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April brings the planting season to Runnels county and already a number of farmers have contracted for standardized seed of better breeds for this year's crops. The better seed campaign conducted in this county was a wonderful success and as a result many acres will be planted in fine cotton this year. The same applies to other crops, especially grain sorghums. Many Runnels county farmers have their fields ready to begin sowing as soon as weather conditions are right. Some have already planted a portion of their crops, starting last week.

Is there something wrong with the young people of this county? When a full month passes and only three couples decide to marry there is fault somewhere and the cause should be found. Some may think that two cannot live as cheaply as one. Just because amateur weather predictions have failed this spring is no reason to doubt this ancient adage. The weather is more changeable than a woman's mind (?) and the best way to know one is to marry her. Mrs. West is not advertising for marriage license business but she and her office staff will welcome any young couple who visits the bureau to get the credentials for nuptial bliss.

April 1 should mean a number of things to every individual. It is the end of the first month of calendar spring, April Fools' Day, Easter season, time to begin wearing spring clothing and change to straw toppers, and it is also time to pay bills. Many have realized the advantage of having good credit ratings and have used their good records in times when credit was a blessing. The prime way to keep credit good is to pay all bills promptly. On the first of every month many are employed here to carry bills and hunt delinquents. This adds considerable expense for those who accommodate customers by allowing them to have merchandise on promise to pay and unless all bills can be met on the first of each month the debtor should make arrangements for his account to be carried or proffer a small payment to show his good faith.

### CLUB WOMEN SOLVE PROBLEM OF LIBRARY

(By Associated Press)  
COLORADO, Tex., April 1.—Mitchell county club women say they believe they have solved the problem of supplying reading material for booklovers of this city and county, where a public library has not yet been established.

Five years ago, the women established the Mitchell county library here with a few donated volumes of fiction and several sets of reference books. Today, the library, depending solely for its upkeep and growth on membership fees of \$1 per year, contains 725 works of fiction alone and many reference books.

Be wise and advertise.

## PUFFY



The Bunny tries an oldtime trick—a stone beneath a hat. He thinks that Puffy is so dumb that he will fall for that. "I kicked one once," says Puffy, "when I just had entered school. But though I know I'm foolish now, I am no April fool!"  
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## SUNDOWN STORIES



### APRIL FIRST

By Mary Graham Bonner  
"My dears," began the Little Black Clock, "something very strange has just happened."

"Please tell us right away," urged Peggy and John.

The Clock had a smile on his broad little face; so the children felt quite certain that he hadn't any bad news for them, and yet they wondered what very strange thing had just happened.

"I'll tell you," the Little Black Clock said, after he had waited for a few moments and the children felt quite certain that he hadn't any bad news for them, and yet they wondered what very strange thing had just happened.

"There just won't be any at all, and it's going to be very, very confusing."

"It will be mixed up all the year and all the years that follow and still more years and years that will follow."

"You see, today will have to be the second of April instead of the first, and tomorrow will have to be the third instead of the second, and so on and on and on."

"What happened?" asked Peggy.

"The first of April just decided it had been so made fun of all

these years that it wouldn't come around at all.

"There couldn't be a day missing; so the second of April will have to take his place, and then all the days after that will each have to come a day ahead."

The Little Black Clock was laughing hard now. Suddenly John and Peggy knew what it was all about.

"You're just fooling us, Little Black Clock," they shouted.

"Of course, I am!" he said in his jolly fashion. "Of course, I am, and for a few minutes you believed me! April Fool!" he ended, as he ran back to his place on the desk in the back hall.

(Tomorrow—Long Toes)

### FRUIT CROP SAVED BY NATURAL GAS SMUDGES

(By Associated Press)  
EL PASO, April 1.—Smudging with natural gas has been tried and pronounced a success.

In a recent cold wave in the El Paso territory natural gas smudges were lighted at nine p. m. at the J. J. Smith farm in the Rio Grande Valley south of here when the temperature was 31 degrees.

H. G. Frost, vice-president of the El Paso Natural Gas Company, said the temperature was 40 degrees within the orchard an hour after the smudges were lighted. At 4 a. m. the temperature outside the orchard was 21 degrees, said Frost, and 33 degrees within it.

## HOW'S your HEALTH



### "TOO SOLID FLESH"

There is no proportionate relation between the sense of hunger and the needs of the body for food.

Nor, with the exception of but one or two items, such, for example, as water or salt, do the demands of the appetite indicate a corresponding requirement of the body.

Some people are enormous eaters, others eat sparingly. The substantial English breakfast stands in marked contrast to the petite déjeuner of the French.

Eating in modern society has become somewhat of an "indoor sport," a source of pleasure, pursued for its own ends. Also it is a matter of habit, the time, frequency and size of the meals being more or less established custom and common practice.

An attempt to reduce weight involves more than the selection of non-fattening foods. It involves a change of regimen and the modification of long-established habits.

Dr. Haynes H. Fellows recently reported on 294 employees of an insurance company who undertook a regimen of weight reduc-

tion.

While under the care of a physician, 81 per cent of this group reduced weight, the average loss being fifteen pounds. A year after this treatment, 224 of the original number were re-examined and it was found that but 32 per cent continued to lose weight.

The majority regained an average of more than half of what they had lost in the treatment. At the end of the fifth year 193 of the original number were examined and only 20 per cent of this group showed a further loss of weight.

The general conclusion is that the individual seeking to reduce his weight should go about it in a business-like manner, attending not only to a change in diet but to the equally important change in habits, with proper medical supervision.

(Tomorrow—Fancy Diets)

### CONTRACTS LET FOR ROADS

(By Associated Press)

AMARILLO, April 1.—Work orders on three highway contracts recently let in Gray, Wheeler and Randall counties have been received by the division engineer's office in Amarillo. The three jobs including seven miles of paving in Gray, 14 miles of grade in Wheeler, and 18.5 miles of grade in Randall, will cost \$215,000.

Executives of the Illinois State Fair are considering a recommendation that the state legislature abolish the admission fee.



Where the romance of LA SALLE mingles with today

ROMANCE still lives in Louisiana, no less today than when La Salle stood at the mouth of the Mississippi and De Tonti of the Iron Hand set up the Post of Accans (Arkansas). Baron Bastrop and Aaron Burr flitted swiftly across the stage with their dreams of a Southwestern empire, all to be swept aside by the sturdy American frontiersman who strode westward to enter and possess this land after the War of 1812.

Far in the background glides the shadow of De Soto, who spent his last winter in Southern Arkansas and found his last home in Louisiana; three centuries later a land rich with sugar, cotton, rice and oil.

True, a rapidly advancing civilization has taken much from the glamour and romance of history, but in its place has come a new romance in the guise of Commerce, Agriculture and Industry. Today, the annual business in oil alone, of the land brought into the United States through the Louisiana Purchase, outweighs all the commerce of the French century.

As the outgrowth of the Southwest, the Magnolia Petroleum Company has played a

similar role in the progress of the Southwestern oil industry. From the very beginning the pioneer founders of the Magnolia Petroleum Company realized that theirs was a task of keeping abreast of a rapidly advancing civilization. People were changing. The jeers of derision that had met the first horseless carriage slowly changed to smiles of tolerance and later to solid belief. The automobile had become an actuality! Distance was losing its handicap! Transportation was revolutionized! The history of the automobile needs no comment. Nor does the fact that it has become as integral a part of the American mode of living as bread and butter. Without an adequate source for petroleum to provide fuel and lubrication, it is not improbable that the automobile would have become an unattainable luxury... impractical for the thousand and one uses to which it has been applied to industry and individual pleasure.



H.C. FOLGER  
A Founder  
Magnolia Petroleum Company  
One of the three owners of the pioneer refinery, operated by J. S. Collins Company of Corsicana, Texas (1891), which later developed into the Magnolia Petroleum Company. Elected President of the Standard Oil Company of New York, 1911; Chairman of the Board, 1923. He died in 1930.

Along Southwestern highways Magnolia Service Stations stand ready to lubricate your car with Socony Motor Oil and fuel it with Magnolia Ethyl or Maximum-Mileage Gasoline so that you may speed along to endless historical and romantic shrines which now are easy ports of call for the modern motorist.

This is the second of a series of historical sketches portraying the pioneer history of the Southwest, in commemoration of Founders' Month of the Magnolia Petroleum Company, pioneer Southwestern refiners.

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## Methodist Choir In Concert Sunday

The First Methodist Church of Ballinger announces the first entire Easter program which will be presented at the church next Sunday evening at 7:45 by the choir. The entire evening will be given to music and a sacred Easter concert will require more than one hour.

Eighteen numbers make up the program which includes five anthems, male, female and mixed quartets, with solo numbers and other special features. Miss Katherine Todd will be heard in a violin solo, playing "Adagio Pathectic" by Goddard. Mrs. L. Schermerhorn will be organist for the occasion and will render the prelude, offertory and postlude as well as play accompaniments for the chorus and special numbers.

The choir for this occasion will be composed of twenty well balanced voices. Special seating arrangements will be provided and the church will be beautifully decorated in the spirit of Easter. Rehearsals on the concert were begun some two months ago. This week special rehearsals are being held to bring the musical presentation to near perfection.

The entire church building will

be thrown open Sunday, evening in order that all who come may hear the program from comfortable seats. Regardless of the weather the church will be made comfortable and the pastor, officials and choir members unite in extending an invitation to everyone to come and worship in song on this Easter evening.

A complete program will be published later in the week. Rev. T. E. Bowman, pastor of the church, will deliver his Easter message Sunday morning. The ceremony of infant baptism will be observed at this time and parents with children for dedication are requested to be present at the beginning of the service.

Ballinger Floral Co. will have roses for Easter 1-3d-1w

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## FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

Close of Business March 25, 1931.

ASSETS	
Loans and Discounts	\$351,747.21
City Ballinger Warrants	11,548.16
Overdrafts	1,591.96
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	9,901.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	1,776.96
Cash and Exchange	46,854.96
Other Assets	4,254.32
	\$460,174.57
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus—Profits NET	41,909.58
Deposits	282,389.12
Cashier Checks	875.87
Bills Payable	35,000.00
	\$460,174.57

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## STATEMENT of Condition

### ...THE... FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

March 25, 1931.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$338,085.49
Overdrafts	109.89
Banking House	40,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	10,000.00
U. S. Bonds	26,000.00
Bonds and warrants	34,562.50
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
Acceptances (cotton)	1,643.78
CASH AND EXCHANGE	192,689.63
	\$647,590.69
Liabilities	
Capital stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	73,678.00
Circulation	25,000.00
DEPOSITS	448,912.69
	\$647,590.69

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

SYNOPSIS: Mr. Jones dies from a drink of the poison he had prepared to kill Marjorie... Marjorie is arrested... Marjorie is released... Marjorie is arrested again... Marjorie is released again... Marjorie is arrested again... Marjorie is released again...

Chapter 27

TWO CONCLUSIONS

YOU absolutely insist on going back at once?" said Marjorie, studying the face of her dear friend... "Yes, Marjorie, I'm going back," he said... "Around them was the shrill turmoil of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway terminus at Bombay, a noise unheard by John Wayne as he held Marjorie's hand and said 'Good-by.'"

He had refused to take his fare well of her elsewhere than in this most public of places, after having



"What's your game?" demanded Charters, producing Wayne's letters.

given her away, before the altar of Bombay Cathedral.

"You do like Reggie, don't you?" asked Marjorie, glancing to where her husband of an hour was superintending his orderly bestowal of hand luggage, bedding, hampers and other impedimenta in the big reserved compartment of the train that was to bear them across the plains of India.

"I approve of Reggie. I pass him; I leave you in his hands without a doubt or a fear. He evokes me as a splendid specimen of a free type of man—your Indian Army Officer."

"I'm so glad, dear John," said Marjorie, flushing warmly. "How can I thank you? ... How can I ever begin to thank you?"

By being happy, John Wayne rattled the hand he held. "Happy as the day is long."

"I shall be that," replied the girl. "But you, John? Will you write me a nice long, long letter—all about yourself? All that you care to tell me, that is."

"I was going to do that, anyway, Marjorie. I'd like you to know how and why I became a criminal and a convict, and came to England with the firm intention of committing at least four murders. I want ..."

"Come on, Marjorie," called Captain Lauderdale, jumping down from the carriage-door and seizing her arm. "All aboard."

"I say, Sir," he continued, "what on earth can I say, to give you some idea of what I feel? I'm not good at it. ... But, I never heard of such kindness. ... Straight out and back again, just to hand her over. ... And you saved her life too. ... Well, I mean to say. ..."

The young man wrung John Wayne's hand.

"Good-by, dearest John," said Marjorie, and, putting her arms round his neck, she kissed him lovingly.

ily and far from jauntily, along Michigan Boulevard. ... Depressed, heavy and despondent, he went his way; but, from time to time, hummed a popular air as he felt the warmth of the sun, and sniffed the invigorating breeze from the lake.

Indeed, he was doing so audibly as three stalwart men overtaken him, and, ranging up, two on his right side and one on his left, fell into step with him.

"Mr. Wayne?" inquired one of them pleasantly. "Sure, John Wayne of this little bright burg."

The men eyed him narrowly. "Clean-shaven, gray eyes. ... Would you mind removing your hat a moment?" continued the man who had accosted Dr. Charters. "Gray hair," he continued. "Nick, probably made by a bullet, in cartilage of right ear."

"Quite right," agreed Dr. Charters, coming to a halt and smilingly touching his right ear, where indeed was the mark in question—self-inflicted some months earlier.

"Star across back of right hand?" inquired the big man. "Promptly Dr. Charters withdrew his glove.

"There you are," he said, and displayed the necessary scar, also self-inflicted some months earlier.

"Got my letters addressed to yourself?" "Plenty," replied Charters, diving into the pocket of his overcoat and producing several addressed to Mr. John Wayne, at a Chicago hotel.

"That's all right. ... Passport?" inquired the man, adding: "You landed from England on September 30th."

"Certainly. But I don't carry my passport about with me, naturally. ... Where is it?" "At my hotel."

"I'd like to have a peek at it." "Why, certainly. We'll go along, right now."

"We will," said the man. "And now, what in hell's your game?" inquired Charters, as the four turned about, and marched in the direction whence they had come.

"Just wanted to be sure that you're John Wayne," was the non-committal reply.

"Of course I am," replied Charters impatiently. "Who else d'you think I am?"

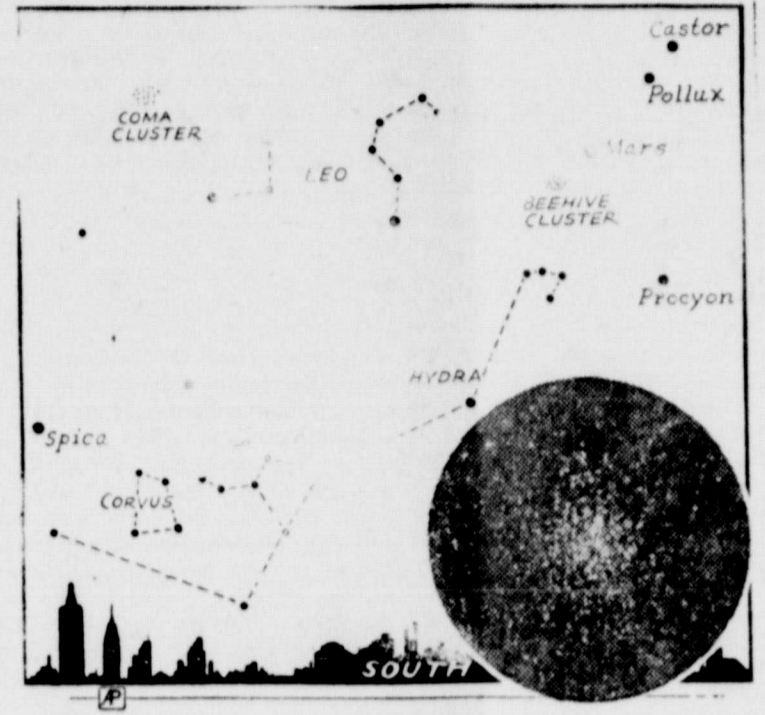
"I don't think you're anybody else," was the answer. "From his dispatch-case, Dr. Charters produced John Wayne's passport."

"Photo's a bad one," he said, "and taken a good many years ago at that."

"Good enough," replied the detective. "Quite O. K. Fine. You're John Wayne, all right. ... And now, John, if you'll come along with us, we'll soon put you right where you can finish that life-sentence you walked away from. Coming quietly?"

Dr. Theodore Charters went quietly and indeed from him no sound has since been heard out of the shadows of the prison-house, across the gulf that separates the bond from the free.

"Beehive" Cluster of Stars Glows Near Mars in April



The southern sky in the early evening of April 1 shows the Beehive and Coma clusters and the planet Mars. Inset shows how a cluster appears through binoculars.

By Robert H. Baker (Professor of Astronomy, University of Illinois)

URBANA, Ill., April 1.—(AP)—The "Beehive" cluster may be seen in the southern sky early in the evening during this month.

To the naked eye it is a faintly luminous patch against the dark sky. A field glass readily resolves the haze into a fine cluster of stars. It is known also as Praesepe, the Manger.

It is especially easy to find this cluster at the present time because the red planet Mars is near by. On the first of April Mars is directly in the south at 8 p. m., high in the sky. The Beehive is only a little way to the east of the planet.

Mars is now moving swiftly

eastward. It will pass the Beehive, a little above it, on April 29. Anyone who has noticed the movement of a planet among the stars will find it interesting to watch Mars during April.

The first few evenings of this month will not be favorable for observing faint objects in the sky. For the moon is at the full phase on April 2. Early in the afternoon on this date the moon will, in fact, be totally eclipsed for an hour and a half, but this eclipse will not be visible in the United States.

The Beehive cluster is the most spectacular object in the rather dull constellation Cancer, of the zodiac, after which the Tropic of Cancer is named. Two thousand years ago the sun reached its

most northern point in this constellation. Now this point, the summer solstice, has moved west into the adjoining constellation Gemini.

Eastward from the Beehive, just beyond the constellation Leo, another cluster of stars can be seen—the Coma Perenices cluster. At first sight it looks like a "cobweb in the sky," but field glasses show it was a cluster of stars.

The Coma and Beehive clusters, at distances of 250 and 500 light-years respectively, are among the nearest of the star clusters. Only the Pleiades and the Hyades of the constellation Taurus are nearer the earth. More than three hundred clusters of this type are known—most of them are in the Milky Way.

CREWS NEWS

Doyle Jayroe, of Seguin, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jayroe.

Glenn Irven and Miss Vinita Rainwater, accompanied by Jesse Wood and Miss Norma Bradley, Rupert Rainwater and Miss Bernice Hale, drove to Ballinger Sunday afternoon and were quietly married. Rev. M. C. Golden officiating. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Irven, of Winters, and is employed in the Elite Tailor Shop of that town. He formerly lived a few miles from Crews for a number of years, and is well known in this community. The bride is the lively and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rainwater, and is a graduate of the Crews high school. Their many friends wish for them a happy and prosperous voyage through life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Traylor visited Mr. and Mrs. R. Lucas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Johnson, of Sweetwater, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W.

T. White. Mrs. Ola Milles, who had been visiting relatives here for the past two weeks, accompanied them home.

Elder J. A. Branaman, accompanied by his daughter and Edgar Branham, spent the week-end at Lamesa, attending a fifth Sunday meeting.

A light flurry of snow, accompanied by a bitterly cold wind, fell Monday night.

Mrs. Wylie Boon of the Plains country, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Davis.

Call and look over our Easter Flowers. Ballinger Floral Co. 1-3d-1w

PROGRAM FOR PRESS MEET IS ANNOUNCED

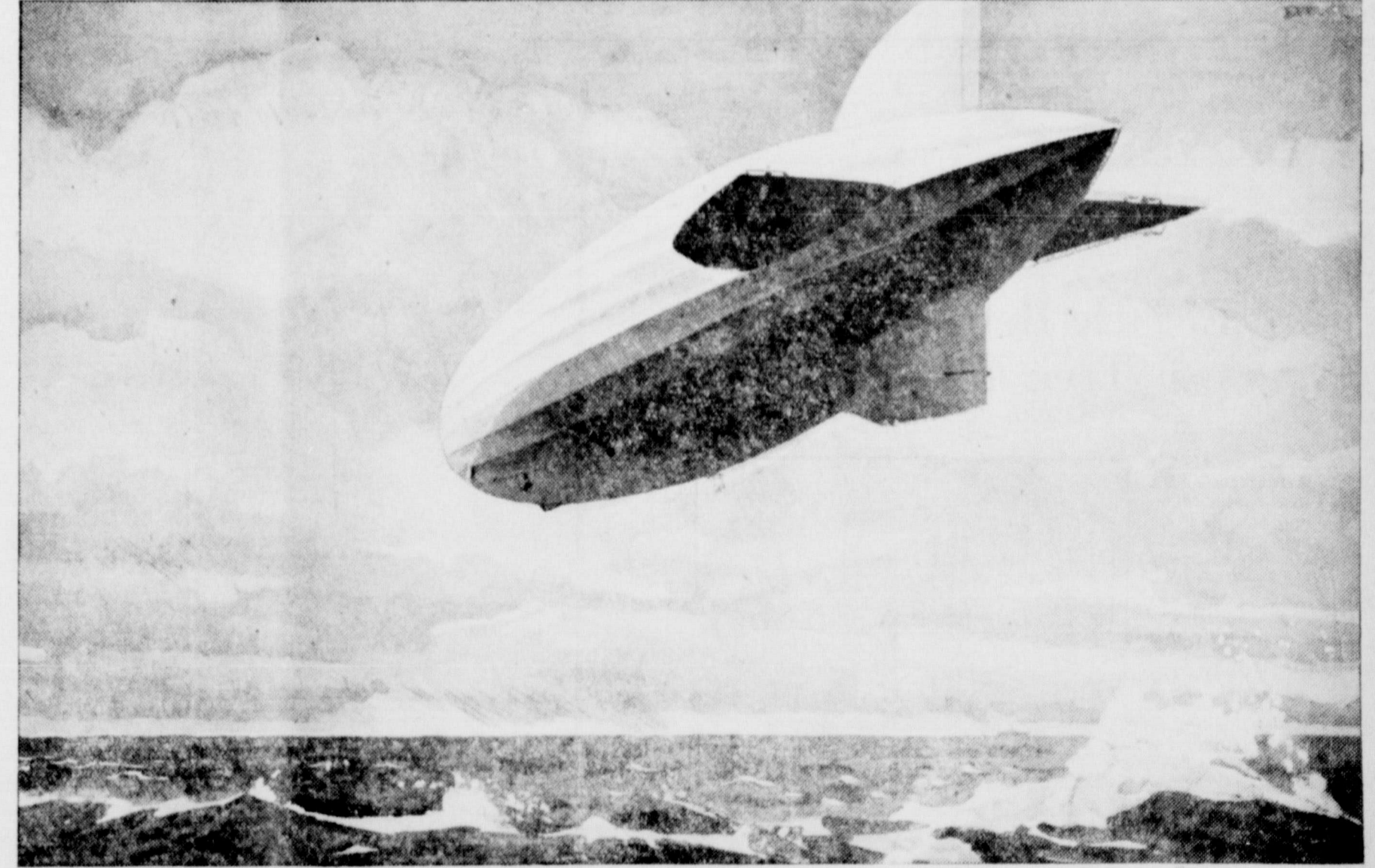
COLEMAN, April 1.—The program for the spring meeting of the Heart of Texas Press Association to be held at Junction April 18 has been announced by Irl Larrimore of Mason, Harry Schwenker of Brady, Will Collins of Llano and Edgar McLendon of Junction.

A pre-convention dinner will be held Friday night, April 27. Business sessions will be held in the pavilion of Kimble Courts, where the luncheon will be spread.

Entertainment will include fishing, bathing, boating, swimming, golfing and other outdoor recreation.

Three-fourth's for the Round Trip Easter Xcursion. Santa Fe logo. 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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Harry D. Wilson, Louisiana commissioner of agriculture estimates honey production of the state at \$6,000,000 annually.

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## ONLY WOMAN FEDERAL JUDGE TO SET AT DALLAS

(By Associated Press) DALLAS, April 1.—Judge Genevieve R. Cline, of Cleveland, Ohio, only woman judge in the Federal customs service, will come to Dallas April 10 to hear appeals of local importers against appraisals made by the customs office.

Charles E. Robinson, in charge of the Dallas work, said Judge Cline would find here one of the largest dockets in the history of the local customs office. He said there were about 50 cases on the docket.

Similar hearings are held here twice annually.

**Radio Announcement**  
Tune in on KPFL, 1310 kilocycles, Dublin, Texas, not Ireland—Fridays 7:45 to 8 o'clock p. m., Saturdays 8:15 to 8:30 a. m.  
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## About New York

By Richard Massock

NEW YORK, April 1.—(P)—City oddities:

Shipping offices high up in steamship row along the Battery are coming towers of modern commerce.

From their windows, dispatchers of tugboats follow the shuttling of their crafts back and forth across the harbor. They scan the waters through powerful spy-glasses for an idle boat and then signal it with flags to go somewhere else and pick up a cargo.

Then there's a new edition of the window flapjack flipper. He's a Japanese with a shop on Third Avenue. In the window he bakes rice cakes.

A spot of batter is dropped between a pair of small flat disks at the end of long handles, like fire-tongs. A dozen of these irons are laid on a gas plate to bake.

There's a federal courtroom in the Woolworth building. And up on Madison Avenue is an English shop that sells, among many other products, chutney, grouse, kippers, kangaroo tail soup and coxcombs in jelly. Some day we are going there to see if they have treacle, too.

It's a branch of a London store, founded in 1710 by a servant of Queen Anne. Royal etiquette forbade the reighting of the palace candles. He got his start selling the unused wax.

## Manhattan R's

Reuben, the restaurateur who began naming sandwiches for celebrities, has outgrown his original delicatessen up where Broadway is just ornate apartments.

The place of his humble beginning becomes a dairy luncheon. That leaves only one Reuben's, the after-theatre spot on Madison Avenue, where the stars congregate for their midnight coffee.

It once was said that New York's three R's are Roxy's, Rudy Vallee and Reuben's.

## Jitter Shops

Places like Reuben's make New York nights what they are for people who go about a bit—virtually sleepless.

Especially when a friend comes to visit a few days and wants to see everything.

The New Yorker probably hasn't been in one of the famous spots in weeks or months. But he has to make the round of them.

So they dine in a fashionable

hotel and dance to the music of Vincent Lopez. Everybody, it seems, wants to see the man behind the radio voice they have been hearing on the hoositz hour.

Then the party dashes to a theatre, arriving late. From the show it speeds up to Harlem to hear Cab Calloway's orchestra play George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and see the rumbatating chorus.

After that there is still Greenwich Village, with its Hot Feet Club and some more blazing diversion.

Finally the gang goes to Reuben's to show Cousin Ben and the girls Fannie Ward, Harry K. Thaw or Peggy Hopkins Joyce. If none of those happens to be there the host is given to understand that New York isn't such a hot place after all.

But the next day, his head tells him what a pace his fellow-townsmen set. Cousin Ben's head rocks a bit, too, and he goes back wondering how these New Yorkers stand it. The answer is, they don't every often.

## FRENCH PREMIER'S POLITICAL CHICKS RETURN TO ROOST

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Apr. 1.—Premier Pierre Laval, like all his 85 predecessors in that high office, is coming in for a thorough raking-over of his political past.

Like Briand, Viviani and Millerand, the present chief of the French government started as a rabid socialist. Through the years he became more conservative. Therefore a few quotations from his earlier utterances, dug up by an industrious chronicler, have given many laughs in the parliamentary lobbies.

In 1914 Laval, as a socialist candidate for deputy, was saying:

"Capitalism is tantamount to disorder and suffering the universal competition prolonging throughout the world the reign of barbarism and force."

As late as 1924, he was saying: "It is always the small who are condemned; rarely have the great been tried, and never have they been sentenced."

Now he is at the head of a "bourgeois" or non-socialist government, which relies largely on moderate and conservative elements for existence.

## U. S. to Buy Czar's Books

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(P)—The Library of Congress has decided to buy 1,809 books which belonged to the former royal family of Russia.

## MOVIES Fools' Day Program Delights Rotarians

U. S. Coast Guards Aid in Filming Scenes in "Way for a Sailor"

One of the most exciting episodes ever filmed was staged with the cooperation of the United States Coast Guard for the mid-seas rescues in "Way for a Sailor," John Gilbert's new all-talking picture showing today and Thursday at the Palace Theatre, with Wallace Beery in a prominent character part.

The scenes show ocean rescues effected with breeches-buoy rigs, depicting the saving of the crew of a foundering tramp steamer by a passenger ship which stands by the distressed vessel until the last man is brought aboard. It is the first time that rescues of this nature have been shown in sound pictures.

This life guard scene incidentally served a practical purpose in an entirely different respect, due to a circumstance which occurred in a subsequent part of the picture.

Gilbert and Leila Hyams, the leading woman, had completed a scene on a picturesque rock off Laguna when the tide rose unexpectedly, marooning them on the tiny island without means of getting food from the base of supplies located on a nearby cliff.

With the coast guard scene strategy in mind, Director Sam Wood had a breeches-buoy affair rigged up and crates of sandwiches, milk and other edibles were lowered safely to the hungry Miss Hyams, Gilbert and the cameraman and technicians who were with them.

Gilbert does some of the finest work of his career in the adaptation of the Albert Richard Wetten sea novel in which he is seen as a romantic but two-fisted sailor with a love affair in every port and a fight in every saloon.

Beery and Jim Tully are cast as ship companions of the hero while the comic Polly Moran and Doris Lloyd have the amusing roles of "ladies of leisure" who wait at the dock when the ship comes in.

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W. W. Bomar and wife, of Honey Grove, were recent visitors in the home of his sister, Mrs. J. W. E. Meaders.

Every member of the Ballinger Rotary club except one was present at the luncheon today to enjoy the April fools' program.

All members of that variety entered into and enjoyed the occasion with no formality being observed about the festive board.

As is usual on April first many things went wrong with the menu, although this was no fault of the hotel as a committee of Rotary members assisted in the kitchen and to their inexperience was largely due the mishaps.

In some mysterious manner a portion of the boiled eggs was filled with water and when broken in plates, almost ruined the rest of the meal. Part of the steak had been sugared, someone put cotton in the buttermilk, tabasco sauce on the sandwiches, pepper on the napkins, water in the salt shakers, starch in the cream. The fun lasted for about twenty minutes as the members and guests attempted to eat the delicious looking food on their plates only to find a portion of it made worse than useless by some prank of the program committee.

Following the meal A. F. Ligon furnished the one serious moment on the program by rendering two beautiful whistling numbers. This was to have been followed by a one-act play by three members of the club. The cast retired from the dining room for their make-up and entrances and were attempting to slip off to town when discovered by the waiting audience. A foot race followed in which the three members of the expected cast were captured and brought back and forced to produce an entertainment program. During the program they were abused and eggs were thrown, one of which struck J. D. Motley in the temple and the water filled egg splashed over his face causing him great embarrassment, as he had prepared the eggs for the menu.

The meeting adjourned with everyone in a good humor and promising to be present next Wednesday.

Mrs. Emma Nash returned home from San Antonio Tuesday.

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## POETS WERE RIGHT; WILD OATS ARE FAST

(By Associated Press)

FT. COLLINS, Colo., Apr. 1.—The poets were right and scientists wrong when wild oats were chosen as the name for youthful folly.

The poetic idea in the figurative name was that a wild oat works fast. But scientists knew it takes two years on the average for real wild oat seed to germinate.

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the Advancement of Science by Miss Anna Lute of the Colorado Agricultural College.

**Adults Like School Program**  
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