents, and the first reported sale is encouraging to sheep raisers. Mr. Miller was delighted with the price received and believes now that the wool market will be better than first anticipated. A number of other sheepmen of this section have wool in storage at San Angelo and expect to hear of it being sold today or Friday.

Mrs. J. M. Pyburn and Miss Fannie Carr, of Winters, were in Ballinger Wednesday on a shopping trip.

## Mears Mapping 'Round-World Dash To Top Six Days Off Graf's Record



John Henry Mears (left) is preparing a plane like this for an attempt in June to circle the world in 15 days, beating the Graf Zeppelin's mark by six days. Map shows the route he plans to take.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, March 26.—That globe-circling record is still troubling John Henry Mears, aviation enthusiast and theatrical producer.

So he has bought a new plane in preparation for another attempt this June to better the 21-day record of the Graf Zeppelin. He hopes to circle the globe this time in 15 days.

Last year he tried, and the attempt cost him \$25,000 when his plane crashed at Harbor Grace. He was unhurt but disappointed, and immediately announced that he would try again this year to regain the record he has twice held. His route includes a hazardous trans-Atlantic hop.

Back in 1913 Mears dashed of 190 miles an hour. His pilot will be Vance Reece, Pacific coast flier, who helped design the plane.

With them will be "Tailwind," Mears' pet Sealham terrier. The cocky little dog was unhurt in last year's smashup in Newfoundland, but so scared that he dashed away into the darkness. It was not until three days later that a fisherman found him.

Mears' route will take him from New York to Harbor Grace, thence on a trans-Atlantic flight to Dublin.

From there the route includes Berlin, Moscow, across Siberia, Chignik, Alaska, Seattle and New York. Last year Mears made a trip to Europe to familiarize himself with the route.

Continuing their dash by boat, plane and rail they circled the globe and were back in New York in 23 days.

For his fourth attempt Mears will use a new Lockheed-Vega plane, capable of a cruising speed

## Stockmen Warned of Approaching Blizzard

### Favor Oil Proration in East Texas Field

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, Mar. 26.—The central proration committee today recommended to the state railroad commission an allowable daily oil production of 50,000 barrels for the new East Texas field, and a total of 656,058 barrels for the state for the next month.

The recommendation would increase the newest Texas pool's output five barrels a month starting May 1, until the maximum production of 70,000 barrels is reached.

The present total daily allowance for the state of 645,000 barrels is exclusive of the new district.

The committee said the new area nominations had not been sufficiently intelligible or based upon ratable taking to enable it to report total purchase nominations. It stated that the operators' committee for East Texas had recommended the initial allowable production of 50,000 barrels daily.

### \$10,000,000 Offered To Stabilize Peso

(By Associated Press) MEXICO CITY, Mar. 26.—The newspaper Excelsior here today said oil companies operating in Mexico have offered \$10,000,000 to the government for use in stabilizing the silver peso.

The money would be considered as advantage taxes and would be used for purchasing Mexican silver pesos on the New York market.

### Would Halt Mine Disasters

LONDON, Mar. 26.—(AP)—Seeking to reduce accidents in British mines representatives of miners, operators and governmental departments will confer this spring under the chairmanship of Tom Richards, president of the Miners' Federation. In 1930 the death toll in British mines was 1,019 and 171,543 other miners were injured.

Children under 14 cannot be executed in England.

(By Associated Press) DALLAS, Mar. 26.—With a cold wave and freezing temperatures predicted in many portions of Texas tonight and tomorrow, slow, spring rains seasoned the ground from the Panhandle to the Gulf coast, and from West Texas almost to the Louisiana border.

A dispatch from Amarillo reported a temperature of 35 degrees above zero and said almost one-third of an inch rain had been received.

Other precipitation reported was somewhat less but the showers were continuing in places.

Stockmen were notified to protect their flocks tonight and tomorrow.

Springtime weather generally over the Middle West was shunted aside today for the visit of Old Man Winter. Subzero was reported in South Dakota. Oklahoma was cooling as the northern snows approached. Falling snow and below zero temperatures are reported from the Canadian prairie provinces. A pre-Easter blizzard howled through the Rocky Mountain region, and snows are swirling down on Kansas and Nebraska.

Dr. A. S. Love returned Wednesday from Pearsall, where he had been on business for about a week.

### WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press) East Texas—Thunderstorms tonight, rain turning to snow in the north and west portions, colder in the west and north portions, with a severe cold wave in the north-west where temperatures below freezing are indicated tonight. Friday cloudy, probably rain in the south portion; cold wave in the northeast and southwest portions, with freezing temperatures Friday.

West Texas—Cloudy and rain in the southeast portion, snow in the north portion with temperatures from 12 to 22 degrees; strong northerly winds and freezing in the south portion tonight. Friday partly cloudy and colder in the south portion. Livestock owners are warned of expected low temperatures.

## Sleeping Gangster Taken in Missouri

(By Associated Press) ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Mar. 26.—A man identified by his fingerprints as Frederick Burk, for whom \$90,000 in rewards are outstanding, was captured while asleep here today.

Burk, a Chicago gangster, is charged with participating in the notorious St. Valentine's Day massacre in that city, when seven opposition gunmen were killed. He also is said to have committed half a dozen other murders.

## Mad Dog is Killed By Sheriff Holt

Ballinger was thrown into a state of alarm Thursday by the meanderings and actions of a large brindle bull-dog.

The beast was first observed early in the morning in Wilke Terrace, foaming at the mouth and going through a series of running fits. He later was reported to be at large on Broadway, and was at last definitely located in front of the city hall. This last fact alone seems to be ample proof of his madness. The police and sheriff's department took up the chase and followed the canine down through the business district. People turned out on all sides to take part in capture—and turned aside to give him leeway as he sought a new path. He managed to evade all designs at his life, however, until he entered the C. A. Dooze building at Hutchings and Seventh. There Sheriff W. A. Holt stopped his careering career by a well-aimed pistol shot.

Although the dog had not become vicious, he nevertheless had all the primary symptoms of being afflicted with hydrophobia.

## 80 Persons Die In India Riots

(By Associated Press) CANNONPORE, India, Mar. 26.—The list of dead in two days of rioting here between Hindus and Moslems reached 80 today when hospital records were checked.

F. M. Pearce returned Thursday morning from Dallas where he attended a Rexall convention.

Buy your printing at home.

## BOY SCOUT MEETING FRIDAY EVENING 7:45

All Boy Scouts have been asked to attend a meeting of the organization at the city hall Friday night at 7:45. Scoutmaster J. G. Tuckey urges all members to be present for drill and to attend to business before the troops. Parents and members of the council are invited to attend.

## 33 are Injured in Traffic Collision

(By Associated Press) CHARLOTTE, N. C., Mar. 26.—Thirty-three persons were injured when a Southern Railway engine plowed into a street car at a midtown crossing here today.

## Colleges Hold 119,447 Acres

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26.—(AP)—America's 52 land-grant colleges have land holdings amounting to 119,447 acres, a survey made by the United States office of education shows.

## State Bond Issue is Now Before Senate

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, March 26.—Senator Walter F. Woodul, of Houston, today placed his resolution on the proposed \$200,000,000 state-wide highway bond issue before the Senate for consideration. It was the third attempt in three days to get action on the resolution.

The vote on several amendments was delayed by the arrival of Congressman J. J. Mansfield to address the Senate.

## 5-Year Sentence Is Given Doctor

(By Associated Press) HENRIETTA, Tex., Mar. 26.—Dr. H. L. Reed was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary here today on charges of murdering Mrs. R. D. Longley, upon whom an alleged illegal operation had been performed.

## Garland Thomas attended to business in Abilene Wednesday afternoon.

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Frosts predicted for this section during the past ten days have failed to materialize and fruit and tender vegetables so far have escaped winter's threat.

Contractors' representatives are in Ballinger and are preparing to begin work on highway No. 4 south from Ballinger to the Concho county line.

Many thousand dollars have poured into this county within the past few weeks on veterans' loans. One local bank has handled \$25,000 in checks and two other banks report much business in this line.

There are many reasons why Ballingerites should enter wholeheartedly into the clean-up campaign. In the first place for sanitary reasons. This should be sufficient for the support of every individual.

RECITAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH TONIGHT

Mrs. J. H. McClain, Mrs. Robert Bruce, Miss Ina Clayton and Miss Frances Trail, pupils of Mrs. L. Shermerhorn, will be presented tonight at 8 o'clock in a recital at the Ballinger Baptist Church.

Mrs. F. M. Pearce will appear as guest artist, with Miss Maggie Underwood as accompanist, and in one number Miss Katherine Todd will play the violin obligato.

SUNDOWN STORIES



THE HIDING PLACE

By Mary Graham Bonner "Now, I know a good deal about time," the Little Black Clock told Peggy and John, "even if I don't keep the regular, ordinary, correct time for people to see."

"But I am a clock and know about hours and minutes and seconds, and you two discovered the secret drawer at exactly the same second."

Underneath the center part of the desk was a little wooden decoration. It looked just like a part of the desk and as though you couldn't possibly move it.

But if you put your hands underneath it you could slide it out and, instead of being a little decoration, it was a small drawer.

"The desk has been in the family for years," the Clock told the children, "but the drawer has been quite forgotten. A great many years ago it was used, but then it was too tiny a drawer to hold very much and so it was used no longer. Nor did they speak about it any more."

Now John and Peggy were looking at the contents of the drawer. There were a number of old papers in it with old-fashioned writing upon them, so old and yellow that they almost crumbled as they touched them.

"Perhaps some one put them here as a secret," Peggy said. "Maybe we'd better not look at them."

"They're not really secrets," the Clock said. "They were just put there for safety. I don't believe it matters if you look at them. But there are other things underneath you may care to see."

And, sure enough, there were!

(Tomorrow—"The Old Toys")

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LIVER FOR ANEMIA

Until very recently pernicious anemia was considered an insidious and slowly progressing but usually fatal disease, against which the science and art of medicine availed little.

Now, thanks largely to the works of Dr. George H. Whipple and Dr. George R. Minot, we have the means with which effectively to combat the disease. Liver, liver extract, and dried and defatted hog stomach have been found effective in pernicious anemia.

Dr. Whipple, who is connected with the University of Rochester, conducted experiments with dogs suffering from anemia due to hemorrhage and demonstrated that the reproduction of lost blood largely depends on and can be influenced by diet.

Previously the belief prevailed that iron was the most important item in the treatment of anemia. Now it has been shown that in simple anemias, the feeding of liver is effective in stimulating to the production within the body of new red blood cells and of hemoglobin (the iron-containing element of the blood).

An adequate supply of iron is still of value in anemia, but the stimulus to reproduce blood cells comes from other substances.

Dr. Minot of Harvard applied the facts derived from Dr. Whipple's experiments to the treatment of pernicious anemia, with the result that the disease, formerly almost invariably fatal, can now in many instances be controlled.

The liver treatment of pernicious anemia, like insulin in the treatment of diabetes, does not achieve a cure. The liver preparation must be given the patient throughout his life.

Unlike insulin, however, liver or its extract, is taken by the patient by mouth and not in the form of an injection.

The dried and defatted hog's stomach substance has been found to be as effective as liver and may be used as a substitute.

(Tomorrow—Various Anemias)

Doctors Use Army Books

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26.—(P)—Six thousand civilian doctors made use last year of the army medical library, one of the most valuable collections of medical books in the world.

Society Girls Model to Raise Drouth Funds



Junior league members in New York are acting as mannikins at fashion shows whose proceeds go to Red Cross drought funds. Two of them are Mrs. William B. Hawthorne, jr. (left), and Martha Millikin, shown wearing models by Jay-Thorpe.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, March 26.—Society girls and matrons are using their knowledge of how to wear clothes with distinction in the interests of welfare and prosperity.

In New York and many other cities Junior League members have taken up dress modeling, replacing professional mannikins at charity fashion shows.

A group of Mayfair's social registerites are appearing as mannikins twice a week at an exclusive dress shop.

For four weeks they will model the latest styles on Tuesdays and Fridays at the tea hour. Their fees as mannikins, about \$10 apiece an afternoon, are turned over to the Red Cross fund for drought sufferers.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. Mary E. Kelly has returned home after a week's visit with Dr. and Mrs. Maddox, of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolen and family, of Big Spring, came in Friday for a week-end visit with Mrs. Nolen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baxter. They returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lange, of Benoit, were guests in the J. C. Reese home Sunday.

Caswell Tuckey and two children, and mother, Mrs. F. W. Tuckey, of near Crews, spent Sunday with Mrs. Tuckey's daughter, Mrs. George McMillan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Theazle, and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Brown, of Abilene, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. R. E. Brown, and other relatives.

Mrs. C. H. Midgley and children, James, Annie and Nellie Mae visited Mrs. Midgley's father, Mr. Roberts, and other relatives of Taipa Sunday.

Luther Reese was among the winners in the music memory contest at Winters and will go to the district meet at San Angelo.

Mrs. H. O. V. Humble and two sons, Houston and Howard, spent Sunday at Stacy with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith, and other relatives.

L. B. Green spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Ira Cuniff, of near Winters.

Miss Rosemary Lasater, of town, spent Saturday afternoon with Miss Nellie Mae Midgley.

Mrs. Alvin Neely, of Pecos, spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Ed Farley.

Mr. and Mrs. Moncrief and little son, of Miles, were guests last Wednesday of Mr. Moncrief's aunt, Mrs. R. E. Brown, and other relatives.

Mrs. Hilton Baxter and baby, of Abilene, were guests in the J. H. Baxter home last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Melton and children, visited in the R. E. Brown home Sunday night.

James, Annie and Elizabeth Midgley attended the party at the

Mrs. Floyd Jones spent Tuesday with Mrs. Midgley.

Mrs. Brendon Welch is able to be up and about after several weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Farnes are the proud parents of a boy. Mother and baby are doing fine at this writing.

The club meets next Tuesday afternoon in the club room at the school house.

REPORTER

HAGAN HAPPENINGS

Bro. McGregor, of Abilene, preached for us Sunday. A very good crowd attended and everyone enjoyed the wonderful sermon he preached. There also was a good crowd for Sunday school.

The farmers are all busy getting their land ready for planting. There has been much feed and many gardens planted.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Turner visited Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Turner Sunday.

Joe Sparks, of Cheyenne, Wyo., who had been visiting his parents, returned home Monday.

We are very sorry to report that Edna Mae Patterson has the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Foreman, who had been in Arizona for the last six months, have moved back and are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wood and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seipp.

REPORTER

GIRLS IN KIMONOS REPLACE STEWARDS ON OCEAN LINERS

(By Associated Press) YOKOHAMA, March 25.—Two hundred kimono-clad Japanese girls are to become stewardesses on the trans-Pacific ships of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha (the Japan Mail Line), the company has announced. The steamship officials believe that the girls will be more attentive than men.

The experiment will be tried out during the summer and if the young women are a success in this role, additional girls will be employed for other ships of the line. The wages will be about the same as those paid to the Japanese "boys."

home of Miss Ina Baxter, Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

Three-fourth's for the Round Trip Easter Xcursion. Three-fourth's of the one way fare for the Round Trip between all Stations in Texas and Louisiana. Tickets on Sale for Trains arriving destinations Saturday, April 4th and prior to noon Sunday, April 5th. Limited to April 7th. For details and reservations Ask Your Santa Fe Agent.

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PUFFY. "I like Siam; I think it's swell," says Bunny earnestly. "There's just one little thing I find has disappointed me. Somehow I had expected that at every turn I'd see a mother with a pair of twins to bounce upon her knee." (Copyright, 1930)



By Percival Christopher Wren Author of MYSTERIOUS WAYS BEAU GESTE BEAU IDEAL

SYNOPSIS: A plot to murder pretty Marjorie Lunderdell is foisted by John Wayne...

Chapter 22 AMBITIOUS JAMES

BUT, objected Mr. James, "If the girl goes back to Maud Lunderdell that came bump her off all the same, and we lose the rake-off I don't want this Maud to scoop that half-million dollars!"

have all that great wad and only peel off 10,000 for those who landed it? Shame to bump or a pretty girl like Marjorie.

It was evident this bright morning, even to Dr. Studley, Sister Weeden, the other nurses and the patients, that their beloved Matron, kind Nurse Jones, watchful Mr. James, clever Dr. MacAdoo and the reverend Dr. Charters himself had something on their minds, were upset about something.

New Clues Seep into Rothstein Mystery; Lack of Solution Creates Political Stir

EDITOR'S NOTE—Details of some of the most prominent mystery deaths of recent years have been gathered by Associated Press staff writers. This is one of the series.

The Rothstein Web

The spreading web of developments in the Arnold Rothstein case brought these results: Four indicted for the murder; one acquitted, three indictments dropped.



The spreading web of developments following the murder of Arnold Rothstein (right), New York's gambling czar, led to investigation by District Attorney Thomas Crain (left). Notes in the diary of Vivian Gordon (below), slain Broadway butterfly, may lead to new clues.

By Mark Barron NEW YORK, March 26.—(AP)—The Rothstein murder case, an irritable enigma to New York police for more than two years, again has bobbed into politics.

Failure to solve this mystery is one of the principal charges of the civic committee demanding an investigation of Mayor James J. Walker's administration.

It is a keystone homicide, the solution of which possibly would unravel the answers to dozens of other crimes.

Never was such a chain of criminal and political upheavals begun as by the person who, on the night of November 4, 1928, turned a revolver on Arnold Rothstein and killed this czar of gamblers.

For a time the murder was written off as "unfinished business."

But a new clue arrived in the death of Vivian Gordon, the witness in New York's vice inquiry who was found strangled in a park.

Just as it was hinted that Rothstein could have given some light on the murders of other Broadway butterflies, the diary left by the Gordon girl may solve his murder.

It reveals that she feared Rothstein, and gives clues to his strictly confidential business. One of those may be the thread which eventually will identify his killer.

missioner. The Rothstein estate was eventually placed at two millions. Inez Norton, a former Follies beauty, inherited \$45,000 of this.

An ironical note to the Rothstein murder is the last notation on police records. On January 15 this year a furrier was awarded a \$4,150 judgment against the estate for a broadtail and sable coat which Rothstein had purchased for one butterfly beauty who moved in his world.

As Rothstein was generous to these girls of the criminal half-world, so the voice of one of them, speaking after death, now may bring his murderer to justice.

TALPA TOPICS Rev. W. F. Smith preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

A pageant "All for Christ" was given Sunday evening by members of the Epworth League.

Mrs. Champion of Brady, and her mother, Mrs. Hale, of Brownwood, are here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Brown, of Brownwood, visited in the Will Hale home Sunday.

John Anderson, of Coleman, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Talpa.

Mrs. J. M. McConnell spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mullein.

Mrs. Jackson and son, Alvin, of Crews, spent Saturday with Mrs. Kelly.

Mrs. Letha Givens spent the week-end at Silver Valley with friends and Miss Erma Thompson returned home with her to stay a few days.

Mrs. John Bayers, Mrs. Rinde Duncan and Mrs. Chas. Bouldin were Ballinger visitors Saturday.

Earl Sparks of Abilene spent last Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore and

Mrs. Bruce Wright. Miss Etamese Freeman and Miss Virginia Livingston won the girls' tennis doubles Saturday at Coleman. We are glad they won the cup and hope they will win at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kelly of Coleman spent Saturday and Sunday night with Mrs. Kelly.

Two-Party Judge in Race MADISONVILLE, Ky., Mar. 26.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Ruby Laf-foon, first circuit judge in Kentucky ever elected as the nominee of both Republicans and Democrats, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor.

DIVORCE AS RARE AS IT IS COMPLEX ON ISLE OF MAN

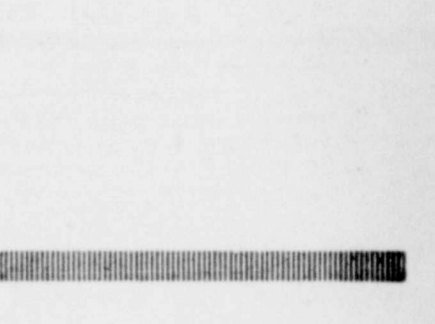
(By Associated Press) DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, Mar. 26.—This island is one place where the phrase "till death do us part" means just about what it says.

In the past 50 years there have been only nine divorces, and here's what you have to do to get a divorce in Manxland: Obtain in the chancery division of the Manx court a decree of judicial separation.

Then bring an action in the common law division against the correspondent for damages for "criminal conversation." If favorable verdicts are obtained in these actions the litigant must present a petition to the Manx legislature for permission to present a private divorce bill.

When the royal assent is given the bill is promulgated at the ancient open air court of Tynwald in the center of the island. This court is held every year July 5. The bill is read in both Manx and English and becomes at once operative. The cost of a divorce is seldom less than \$500.

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EUROPE IS NO PLACE FOR ART STUDENT SAYS ARGENTINEAN

LONDON, Mar. 26.—Europe is a poor place for young art students, in the opinion of C. Bernaldo de Quiros, native painter of the people of Argentina.

Notables' Tablecloth

LONDON, Mar. 26.—(AP)—When Mrs. Alec-Tweedie wants to give her guests something to talk about at dinner she uses her famous tablecloth. It has on it signatures of some 500 of the world's notables of the last 40 years—painters, cabinet ministers, poets, writers. Some even drew their portraits.

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# MOVIES

**Fresh Nautical Nonsense in New Jack Oakie Comedy**

Jack Oakie is shanghaied aboard a boatful of beautiful girls. Wotta break!

And when Jack gets his "Sea Legs" things swim along in a merry-merry, rattle-dazzle series of wise-cracks and cracking action. "Sea Legs" the new fun-and-foolishness romance of "America's joy-friend" will open a two-day run at the Palace Theatre tomorrow.

George Marion, Jr., whose wise-cracking dialog has created a new American lingo, wrote "Sea Legs" especially for Jack Oakie, and how Oakie slings the Marion slang in "Sea Legs" is something to hear. Advance reports hail "Sea Legs" as a life-preserver; makes old men young and grandmothers hob their hair.

Oakie, a doughty gub on one of Uncle Sam's battle cruisers, goes to sleep the price of the fleet, and wakes up to find him substituting aboard a strange battleship for a wealthy young millionaire, named O'Brien, whose lawyer, Harry Green has picked on Oakie to serve O'Brien's compulsory term in the navy. And the navy, of which the boat on which Oakie is employed is the sole ship, belongs to a country of which Oakie has never before heard.

But the captain has six beautiful daughters, and they all live on board ship. Lillian Roth is one of these beautiful daughters, and when Oakie gets mixed up with this charming comedienne of "Animal Crackers" the joy starts sprouting.

Then to make the fun all the more furious, Eugene Pallette is also on board throwing out the luff-lines.

"Up the River" Laugh Tonic Ends Run Tonight

The value of laughter as a tonic is being conclusively proved at the Palace Theatre, where tonight will see the last performance of "Up the River," Fox Movietone comedy. Hailed by some as the funniest talkie of the year, the picture is causing citizens to forget the depression and unemployment situation in favor of more than an hour of uproarious entertainment.

Although many of the fifty-odd featured players in the cast are new to screen audiences, their positions as comedians and comedienne should be assured henceforth by their performances in this unique story of two self-appointed Cupids and their personally supervised romance.

Spencer Tracy, Warren Hymer, Claire Luce, Humphrey Bogart.

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## Ditches Clogged by Grass and Weeds Guard Inspection is Set for April 20th

The city street department this week began opening all drainage ditches which had become clogged. Many of these had washed down almost level during continuous winter rains.

Complaint has been registered by the street workers about citizens piling weeds and grass in the gutters in front of their homes. This trash washes into small culverts and other spots, stopping the flow of water. This refuse also is carried down town to the overtaxed manholes, clogging them and creating other trouble.

Householders who are cutting weeds around their premises are requested to place same in the back of the lot near the alley. It is easy for city wagons to pick it up there and it will be far enough away from drainage lines.

Within the next few days all gutters will be opened and with cooperation of the citizens these drains can be kept in good shape and take care of flood waters in heavy rains.

Dirt streets are being graded and placed in good shape for travel. The maintainers and a grader are being used most of the time every week and will continue to be put in service until all the streets have been conditioned.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy during the illness and at the death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. W. T. Nichols.

We especially appreciate the beautiful floral offering and want each of you to know that your thoughtfulness helped to make our sorrow easier to bear. It is our sincere wish that we may be of the same sympathetic service to you when sorrow comes to you. Her children and grandchildren. 11d

### HARVEY ELECTED COACH AT RANKIN

J. D. Harvey, teacher of science in the Ballinger high school, has been elected as teacher of commercial subjects and athletic coach at Rankin, Texas. The position carries a salary of \$1800 per annum. Mr. Harvey said he intends to accept the offer.

This is Mr. Harvey's first year of teaching. Last year he was president of the senior class and a football star at Simmons University, Abilene. It is with sincere regrets that the faculty and students of the Ballinger school see Mr. Harvey leave the local staff.

The British machinery industry is reported to be losing ground in foreign markets against the competition of American and German concerns.

At Greytown, in the jungles of Nicaragua, the annual rainfall is about 300 inches, making it the wettest spot in the Americas.

William Collig, sr., and Joan ("Cherie") Lawes have the leading roles, with the big supporting cast headed by Sharon Lynn, the Keating Sisters, Noel Francis, Morgan Wallace, Althea Henly, Edythe Chapman, George MacFarlane, "Black and Blue," Louise Mackintosh and Robert O'Connor. John Ford directed this hilarious offering from the original screen play and dialog by Maurine Watkins.

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Starting Friday



Company C, 142nd Infantry, Texas National Guard will receive federal inspection here April 20, according to an announcement made Thursday by Captain Ross Murchison. A regular army officer will come here on this date to look over the armory, equipment and give personal inspection of the troopers.

Prior to the inspection Major Peter P. Salgado, senior instructor, will be here for a night session with the local company on April 6. All members will be assembled at the armory on this occasion to receive special instructions from Major Salgado, and his instruction will be helpful in passing a good inspection on April 20.

The local unit has made one of the best records this year since its organization. The roster is being kept to full quota with a personnel of high type in the ranks, commanded by officers who have a deep interest in their work and constantly study to improve themselves.

For the past six weeks men have been working on the rifle range and to date about fifty per cent have qualified. This will be continued until all have had opportunity to qualify, and some are striving for the expert rifleman badge. The company is well quartered in its armory on Seventh Street; the equipment is kept in first class shape, and inspections are always welcomed by the officers. Capt. Murchison is company commander, and his aide is First Lieutenant K. V. Northington. There is no second lieutenant in the company at present but two of the non-commissioned officers are studying for this rank and will be given an examination for promotion soon. When this additional officer is made company will be up to full strength in both officers and enlisted men.

A large number of the men are making plans early to attend the annual encampment which combines recreation with training as part of the division.

### NEW MOUNTAIN BEACONS DEFEY WEATHER HAZARDS

(By Associated Press) RENO, March 26.—Installed despite natural handicaps, three federal radio range beacons guide pilots flying over the Sierra Nevada between Reno and Oakland, Calif.

The stations are located at Fernley, Nev., and Auburn and Donner Summit, Calif., with the greatest problems at the latter site in the form of high winds, heavy snows and wood-boring termites.

The site is at an altitude of 7,135 feet, overlooking Donner lake, two and one-half miles from the nearest highway over rocky territory.

Steel poles had to be moved by dog teams in sections, solid rock surfaces had to be blasted for setting the poles and heavy winds made it necessary to anchor the station houses with wire cables.

Enrollment at Notre Dame University will be limited to 3,000 next fall. Quotas for the five colleges are: Arts and letters, 1,000; science, 500; engineering, 500; law, 200; and commerce, 800.

J. P. Johnson, 80, has served as clerk of St. Louis county, Duluth, Minn., continuously for 30 years.

## Campaigns Feature Local Firemen in Business Meeting Week of April 5-11

Easter Sunday will start a number of campaigns in Ballinger that will be of interest to every citizen. Proclamations have been issued by the mayor ordering Clean-Up, Paint-Up and Brighten-Up Week, and Health Milk Week and committees are striving to complete details and open the beautiful yards contest for local people. In addition to these contests it will be Easter Sunday and churches will strive to break all attendance records at their services.

If arrangements can be made and sufficient patronage secured, The Ledger will publish a Sunday morning edition on that date giving complete details of all these features.

With Clean-Up Week goes fire prevention and more sanitation, the two purposes working hand in hand. The city administration will do its part by cleaning and conditioning all streets and other municipal property, having all in shape for the opening of the campaign and plans to offer every encouragement to those who will cooperate in any way.

Sunday also will be the day to dress up personally. It officially marks the beginning of spring when straw hats, spring suits, etc., will be in vogue.

### RADIO SERMONS RESTORING HOME ALTAR, SAYS DIVINE

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Mar. 26.—Radio sermons and devotional services have re-established the family altar, strengthened the spirit of religious democracy and increased church attendance, according to Frank C. Goodman, executive radio secretary for the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

In his annual report to the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, Goodman stated that Sunday programs broadcast by NBC have influenced members of non-religious families both educationally and spiritually.

Three hundred clergymen have broadcast in weekly worship services since 1923. In the last three years religious programs have reached a total of 11,718 station hours, the report indicated.

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