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Kirkland is Granted New Trial in Schoolgirl's Death

(By Associated Press)
VALPARAISO, Ind., Apr. 6.—Judge Grant Crumpacker, of county circuit court here, today granted a new trial for Virgil Kirkland, under conviction for murdering his schoolgirl sweetheart.

Judge Crumpacker ruled that evidence adduced in the case that Kirkland struck the girl with his fist was insufficient for murder.

Miss Evelyn Stobaugh, student of T. C. U., Ft. Worth, is spending the Easter holidays here.

School Trustees to Meet Tomorrow

The board of trustees of the Ballinger independent school district will meet Tuesday night to form an organization for the ensuing year and attend to other business. Retiring officers are Tom Caudle, president; A. J. Thorp, vice-president; and Harry Lynn, secretary. These offices will be filled at the session Tuesday evening.

During the next two months the trustees will have much business to attend to. Census rolls are ready to be checked, tax assessments must be made and the rolls checked, and all teachers with the exception of two-year contracts are to be elected. The board probably will elect teachers at its next session or at a called meeting about two weeks before the end of the term. Some vacancies are already reported, but it is thought nearly all of the instructors now under contract will be tendered new contracts.

County trustees elections held in this county Saturday were very quiet, no competition developing in any community. All districts held elections, however, and local as well as county trustees were named.

Ballinger schools will close about the middle of May, the first program of commencement week to be held May 10. Programs will be presented each night of the succeeding week.

15 Members of Legislature May Enter 1932 Congressional Race

By Charles E. Simons
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

AUSTIN, April 6.—On to Washington!

These three words aptly express the desire of several members of the Texas legislature, bearing out the old statement, "once in politics, always in politics."

Approximately 15 members of the 42nd session have been talked of as possible candidates for congress. Most have been non-committal, watching the proposed congressional redistricting bill to see just how the state would be divided and what kind of opposition they would have.

The fact that this is an off year for many members of the upper branch makes it easy for them to enter the race without dropping entirely out of the picture.

Pink Parrish of Lubbock was regarded as almost certain to run for congress from the Lubbock district with Grady Woodruff reported ready to give opponents a merry chase in his district. Julian Greer of Athens was rumored to be girding his loins for a congressional fight. Jake Loy from Sherman was regarded as a dark horse. This is Loy's first year in the senate and he won his race last year by a comfortable margin.

In the house, persistent rumors have circulated that Speaker Fred Minor of Denton would seek a newer and greener field. Minor is a veteran campaigner, is adroit and succeeded in getting elected by the speakership without an opponent entering the race against him. This was regarded as something highly unusual in the Texas house.

Representative Sherrill of Belleville, has made no bones about his congressional intentions. He said he would run for congress, regardless of the size of the changes made in his district. Under the redistricting bill of Rep-

Sentence of Albert Fall Upheld by Higher Court

Waco Visitors Arrive Tomorrow

A slight change was announced today in the arrival here Tuesday of Waco business men on a tour through West Texas. It was formerly announced that they would visit Ballinger from 1:40 to 2:40, tomorrow, but Santa Fe Agent J. Beck received a new schedule for the itinerary Monday, stating that the Wacoans would arrive here from the east at 1:20 p. m. They will remain here for one hour and hope to visit all local business men during that time.

A letter to the local chamber of commerce from the Waco chamber said no entertainment was expected and all that the men on the special train desired was time to visit Ballinger business men. As far as possible, they expressed the desire that the Ballingerites remain in their offices where they could find them and at the same time visit in the local stores and offices.

PIONEER CITIZEN ON VISIT HERE SATURDAY

C. H. Ernest, attorney of Colorado, Texas, stopped here Saturday to meet old friends. Mr. Ernest was formerly located at Old Runnels in 1832 and '33 as a real estate agent and had taken up three sections of land in Runnels county. He remembered a number of the old settlers here and spent some time with them Saturday, recalling the early days in this county.

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Oil Man Indicted By Grand Jury On Robbery Count

(By Associated Press)
LAREDO, Apr. 6.—The Webb county grand jury today indicted C. C. Julian, California and Oklahoma oil operator, on charges of kidnaping for extortion, assault with a prohibited weapon, and assault with intent to rob, in connection with the alleged attempt to extort \$50,000 from L. S. Bolling, young San Antonio business man, here last week.

Two are Burned In Tenement Fire

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Apr. 6.—A tenement fire, of incendiary origin, today swept an Avenue B tenement, killing Lillian Deprema, 9, and her sister, Mary, 11, and injuring three other persons.

Minority Report On Utilities Bill

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Apr. 6.—The House of Representatives today voted to print the minority report on the public utility bill offered by A. P. C. Petch, of Fredericksburg, to set up a commission of three members with statewide jurisdiction.

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Children Throng Capitol Grounds For Egg Rolling

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, April 6.—Despite a cold drizzle, throngs of children attended the annual egg rolling on the White House lawn today.

Dances, and music by the United States marine corps band were features.

Reno's Mayor Espouses Days of Old West

(By Associated Press)
RENO, April 6.—A Californian by birth but a Nevadan by choice, with the explanation that "it is the only free state left," is Reno's outspoken mayor.

A man of many hobbies is Mayor E. E. Roberts, and not the least of his interests is centered in his son-in-law, Walter Johnson, manager of the Washington Senators.

He raises chickens, fighting cocks, turkeys and writes poetry about the desert country he loves. To the layman it might be merely a stretch of sagebrush and sand, but to the chief executive of this 42-day divorce center it is The Desert, and poetry he has written about it is tacked to the walls of one of his suburban homes.

He takes great pride in breeding poultry and in the fact that he has crossed a wild turkey gobbler from Kentucky with a Holland pen turkey of the domestic species.

"Speaking of Kentucky," he said, "you see those hills way out yonder? Well, they make just as good moonshine there as they ever did in Kentucky."

Even the mayor's bitterest political opponents have never accused him of "pussy-footing," and he candidly espouses the days of the Old West where a man can "do anything he pleases, just so he doesn't interfere with the rights of others."

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, April 6.—The District of Columbia court of appeals today affirmed the sentence of a year in jail and fine of \$500,000 against Albert B. Fall, former secretary of interior.

The court also upheld the lower court in fining Harry M. Blackmer \$20,000 for contempt of court for refusing to return from France to appear as a witness in the oil graft trials of Harry F. Sinclair and Fall.

9 Prisoners Escape From Texas Jail

(By Associated Press)
HENRIETTA, Tex., Apr. 6.—All nine of the prisoners in the Clay county jail here escaped through a hole cut in the jail building wall during the night to the run-around.

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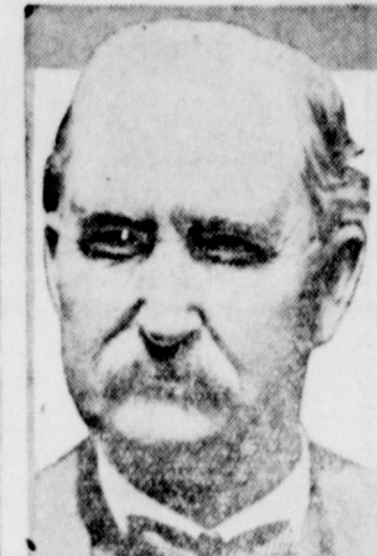
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ALBERT B. FALL

Mrs. R. A. Nicholson and John Nicholson spent the week-end with Morris Nicholson, in Fort Worth.

Two New Measures Submitted to House

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Convicts Enters Plea of Not Guilty to Charges

Farmers Select Delegates to Meet

About 100 farmers attended the meeting of the Cotton Association held here Saturday afternoon at the court house. The principal item of business was selection of delegates to attend the district meeting at San Angelo Saturday, April 11, at which time district directors for the ensuing year will be named. Delegates who will represent this county at the district meeting are: J. D. Good, Paschal Dietz, John Simecek, A. R. Strube and George Dean.

C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, addressed the meeting on better seed and explained in detail the exchange of gin-run seed for certified variety by the two oil mills of the county. Any farmer can exchange three bushels of gin-run seed for one bushel of state certified seed at either the Winters or Ballinger oil mill, as long as the supply lasts. This will enable growers to get pureline seed without cash outlay and by planting the better seed can improve their staple, thus securing a better price. Mr. Lehmburg stressed advantages of planting certified or standardized seed in all crops this year as he has done at the "better seed" meetings held at various points in the county during the past two months.

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(By Associated Press)
COLUMBUS, O., Apr. 6.—Hugh Gibson and Clinton Grate, Ohio state penitentiary convicts who confessed responsibility for the fire in the prison a year ago in which 320 prisoners were burned to death, today pleaded not guilty to three indictments charging murder. The court named attorneys to represent the felons, who are penniless.

Gibson and Grate confessed several days ago to starting the fatal blaze.

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CITIZENS' BAND IS TO ATTEND PICNIC TONITE

The Citizens' Band will hold a picnic tonight in the new city park. Only members of the band, their families and especially invited guests will be present. Sandwiches, pickles and old-fashioned "son of a gun" will be served. The members of the band will take their instruments, as regular band practice will be held after the feast.

The band was organized on the first day of February, this year. It has twenty-four members and is progressing nicely, as marches and some waltzes are already being played.

Chester Ueckert, student of T. C. U., Ft. Worth, visited relatives in Ballinger Sunday.

James is Named On Reserve Board

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, April 6.—The White House today announced the reappointment of George R. James as member of the federal reserve bank board when his term expires April 27. James stated he would accept the appointment.

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PALACE

Today and Tuesday

"Who Knows Where We'll Be Tomorrow?"

At last! The woman's side of the World War!

WAR NURSE

with Robert Montgomery, Robert Ames, Jane Walker, Anita Page, Zasu Pitts, Marie Prevost

Talking Comedy Sound News

E. E. Roberts, mayor of "wide-open" Reno, is a farmer on the side. He raises poultry and turkeys, and calls Nevada "the only free state left."

one brood-house in which 36 distinct varieties of thoroughbred chickens are being reared and the "best fighting cock in the entire state." A tame deer came up and munched a cigar out of his hand.

"That Plymouth Rock rooster over there belongs to Walter Johnson. He paid \$250 for it last spring and would raise Cain if anything happened to it."

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Ballinger will have visitors Tuesday. Waco men on a tour of West Texas will spend an hour here from 1:20 to 2:20 p. m. and as many local people as possible are requested to be down town at that hour to greet them.

Milk dealers and bread manufacturers of Ballinger are uniting in Health Week here and these two products are being featured as the outstanding foods for health.

This is Clean-Up Week. Many such occasions have been staged in Ballinger and when they were over little difference could be seen in the appearance of the city.

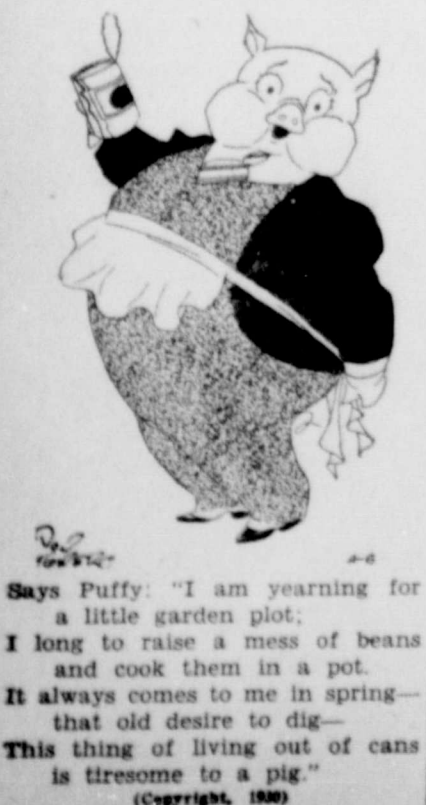
All Ballinger churches reported large increases in church attendance Sunday. In some of the churches the attendance was practically doubled over the usual Sunday crowds and Sunday school crowds were also much larger with every church in town reporting new members.

PARIS FINDS SAFETY IN DENSER TRAFFIC

PARIS, April 6.—Paris traffic has become so congested that it has reached the safety mark. The wildest driver cannot get up enough speed for a good smash.

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

PUFFY



Says Puffy: "I am yearning for a little garden plot, I long to raise a mess of beans and cook them in a pot. It always comes to me in spring—that old desire to dig—This thing of living out of cans is tiresome to a pig."

Explorers Find Water "Desert" in Pacific Ocean, Where Even Fish Might Perish in Oxygen-less Seas

By Howard W. Blakeslee (Associated Press Science Editor)

LA JOLLA, Calif., Apr. 6.—There are "deserts" in the waters of the Pacific Ocean as truly as there are deserts on land.

Existence of the watery wastes is brought to light in recent investigations by Dr. E. G. Moberg of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and members of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

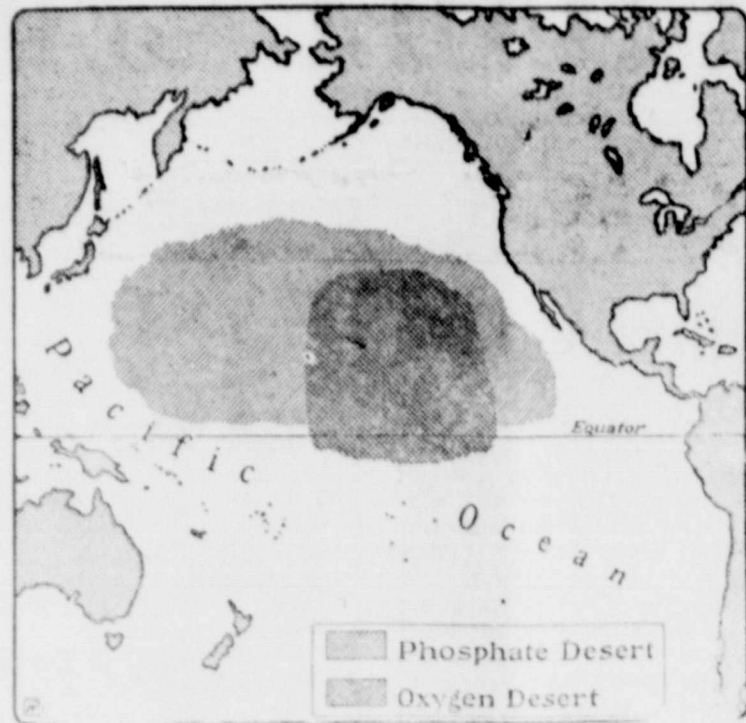
The biggest one is a phosphate desert that fills most of the Pacific northward from the equator, almost from shore to shore, to a line drawn between southern California and Japan.

This area, near its surface, is poor in phosphates, which are indispensable fertilizers alike for plants of the land and of the sea.

These plants, constituents of the so-called plankton, develop mostly within 100 or 200 feet of the surface, growth at lower depths being prevented by an insufficient amount of sunlight.

In all the North Pacific, says Dr. Moberg, between latitudes 10 and 40, except a few stations near the California coast, the phosphate content is from five to fifteen times smaller than in other Pacific waters.

In the midst of this phosphate desert and especially south of it is the "oxygenless" water, or



The map shows the "oxygen desert" and the "phosphate desert" discovered in the Pacific ocean by Dr. E. G. Moberg.

rather, water of a very low oxygen content, the latest discovery among ocean peculiarities.

Oxygenless means lack of dissolved oxygen, that is, of oxygen from the air, and does not refer to the composition of water, each particle of which consists of two particles of hydrogen and one particle of oxygen.

Dr. Moberg, one of the scientists to discover the oxygen-deficient waste while aboard the yacht Carnegie, says it is not certain that fish could live in this water.

This layer of nearly oxygenless water, which has a thickness of about 1,500 feet and occurs at 300 or more feet below the surface, is considered another indication of

HOW'S your HEALTH



OXYGEN IN PNEUMONIA

One of the serious complications of the disease pneumonia is the oxygen starvation which the patient suffers.

The patient critically ill with pneumonia is "air-hungry." His breathing is usually rapid and labored and his condition, in consequence, is one of anxiety.

The oxygen starvation of the pneumonia patient is due to a number of conditions. Undoubtedly the toxins or poisons produced by the pneumonia germs are a contributing factor.

So also must be the physical blocking-up of the air spaces in the affected portion of the lung by the secretions arising from the presence and action of the pneumonia germs in it.

It is to overcome this condition that oxygen is employed in the treatment of pneumonia.

The air-hungry pneumonia patient is permitted to breathe an atmosphere containing from 40 to 60 per cent oxygen, which soon raises the oxygen concentration in the blood to normal.

The oxygen is administered in various ways. Some hospitals have large rooms in which the air is rich in oxygen and temperature and humidity subject to control.

Lacking such elaborate equipment, oxygen may be given by means of an oxygen tent, which consists of a square hood placed on the head and chest of the patient.

Even simpler is the method by which oxygen is fed the patient through tubes inserted in his nostrils.



B. C. E. Butterfield (Associated Press Radio Editor)

Amos 'n' Andy live the characters they portray.

The comedians who for more than five years have maintained popular interest through nearly a thousand sketches—actually are, for certain times each day, the persons their changing voices call into existence.

For example, when Amos switches and becomes Brother Crawford, he bounces up and down in his chair.

Their contracts bear the signatures of Freeman Gosden as Amos and Charles J. Correll as Andy.

The boys never use assistants despite the many roles they do. Here are the parts Amos takes, including the breach of promise trial that concluded in victory for Andy.

Andy is the landlord, the policeman, the salesman and other occasional characters, besides taking the part of Lawyer Collins and the bailiff in the trial. Thus Andy

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CHILEAN AIR LINE PLANS NEW ROUTE ACROSS WATER

(By Associated Press) SANTIAGO, Chile, Apr. 6.—Statistics from the national air line show that this line, running north and south from the capital, carried 5,108 passengers and 3,386,065 kilos of mail in 1930, as compared to only 762 passengers and 724,600 kilos of mail in 1929.

Due to increases in schedule and addition of new branches, the number of "air voyages" increased from 1,459 in 1929 to 2,583 in 1930.

The national air line now runs over a land course, but there is a tentative plan to make it largely an over-water line, using amphibians. With both land and sea planes in use, the air line would be able to train military pilots for both naval and army service.

Fifty-three members of the next Montana legislature are classed as farmers and ranchers, outnumbering other professions nearly two to one.

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---By Pap

their mother told them to take small bites and chew carefully. But here a baby whale was encouraged to take huge bites and praised for it. Well, of course, they were not whales!

SUNDOWN STORIES



BABY WHALES' FUTURE

By Mary Graham Bonner The Little Black Clock was taking John and Peggy back to the coast so they could hear the mother whale tell them some more whale news.

Mother Whale, with her enormous head, great teeth, and huge body, was very glad to tell her story.

"When my young grow up," she said, "we will go back to the deep ocean to live, but while they are young, it is better for them to be along the coast and near a good-sized bay."

"When a baby whale grows up he joins some other companions and they all go to the deep, deep parts of the ocean and capture great squids and other huge fish, and they can take the biggest bites ever you did see."

John looked at Peggy and Peggy looked at John. How often

Teaming Up



EARL COMBS—STAR OUTFIELDER OF THE YANKEES FINDS HIMSELF WORKING FOR HIS OLD BOSS AGAIN.

RIGHT AT HOME

CENTER FIELD

MS. MCCARTHY HAS MOVED EARL BACK TO CENTER FIELD

Father Morris' "History of Texas," lost for almost 150 years, has been found in the national library in Mexico City.

Joe MCCARTHY—NEW MANAGER OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES

WRITE OFTEN EARL

MCCARTHY WAS MANAGER OF LOUISVILLE WHEN HE SENT COMBS UP TO THE YANKEES IN 1924.

Fee Advocates May Push Plan Forward Again

By Frank I. Weller (Associated Press Farm Editor)

WASHINGTON, April 6.—One of the most discussed and least understood principles of farm relief—the equalization fee—is bidding for the spotlight again as a result of the farm board's decision not to stabilize 1931 wheat prices.

It faces four possibilities—failure to be reintroduced in congress, defeat by the export debarment, a third failure of enactment, or substitution for the emergency stabilization clause in the agricultural marketing act.

There is just as determined agitation for the export debarment, which has passed the senate by record votes on three occasions. The debarment is backed by the independents who are expected to represent the balance of power in the next senate.

If passed, the equalization fee would still face the veto precedent established by Coolidge. Substituted for the stabilization clause of the agricultural marketing act, the fee would be invoked by the farm board whenever that body agreed with the advisory committee of any commodity that it was needed.

The fee, once proposed as two cents a bushel for wheat, would be collected at the point the produce entered trade channels, and go into a stabilization fund to be used in repaying to the treasury for advances made to move the surplus into export or storage.

Operated something in the fashion of a gasoline tax, the fee would be collected from the processor of a farm commodity, who in turn would pass it onto the producer.

When in the opinion of the board the surplus had been removed, and the commodity had risen from a world to a domestic price basis, the fee would be suspended. What the farmer lost as a result of the fee would be expected to be more than regained when, relieved of the weight of accumulated stocks, domestic markets advanced.

One-eighth of the population of Alabama is composed of children between the ages of five and nine years.

London's lord mayor gets 50,000 pounds a year and spends 20,000 pounds on his annual banquet. Expenses of the office are estimated to be at least double the salary.

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By Percival Christopher Wood *Author of*
MYSTERIOUS WAVE

SYNOPSIS: When the wife of the wealthy John Wayne St. Clair leaves him, his consolation is their daughter, Rosemary. But their happy life together is interrupted by her abduction, and Wayne plunges his life and riches to recover her and find the crook. After turning over to them his famed "lucky" diamond, The Unsetting Sun and \$1,000,000 in smaller gems he finds Rosemary—name, but the name, "Jimmy" shouted in terror before she dies, remains as a clue. The better to track the funds responsible Wayne takes a suicide but lives on as an underworld character known as John Wayne. One night while prowling about a—where he had gone to track a rumor of a kidnapping gang, Wayne stumbles over the body of a man who had been robbed and is killed from the rear by a terrific blow.

Chapter 31

WAYNE'S HOPE DEFERRED

THE thief?
I had been returned in search of further loot, to see whether his victim were dead or not, to recover something incriminating that he had dropped?

Or had he perhaps seen me kneeling by the body, and, fearing that I had seen sufficient of him to be able to identify him, had returned to silence me?

Might he have turned about and followed me with a view to robbing me as he had robbed this unfortunate old man?

again blamed myself for what was doing.

But now, reason told me that I could disable the man and get away, I might yet escape the net in which fate and my folly had ensnared me.

All this had flashed through my mind in the time it takes to deliver a couple of swift blows.

My first had sent the policeman staggering back, probably a little dazed and shaken. My second knocked him down, but not out.

I now rushed, and kicked with all my strength—not at the prostrate man's head or body, but at the hand that grasped the pistol.

This I sent flying, and, as the policeman scrambled swiftly to his feet, I aimed another blow at the point of his jaw. This he partly dodged, caught me a splendid clip with his left, and swung up his club to brain me as I staggered.

Ducking, I sprang in, flung my arms about him, and heavily we fell together to the ground.

Suddenly by a kind of mutual consent, we released holds and scrambled to our feet. Instantly I struck, and again I got in a heavy blow before his club whirled up. Then his club fell, and, as it did so, I raised my almost useless left arm to protect my head while



The policeman sprang for his pistol and shot me.

Very improbable, as I certainly did not look like a person who might be worth robbing—dressed as I was for the part that I was playing.

These thoughts flashed through my mind as I rose to my feet to face—a policeman—who, club in hand, stood menacingly glaring, his other hand resting on the pistol that protruded from its opened holster.

"Put 'em up," he growled, "and . . ."

I put one up like lightning, straight from my hip to the point of his jaw, and even as the tremendous blow went home, I realized that in my sudden wrath, I had committed the most foolish act of my life.

No judge would believe my story that the policeman had struck me first, struck me down without a word.

Now, even if the policeman had admitted it, would he have been severely blamed for adopting that method of arresting what he supposed to be a murderous highway robber, caught in the very act of examining with wet blood-stained hands the purse he had so violently and brutally stolen.

No, I had made an awkward position into one just about as dangerous as it could be. Had I meekly accepted the situation, I might possibly have been able to prove that I was not the thief and murderer, or, failing that, I might perhaps have been given the benefit of the doubt—at any rate, to the extent of a lighter sentence.

But in the most unfortunate and suspicious circumstances in the world, I had acted in the worst possible way—by my own act confirming the suspicions.

Why should an innocent man resist arrest, and with such desperate violence?

My blood boiled at the thought that I had been betrayed by this ruffianly policeman's illegal violence into doing that which would send me to prison, and so interfere with my life's business, of tracking down Rosemary's murderers.

As the policeman drew his pistol, I struck again with all my strength; and even as I did so,

I delivered a tremendous drive that was to finish the fight.

Almost simultaneously we struck, and, as my left arm broke, so did the policeman's jaw. As I staggered back, he dropped without a sound, and lay like a sack of flour, inert and motionless.

Drawing a deep breath, I stepped back, turned and sprinted, thankful beyond measure that no sound of following footsteps came. But my thankfulness was premature.

Scarcely was I well into my stride before there was a loud bang.

A heavy blow struck my leg and I stumbled.

Another bang and a searing, tearing pain passed through my chest, and I fell to the ground.

Again, a third bang, and I felt as though a sledge-hammer had hit me on the head.

The policeman had won after all by a legitimate feat.

Guessing that I would instantly run, he had lain still until my back was turned. He had then sprung to where the pistol lay, and had shot me thrice.

I had had no compunction about hitting him as hard and as often as I could, in return for the cowardly blow he had struck me with his club while I knelt with my back turned to him; and he now had equally little compunction about kicking me on the head twice, with all his strength, as I lay wounded and bleeding upon the ground.

"You make a move," he growled, "and I'll give you another bullet just where it'll do you most good, Mr. Thug."

I made no reply, for I was fast losing consciousness, and believed that I was dying—dying in bitter anger at the thought that Rosemary's murderer would now go unpunished.

I have a dim remembrance of being roughly dragged along the ground, and dropped beneath the lamp-post beside the body of the murdered man.

(Copyright, 1920, by Frederick A. Stokes Co.)
Wayne's assumed name becomes only a number tomorrow. But even stone walls, bars and nightmares can't quench his thirst for vengeance.

Associated Press Grows from Small News Gathering Plan

By C. A. Price
(Dallas Bureau, Associated Press)

There is a parallel in the conception and development of this nation and the chronology of America's newspapers. One hundred and sixteen years after the little assembly of patriots had declared the people of the united colonies "free and independent," of foreign political control, a small group of publishers declared that the newspapers of the United States should be free and independent of private control in gathering and distributing news.

They left no written records familiar to the public of an action that revolutionized news writing and reporting; indeed, their names are almost unknown. Victor Stone, whose leadership and vision fashioned an undertaking that has contributed more to pure democracy than any other single thing since the Declaration of Independence have passed on. But their faith in their ideals has been realized in The Associated Press.

Freedom of the press is a fundamental of our political system, but safeguarding that precious gift in the fullest, necessary is in the keeping of the newspapers themselves. A brief review of the circumstances that once jeopardized that freedom, and the struggle to preserve it, will illustrate the crusading spirit of these publishers.

Since the early settlement of this continent news has been an element of increasing importance in the education of generations of Americans, and available facilities have been employed to collect it from domestic and foreign fields. But news from beyond the local area, printed in papers of a century or more ago was grief in fact, though often rich in editorial opinion; and its timeliness depended upon the speed of ships or dispatch riders.

The development of the electric telegraph, which broadened the field of coverage and quickened the means of bringing accounts of world happenings to publishing centers, also created a new and serious problem. Obviously, none but those strong financially could bear the expense of individual effort to gather news on any considerable scale. Accordingly, sectional groups formed to solve the twin difficulties of expense and comprehensive coverage within a given area. The independent organizations in turn, united into a loose confederacy for exchange of the regional accumulations, and in that manner news circulated between the several geographical divisions with a degree of satisfaction and promptness.

As late as 1892 nine such separate news collecting associations existed, but only two, one in New York and the other in Illinois, had the resources necessary to be self-sustaining. Meanwhile, a proprietary concern, engaging in the business of collecting and selling news as a commodity, undermined, and eventually gained control of a majority of the independent associations. At one stride, this agency thereby came into practically absolute control of all the news that was printed in the nation's daily papers, excepting that gathered in their local fields. In other words, the three men who directed it, and owning responsibility to no one, had the terrifying power to dictate how much of fact, color, or truth—could indeed, distort if they willed—should enter the accounts of national and international happenings, their corporation sold as news to the bulk of the newspapers in this country.

Without attempting to give reasons for grave alarm in this situation, it will be seen readily that not only was the freedom of the press at stake, but the interest and welfare of a people, dependent upon the newspapers for trustworthy information upon financial, trade, the conduct of public servants, and all other lines of human endeavor, was at the mercy of a trio of men humanly susceptible to temptations of gain and power.

Undaunted by the entrenched and resourceful interests of private control, Mr. Lawson and his associates revolted against the menace to their very existence as publishers. They organized The Associated Press, first in Illinois, but subsequently, for greater flexibility, under the membership laws of New York state, as a mutual, cooperative and non-profit-making association, with the ownership reposing in the papers comprising its membership, for purpose of establishing a news service of their own, that would be no more and no less than an impartial reporter of the world's news day by day, written without partisanship, bias, color,

or personal viewpoint. Their ideal, in short, was to lay the facts before the reader and allow him to form his own judgment and conclusions therefrom.

The challenge of the cooperative ideal to the domination of private control of news writing, was the signal for a bitter contest that was not fought out for almost three years. But during its progress the cooperative forces steadily gained strength until its opponent gave up the struggle and disappeared. Thus, the perseverance of a group of courageous men faced with discouraging difficulties preserved the freedom of the press, and assured to newspaper readers, for as long as The Associated Press endures, world-wide news coverage by the accuracy limited only by human capacity, and actuated by the highest motives of public service. Adherence to these principles has created a reader confidence in the responsibility and integrity of newspaper reporting that is as instinctive as it is soundly justified.

The battle which the pioneers waged successfully for the triumph of their ideals, demonstrated so conclusively the efficiency of cooperation in collecting their product, that in the years following the active membership of the organization in continental United States and its possession, and Latin America, has grown to 1,300 newspapers. The papers of Canada and Japan also have adopted the principle.

The news sources of The Associated Press lie primarily with the member newspapers. Each contributes its local news exclusively to the general pool; but in addition, adequate bureau staffs are maintained at strategic or important news centers for the coverage of events of more than ordinary importance, and at all foreign capitals as well. Supplementing the efforts of the member newspapers, and staffs, an army of irregular correspondents serve at communities not represented in the membership. Many of the latter seldom have news to contribute, but they are on watch at far places to protect whenever the occasion demands. Another source is the close exchange relationship with the Canadian Press and all of the foreign agencies. The bureaus in foreign countries, however, are manned by Americans and the

news collected there is by their own efforts.

Through the medium of the agencies named, the daily history of the world in word and picture, is gathered up and speeded to the ultimate consumer, the reader, with the least delay. The result is that a vast volume of information reaches the distributing centers each 24 hours. There it is sifted and prepared for transmission to the papers on wires that thread the country in incomprehensible miles; on the long circuits to Havana and Mexico City, and the cables to Latin America.

The distributing center for Texas is at Dallas. News by telephone, telegraph, and leased wire pours in from all parts of the state day and night, and is promptly disbursed, to the 80 member papers receiving Associated Press news.

The result of the labor of thousands of men and women in the form of a complete newspaper at the doorstep morning and evening, in no way represents the effort, and possibly sacrifice and disappointment, put into it. The reader may glance casually at an interview with a prominent personage without realizing that the anonymous individual who wrote it, pursued his assignment regardless of rebuffs, or personal inconveniences, before the great one consented to talk. Again, the reader may experience vicariously the thrills of a great disaster or human drama, with no thought of the hazard to the man whose enterprise, and devotion to his job, made the story a reality, and contribute his bit to making today's paper a complete thing.

A recent example will illustrate the reporter's disregard of difficulties in an assignment. A vague rumor that Gandhi, the leader of the revolution in India, was to be released from prison, hastened an Associated Press staff correspondent at Bombay, to Poona. He kept the vigil for 96 hours in almost unbearable heat. Authorities endeavored to persuade him that he was on the wrong track, but with encouragement from an associate at Delhi that he was right, continued the lonely watch. It was an AP dispatch that informed Gandhi that he would be released, and when the official order was issued, the correspondent's long wait and preparations were compensated for in a fast yielded first to two wires, then three, 24 hour delivery, then four, as well as an offer by the Hindu circuits, until today the papers in Texas have the service of seven wires, that deliver more news in two hours than was received in eight when the world war be-

ships—when a story is in the gan.

The collection and distribution of news of the world by the Associated Press, is an orderly process. In this democratic atmosphere, accuracy is a cardinal point, and its byline the hallmark of reliability and truth. Its great membership comprises papers of every political and religious persuasion, and an immovable barrier against exploitation of the public through individual, or group, control of news at the source. News today is one of the first essentials of civilization. There is no substitute for news except error, lecture and misinformation, and that would be more harmful to the nations than the disasters of war or famine, pestilence or flood.

ALIMONY CLUBS CROWDING BRITAIN'S DEBTOR PRISONS

LONDON, Apr. 6.—Reports show that about 12,000 debtors are sent to prison yearly in England.

Many are husbands unable to pay separate maintenance allowances to wives. Tax defaulters also are numerous.

Debtor prisoners may wear their own clothes receive letters and talk when taking exercise. When they pay their debts, they are released.

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Computed simply in terms of gasoline and shoe leather, advertising saves you a startling sum every year. And if you add the value of your time, the amount is vastly increased.

When you buy a product that is advertised you know in advance what you will get, how much it costs and where you can obtain it. That is why, in millions of modern homes, the newspaper advertising columns are a daily guide to purchases.

Read the advertisements, decide what you need, then buy with assurance.

Let advertising save you time and money

TO USE FLOWER SCENES IN VALLEY PUBLICITY

(By Associated Press)

LAREDO, Apr. 6.—Native wild flowers, chaparral and cacti, now in full bloom and blossom are to be used to publicize the Rio Grande frontier as it pertains to the Laredo section. Views showing the prairies mantled with chaparral from which drapes the vari-colored blooms, the native cactus with their majestic blossoms and the blooming wild varieties of various hues are now being taken to be used in literature that will go forth to tell the country of the wonders of "wild life" among indigenous plants along the Rio Grande in contrast to the wild life in this section over half a century ago.

The Laredo chamber of commerce decided on this proposition as one appropriate to set forth the fertility of Webb county soil. Photos will be taken of the "meandering vines" that at this time give rest to the "cud" that exercises their jaws to eschew bouquets of dainty wild flowers and other views that will attract attention to the wild growth along the Rio Grande frontier, including the great fields of bluebonnets, buttercups, white and pink thistles, "niggerheads," and other wild growth that carpets the prairies as a result of one of the mildest winters in a quarter of a century.

It is estimated that every seventh dollar expended in Illinois goes for gasoline.

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 Two cents per word first insertion and no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertions 10 per word each insertion.
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Sacred Concert is Pleasing Program

Easter was observed Sunday evening at the First Methodist Church with a musical service. The organ prelude started at 7:45 and from the first note an unbroken silence prevailed in the large auditorium. Each individual selection was received with keen enjoyment.

The service covered about an hour's time, the only interruptions to the music being the prayer and the benediction. Everyone present seemed to be deeply impressed by the sublime beauty of the program.

The concert contained nineteen musical numbers which showed to have been carefully rehearsed. Special numbers included male, mixed, and female quartets, a violin solo by Miss Katherine Todd, and a vocal solo by Miss Ruth Forney.

Mrs. L. Schermerhorn played all the organ music for the cantata and her excellent renditions were in large part responsible for the success of the program. The offertory, in which she used chimes, was a sparkling Easter number.

The building was beautifully decorated with shrubs, ferns, blooming plants and Easter lilies. The choir was seated on the rostrum in front of the pipe organ, giving a better appearance than from the regular choir seats.

The choir of this church will begin rehearsals at once on music for Mother's Day.

Government Will Make Collections

A letter received by County Agent C. W. Lehmburg regarding collection of farm loans will be of interest to many in this county. According to the letter there seem to be many who do not expect the government to collect this fall on loans to farmers for feed and seed. The administrative office of the loan bureau informs that plans are being made to press collections next fall, that every debt is secured by a mortgage on the 1931 crop, that it will be unlawful to sell this produce unless payments are made from the first sold, and that any violation will be prosecuted.

Following is the letter:
 April 3, 1931.
 To County Agents or Committee Chairmen Addressed:

"A large number of specific cases have been brought to the attention of the Farmers' Seed Loan Office, U. S. Department of Agriculture, St. Louis, Mo., where farmers who have made application for seed, livestock and agricultural rehabilitation loans and, after having their applications approved by this office, have used a part or all of the money advanced to them for expenditures other than that for which they were authorized by law.

"All the funds advanced to farmers by the U. S. Government must be used for the purpose for which they were approved and granted. Flagrant misuse of these funds will not be tolerated.

"It has also been reported to this office from some sections of the official seed loan territory attached to the St. Louis office, that the U. S. Government does not seriously contemplate the collection of these loans when they are due this fall. Such reports should be corrected at once, since this office is already making extensive plans for collection of these loans.

"Loans made by the U. S. Government from the \$45,000,000 appropriation, as well as the \$20,000,000 fund, are secured by a first mortgage on the 1931 crop and it will be unlawful for any mortgagor to sell any part of this crop without applying the proceeds of such sales to the note held by the federal government. Payment of these loans must be made from the proceeds of the first crops sold. Any violation of the foregoing will be severely prosecuted.

"Will you kindly see that this information is given widespread publicity in all of the local papers in your county.

Yours very truly,
 T. WEED HARVEY,
 Administrative Officer in Charge.

Charles Cochran returned Monday morning from Austin, where he had been for the past week attending to business.

Joe Frazer spent Easter here with his wife and children.

Workers are Here To Start Revival



H. B. Lyon

H. B. Lyon arrived here from Dallas Monday afternoon and will be in charge of the B. Y. P. U. revival at the Ballinger Baptist Church during the remainder of this week. Mr. Lyon is a brother of H. C. Lyon, superintendent of the Ballinger schools.

The meeting to inaugurate the county-wide revival was held in Ballinger Saturday afternoon, at that time workers being assigned to all churches taking part. Fifteen Baptist churches are participants in the campaign, holding meetings each evening at 7:15 for study courses and lectures. A large group of workers will serve the local church, according to the pastor, Rev. J. H. McClain, and the public is invited to attend the first session this evening at 7:15.

Three general meetings will be held at the local church on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoons at 2:30. At these sessions several hundred are expected to hear reports of the "drive and special messages pertaining to the revival. Banners will be awarded churches in the county enlisting the largest numbers from their membership.

Next Sunday afternoon T. C. Gardner, general state secretary, will address the county-wide session here for the last meeting of the revival. This is termed a commencement address and attendance taxing the capacity of the large auditorium is anticipated for this occasion.

Rev. McClain stated Monday that the work was well organized in all the churches and that all workers would be in their places this evening to take charge of the program. Efficient workers for all the churches have been furnished by Baptist colleges in this section.

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Legion Barbecue Is Set for 20th

Plans are being made to entertain all ex-service men in Runnels county on April 20 with a barbecue at the Ballinger Country Club. Frank C. Dickey, commander of the local American Legion post, which is in charge of arrangements, stated that he was sending invitations to all former service men and also broadcasting the invitation to other posts in this section, particularly those of this county.

Several goats will be barbecued and a menu prepared to go with such a meal, and the party will be a "stag" affair. Seven o'clock has been set as the hour of the spread, following which a program of fun, war songs and a general get-together is scheduled.

Service officers will attend the meeting and be prepared to assist any veteran with a claim through the U. S. veterans' bureau or to file applications for loans on adjusted compensation certificates. No other business will be transacted, the remainder of the program to be devoted to hilarity.

The new Winters post has accepted the invitation, and replied that the entire membership would be here. Many of the members formerly belonged to the Ballinger post and will not be strangers at a Legion "blow-out" here.

The program will be published later. An effort is being made to get "Osro" Cox, former state commander, to speak to the gathering on a humorous subject, for which he is famous throughout Legion circles.

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Transplant Sugar Beets

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—An increase of one to eight tons to the acre may be expected in the yield of sugar beets by transplanting the plants instead of sowing the seed in rows and thinning the plants to a stand, department of agriculture experiments show. The sugar content, too, usually is increased.

Singing Convention Is Well Attended

A thousand people, one hundred of whom were visiting singers, packed the courtroom Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon to attend the Runnels county singers' convention.

On Saturday night R. E. Bacon was reelected president of the organization, and Ballinger was selected as the meeting place in October. This was the only business transacted.

The main features of the musical program were V. O. Stamps, singer, and Freddie Martin, blind boy accordion player. These two won much applause from the assembly by their remarkable performances.

Many brought lunches and ate them on the courthouse lawn. After the convention disbanded, a large throng went to the Baptist church which was reported as filled to capacity.

The local singing class will give a program at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church April 26. Everyone is urged to be present, as the music should be well worth hearing.

TWO DISTRICTS REPORT IN TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The following trustee election returns were in County Superintendent R. E. White's office Monday morning:

Dry Ridge, 6 votes, electing J. C. Houghton.

Eagle Branch, 5 votes, electing O. V. Cooper and W. T. Freeman. Content, 50 votes, electing W. A. Thornton and S. H. Blankinship.

Mann, no results, 7 votes to each candidate.

Maverick, 27 votes, reelecting Rensselaer.

Olifen elected W. J. Halfman, A. D. Halfman and Robert Lange. Olifen has had no public school for about ten years. They recently passed a tax bill of 75 cents on the hundred dollars, and this is their first trustee election since the measure came into effect.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

First Baptist
 Enrollment, 557
 Present, 275
 New members, 2
 Visitors, 16
 Offering, \$177.38

Society

Mmes. Weeks and Earnshaw Are Hostesses at Easter Tea

Tapping week-end social interest was the tea held Friday afternoon for more than 100 guests by Mrs. John A. Weeks and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw to commemorate their House Wives, Mrs. Clay M. Leeper and Mrs. George M. Gibson, of St. Louis, Missouri, and Mrs. Lloyd Herring, a recent bride.

Easter colors and emblems were featured in decorations and appointments for the affair, with Easter lilies, carnations, lilacs and wreaths giving a beautiful floral setting.

Callers were met at the living room entrance by Mrs. J. G. Douglis, Mrs. Charles Bailey stood at the head of the formal line and presented Mrs. Weeks who in turn presented the guests of honor, Mmes. Leeper, Gibson and Herring. Others in line were Mrs. George Wilkins, of Dallas, Mrs. Will Coulson, of Coleman, and Mrs. Earnshaw.

Mrs. Olive Midgety and Miss Alice Morgan invited guests into

the dining room, where Mrs. Leonard Stallings presided over a handsomely set table over green. A plaque of lilies and pink sweet peas with maiden hair fern formed the centerpiece flanked by tall pink and green tapers in Pickard candle holders. Pink carnations were used for other room decorations.

A dainty plate of tea, pink and green lily motifs, ice cream moulded as Easter lilies and lily decorated cup-cakes was passed by Mrs. Jack Rudd, Grady Bythe, Claude Stone and Miss Thelma Midgety. Mrs. L. R. Tigner ushered guests into the sun room where adieus were spoken by Mmes. W. B. Woody and C. P. Shepherd.

Others included in the house party were: Mmes. R. W. Bruce, W. B. Halley, Troy Simpson and Robert Bruce.

Throughout the calling hours Miss Marjorie McAdams gave a program of pleasing piano numbers.

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Coral Isles of Bermuda Attract Winter Vacationists

Bermuda, less than 48 hours from New York, is annually becoming more popular as a winter rendezvous for lovers of sunshine, so much so that the Canadian Pacific Steamships have taken one of their finest vessels from her regular transatlantic route and placed her in service between New York and Bermuda. This steamer, the 30,001-ton Duchess of York, is now the largest and fastest vessel plying to the Bermuda Islands and she is commanded by one of the most distinguished captains on the Atlantic—

Capt. R. N. Stuart, V. C., D. S. O., U. S. N. C., R. N. R. She sails every Saturday from New York to Hamilton, Bermuda, from January 31 until the middle of April.

The Bermudas are a British colony located about 100 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras. The chief town is Hamilton, a popular resort, with splendid bathing beaches and fine hotels. The islands are noted the world over for their mild, delightful climate, lovely coral strands and the azure blue of the surrounding Atlantic. The visitor spends long, happy days swimming, cycling over picture-perfect roads, fishing, tennis, motor-boating, sailing, cart-hooping and dancing, and it is usually with a sigh of regret that he watches the islands fade in the distance as he sails away.

Bermuda was discovered by Juan Bermudez, a Spaniard, after which the 365 coral islands were named. Bermuda was shipwrecked on one of the islands en route from Spain to Cuba in the 16th century.