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COTTON MASS MEETING CALLED AT AUSTIN

Huey Long Urges Texas to Pass No Cotton Measure

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 7.—Gov. Huey P. Long, chairman of the Southern States Cotton Conference, today made the following appeal to the legislature and to the people of the state of Texas in regard to the cotton legislation:

"Unless the legislature passes a law entirely forbidding the planting of cotton in 1932, then they will do the cotton situation no good at all. A law that simply prohibits 50 per cent, or 65 per cent, will be the same as no law, because it will not only be unconstitutional on its face, but it is impossible of enforcement. Nobody can swear just what land was planted in the preceding year. It is so easy to fudge a few acres, and by intensive cultivation raise as much on half the land as was raised on the whole acreage in the preceding year. It has become recognized by everyone who is interested in this movement in all the other states, with the single exception of Texas, that the only thing that can be done is to pass a law positively prohibiting the planting of cotton altogether. That kind of a law will raise the price of cotton instantly, as soon as that law is passed the cotton price will go up from 15 to 20 cents per pound. But a law that proposes to have an acreage reduction or partial acreage reduction will not raise the price of cotton one-tenth of one cent per pound, but on the contrary will be recognized as no law at all, and will result in the market probably falling instead of rising.

"If Texas will pass a law prohibiting the raising of cotton altogether, it will mean \$250,000,000 more to the farmers this year than they will otherwise get for their cotton. They will get more money for the cotton crop of this year than they will get for the crop of this year and of next year, and the year after the next. A farmer can sit in the shade of a tree if he is too lazy to do anything else and make more money by planting no cotton next year than he can if he worked 365 days of the year to raise another cotton crop.

"But as a matter of fact there will be plenty for the farmer to do otherwise, and this will be the opportunity for farmers to be placed upon an independent, self-sustaining basis for the years to come, and thereafter what cotton they do plant can be produced cheaper by reason of having eliminated the boll weevil pest. It

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Local Schools Open for Term; Program at 8 o'Clock Tonite

The six Ballinger schools opened their doors Monday morning for the start of the 1931-32 school term. Students were all over the campus shortly after 8 o'clock Monday morning waiting for the 8.15 bell to call them to their duties for another year. Most of the students were only kept long enough to enroll them, issue books and book covers and give them a list of the school supplies that will be needed for the first day of lessons on Tuesday. Lessons were assigned in all class rooms and the students will return to their work at the regular hour Tuesday morning and classes will begin.

The afternoon at the high school building was used to register new students and issue them books and other material. The entire faculty there was kept on the job all the afternoon to meet and assign work to the new students to register here for school work.

No check has been made on the enrollment to determine its average with that of other years. This will be done either late Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning as soon as the rolls reach the

Guardsmen at Wells Being Demobilized

KILGORE, Tex., Sept. 7.—Demobilization began today for approximately 600 of the 709 national guardsmen in the East Texas oil fields martial law area. Brigadier General Jacob F. Wolters returned here last night from a trip to Houston where he conferred with Governor Ross S. Sterling. The governor did not indicate when the martial law era would end completely.

Gen. Wolters said the remaining guardsmen would make no arrests, merely reporting violations of the proration order to the civil authorities at Austin. Only one well has been closed so far for exceeding the quota.

Dedicate Texas-Oklahoma Bridge

DENISON, Tex., Sept. 7.—Texas and Oklahoma officials and citizens today formally dedicated the tree bridge over Red River here, a controversy over the opening of which recently brought Oklahoma national guardsmen and Texas rangers into the area.

A similar ceremony is planned at the Gainesville bridge later today.

Miss Jean Murray, daughter of the governor of Oklahoma, was to dedicate the Denison bridge. Lieutenant Governor Edgar Witt of Texas and State Senator J. J. Loy of this district, are among the speakers.

CITY CLEANING PLANT IS ENTERED BY ROBBER

Sometime Saturday night robbers entered the City Cleaning Company here and after ransacking the store, took about 100 pennies from the cash register. The entrance was gained by tearing a screen from a rear window and raising a window there. Clothing was scattered about the plant but none missed when a checkup was made by W. S. Wood, manager.

Mr. Wood at closing time Saturday night took all money from the register with the exception of the pennies and these were all that were missed. Officers were notified Sunday morning of the entrance to the shop but no arrests have been made.

principals offices and are reported to the superintendent. The lower grades apparently were crowded with children but it was hard to tell in the high school with students going and coming all through the day.

Monday evening at 8 o'clock the formal opening program of the school will be held at the high school auditorium and every patron and student has an invitation to attend this session. The program has been carefully arranged so that it will not be long and tiresome. Leaders of a number of organizations in the town will bring greetings to the schools from their orders and have a few words on matters of special interests to schools.

The entertainment parts of the program will be furnished by special fine arts teachers of the schools and town. Miss Edith Miller will be presented in vocal numbers, Mrs. L. Schermerhorn in piano, Miss Katherine Todd in violin and Miss Nona Diltz in expression.

At the close of the program Supt. H. C. Lyon will introduce the faculty to the crowd.

Physical Defects Battle Three R's On Nation's Far Flung School Front

By F. E. Colton (Associated Press Science Writer)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Physical defects probably will bring more low marks to the 27,000,000 American children who will be in school this fall than mental deficiency.

Evidence indicates that the U. S. public health service that poor eyesight, too little of the right kind of food, and other physical handicaps cause more "D's" and "E's" on report cards than inability to learn.

Between one-fourth and one-third of the children about to enter school will be handicapped by malnutrition, statistics gathered by the U. S. children's bureau reveal.

Malnutrition means the child is not receiving enough of the proteins, minerals and vitamins that build bone, muscle, teeth and brain, and help prevent such childhood diseases as rickets.

To be sure of a well balanced diet, children should eat plenty of milk, eggs, meat, vegetables, fruits and whole cereals. Not all child victims of malnutrition are found in less well-to-do families, the bureau points out.

The child whose family is able to supply his needs may be eating too little of the foods he requires because his parents are not well informed on dietary matters.

Eating too fast, eating too much rich food, too much eating between meals, too little sleep and rest, lack of exercise may bring on the evils of malnutrition by preventing the child from benefiting from his food, even when of good quality.



Here's an examination that has its place in the opening of many schools, for figures show that health shortcomings are responsible for more failures than mental deficiency.

Children who are not well nourished tire easily, but the teacher may think them lazy. They are likely also to lack mental vigor, not pay attention, and lack the curiosity and alertness that usually are taken as evidence of a "bright" child. The teacher may decide they are slow-witted or ill-behaved.

Poor eyesight or hearing make it difficult for a child to study, to see what the teacher writes on the blackboard, or to hear what she says.

These handicaps again may mark him down as dull.

The public health service advises that such defects as these be remedied before school starts, that children be immunized against diphtheria and vaccinated against smallpox, and that trouble involving teeth, tonsils and adenoids be corrected.

Five Destroyers Of Chile Surrender

VALPARAISO, Chile, Sept. 7.—Five multiengine destroyers which surrendered yesterday after an aerial bombing by federal aviators steamed into port here today. The government began overhauling them for an attack on the two battleships which have not yet surrendered.

Yesterday's air attack lasted only twenty minutes. Admiral Abel Campos, previously imprisoned by the rebels, today headed the loyalist operations.

The sailors mutinied when they pay was cut recently.

Three Men Charged With Counterfeiting

CORSICANA, Tex., Sept. 7.—United States secret service agents have arrested three men on charges of passing counterfeit money. A quantity of the spurious bills were seized.

Several other alleged counterfeiters were arrested in Dallas and Tyler last week.

The ring is believed to be of unusual proportions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glass and daughters, of Humble, returned home Sunday after a visit here with Ira Sims and children. Mrs. Glass and daughters spent the summer in Ballinger and Mr. Glass came in last week to accompany them home.

Cleburne Paper is Sued by Mayor

CLEBURNE, Tex., Sept. 7.—Mayor E. E. Hunter has filed a \$25,000 damage suit against the Cleburne Times-Review and Alderman Dave Ross. He claimed his reputation for honesty was assailed by the publication of a portion of the proceedings of a council meeting held to discuss tax matters.

The case is set for trial at the October term of district court here.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

Nations Ask that Mexico Be Invited to Join League

GENEVA, Sept. 7.—Delegates for Great Britain, France, Japan, and Spain asked the League of Nations assembly meeting here today to invite Mexico to enter. A vote on the proposal will be taken tomorrow.

The action today was unexpected. Mexico was omitted from the original list of invitations in 1919 presumably because President Wilson was then on bad terms with the Mexican government.

W. B. Woody, manager of the Texas Compress Company here placed twenty-two men on the job there Monday morning getting ready for the fall run at that place. Approximately 300 bales of new cotton has already been received here and is now unloaded on the storage floors of the compress.

Mr. Woody stated Monday morning that he would make his first run this week and would load the pressed cotton on cars for Galveston and Houston ports. He expects cotton to start moving fast within a short time and be able to operate on full time within a few more weeks.

The plant has been thoroughly repaired and conditioned during the summer and was never in better condition to give service according to the local manager. All boilers have been refueled, one new motor installed on the band machine, sheds rebuilt and repaired, and the entire plant cleaned, oiled and made ready for hard operation. The plant has a capacity of storing 7,000 bales and can press from 1100 to 1200 bales daily on a run of ten hours.

Speaking of the estimated crop in this county, Mr. Woody stated that he expected to press upwards of 60,000 bales this fall and perhaps quite a bit more than that amount. Mr. Woody has served here as manager for the past seven years and has taken care of some big crops at the local plant.

Gins in the county have full forces on hand at the present time and are ready to take care of all cotton brought to their places. The opening of gins on full time and the compress has given employment to a large number of people.

The compress will govern days of operation by the arrival of cotton at the plant until the season is in full swing.

Green Favors Work Distribution to Men

OTTUMWA, Iowa, Sept. 7.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, speaking at a Labor Day picnic here today asserted the right of labor to the same security in work as the employer has in profits.

Green said he was opposed to the dole, favoring instead the distribution of all available work among the millions now unemployed.

The labor leader outlined the federation's legislative program, including old age pensions. He said the five-day week and the shorter working day were inevitable.

Man Found Shot In Closed Auto

DALLAS, Sept. 7.—The body of B. E. Ludwig, music teacher, was found today in a parked automobile four miles west of Dallas. A bullet wound was discovered in the man's temple and a pistol was in his hand.

All of the car's windows were closed but an exploded cartridge shell was found on the ground outside. Officers are investigating the case.

Robert Lee Maddox, director of the higher high school band, is here visiting his father, Lee Maddox.

Three Governors Plan to Issue Special Session Call

Farmers Discuss Cotton Situation

The district court room at the court house was filled to overflow Saturday afternoon when farmers from all sections of the county met here in joint meeting with ginners to discuss the price of ginning for this season. Only one ginner was present and no discussion of prices was held. The farmers voted to name committees in every section of the county to interview local gin men Monday and report back to a meeting at the court house here Tuesday afternoon.

The meeting took no action on the price, but many cotton growers were of the opinion that the price to be asked of the ginner would be 25 cents per 100 pounds plus \$1 for wrapping. Beginning the season and in other sections of this county the price of ginning was cut from 35 cents per 100 pounds to 30 cents, however some farmers believe an additional cut should be made to correspond with the price of cotton and are seeking by their committees to secure another 5 cent cut from the ginners.

After the appointment of the committees to interview the gin men the meeting was turned into a discussion of legislation to regulate cotton acreage. Approximately 80 per cent of those present voted for some kind of reduction by legislation and most expressed an opinion favoring a 50 per cent reduction plan of some kind. The raisers expressed the hope that a special session of the Texas legislature would be called to consider the question.

Practically all the farmers present remained for the meeting of the Runco Poultry Association, to hear the report of officials on the number of contracts signed for this fall and also the plan for marketing birds this year. C. W. Lehmburg briefly outlined the plan of four counties pooling their fowls and shipping them under the same grading to eastern markets, thereby making cartlots easier and marketing more profitable. Officials stated Monday that a large number of contracts were signed Saturday afternoon and that the number already signed for this year pointed to the handling of more birds than ever before.

Mr. Lehmburg said the quality of the birds was better this year and few would have to be culled at the first market to become No. 1's later. The first shipments will go to the Thanksgiving trade and later consignments being made for consumption Christmas.

The meeting Tuesday afternoon will be held at 2 o'clock and anyone interested in cotton has an invitation to be present.

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, Sept. 7.—Disregarding the holiday today, State Commissioner of Agriculture J. E. McDonald and leading farmers and business men worked on plans for a cotton reduction mass meeting here Wednesday night, hoping to prove to the legislature that the farmers want an acreage reduction law. The legislature meets in special session tomorrow to consider cotton legislation.

McDonald expects 25,000 people from all parts of the state to attend the mass meeting. Governor Huey P. Long of Louisiana, will speak. State Senator W. B. Roberts, of Mississippi, is coming. Louisiana recently enacted a law prohibiting cotton planting next year if other southern states concur, and Gov. Long will ask that Texas do likewise.

ATLANTA, Sept. 7.—Three southern governors today prepared to call their legislatures in special session to enact cotton reduction laws.

Gov. Ibra C. Blackwood, of South Carolina, said he probably would call the assembly in that state September 15.

Gov. R. B. Russell, jr., of Georgia, said he would issue a call for a special legislative session as soon as action is taken in Texas.

Gov. Harvey Parnell, of Arkansas, is to act similarly, he declared.

Gov. Theo. G. Bilbo, of Mississippi, said he would wait "to see what Texas does."

Gov. B. M. Miller, of Alabama, said he was considering a call for a special session, but asserted that legislation seldom produces prosperity.

Gov. Henry Horton, of Tennessee, announced he would not convolve a special session of his legislature.

Gov. Max Gardner, of North Carolina, would make no statement today.

Gov. W. H. Murray, of Oklahoma, said he plans to create a board of cotton control.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lehmburg, of San Antonio, are here for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lehmburg.

GRAE RETURNS TO HOME PORT TODAY

(By Associated Press) FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, Sept. 7.—The Graf Zeppelin landed here today, completing its round trip to Brazil.

WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press) All Texas—Generally fair to night and Tuesday.

BALLINGER PEOPLE ATTEND BRECKENRIDGE FUNERAL

E. E. King and Miss Hortense Holt went to Breckenridge Sunday to attend the funeral of Wesley Hodges, editor of the Breckenridge American. Mr. Hodges died there Saturday following an operation a few days before for appendicitis. He was improving nicely until an infection started which claimed his life within a few hours. Mrs. Hodges was a suite-mate of Miss Holt's at Baylor College at Belton for four years. Mr. Hodges was 24 years of age and his home had formerly been in San Angelo.

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SUNDOWN STORIES

PUDDLES' PLAY

By Mary Graham Bonner

"We're making new puddles," shouted the raindrops as they fell down to join the others. Not a single raindrop was hurt when it fell. In fact it enjoyed falling!

The Little Black Clock's magic had made it possible for the children to come back to the country road where they had been on their last trip with him, and he had turned the time back to that afternoon so it was still raining hard—just as it had been then.

Of course, when it rained, he gave the children rubber coats and rubber hats and tall rubber boots. He always was ready for anything.

And now the raindrops were shouting:

"We'll play this is our house and that we are going to receive visitors."

Then more raindrops came falling down and they said, "We've come to call."

The ones who were already in the puddles said:

"We're so glad to see you. Do sit down and rest. We have such a lovely home puddle. In fact it is one of the nicest around these parts."

In every puddle they said just the same thing, and to each puddle came more and more visitors.

"They think this is a most thrilling game," said the Little Black Clock, "and they enjoy making new puddles all the time as you'll see."

It was true. As it continued to rain harder more and more puddles could be seen, and in each puddle they played house, and pretended they were having refreshments and afternoon tea.

They did not mind when John and Peggy walked into their puddles with their rubber boots and splashed raindrops outside the puddles.

But all of a sudden the rain stopped and the Little Black Clock said:

"We must have a good rest tonight as you're going to take a far-up trip tomorrow."

(Tomorrow—'Fairly Trip')

HOW'S your HEALTH

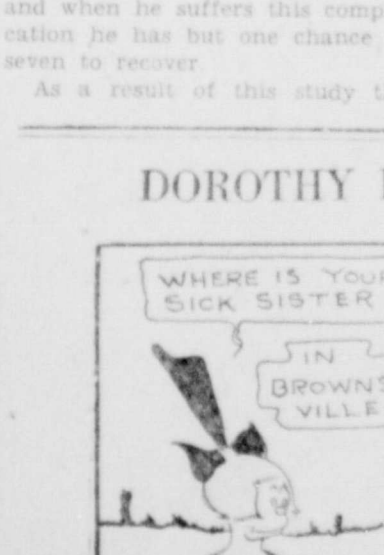
MEXICANS REFUSE TO PICK COTTON FOR 40c

LAREDO, Tex., Sept. 7.—Unemployed Mexican laborers in Laredo refuse to accept employment picking cotton in the various counties of South Texas on account of the small pay of 40 cents per 100 pounds that is being offered.

With planting of diversified crops and other farm work in progress in the Laredo district at this time, including the planting of seedbeds of Bermuda onions, many Mexican laborers are securing work on farms. In November when transplanting of the onions begin they will again find employment until near Christmas time. In the early part of spring the laborers are again in demand at good pay harvesting, packing and shipping the Bermuda onion and diversified vegetable crops.

"Outlooks" to Aid Farmers
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Summer "outlook" reports on poultry, eggs, sheep, lambs, beef cattle, fall sown grains, hogs and feedstuffs will be published by the department of agriculture to help farmers plan production next season.

PUFFY



Says Puffy to the Llama: "Can I make a deal with you?"
"It all depends," the Llama says, "on what you'd have me do. If it's a ride you want, and you'll excuse me for a while, I'll get my taximeter, for I charge a cent a mile."

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County Medical Society Organized Campaign for the Reduction of Mortality in Acute Appendicitis

They issued placards warning against purgatives in the case of severe pains in the stomach.

The director of public health of Philadelphia sought the cooperation of the city's druggists and asked them to question each purchaser of laxatives as to whether the drugs purchased were to be given in the presence of abdominal pain.

He urged that people be instructed that laxatives increase the movements of the intestines and, in the presence of appendicitis, counteract nature's efforts to confine the inflammation to the appendix.

Laxatives may produce perforations, peritonitis and death.

(Tomorrow—Hypnotism)

MOVIES

DON'T SLEEP ON LEFT SIDE, GAS HURTS HEART

If stomach gas makes you rest- less and unable to sleep on right side, take Adlerika. One dose will rid you of gas or nervousness, and bring sound sleep. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

DROUTH FORCES STILL TO STOP OPERATIONS

(By Associated Press)
ELECTRA, Tex., Sept. 7.—Wichita and Wilbarger county officers found a manufacturing plant four miles southwest of Electra a few days ago which had evidently been forced to close because of drouth. The plant, a 100-gallon capacity moonshine still, depended upon a creek nearby for its water supply. An engine, pump and pipeline composed the waterworks but the creek went dry on the operators before they had completed their last run and left them with 50 gallons of mash which had gone sour while arrangements were pending for a new water supply. Deputies Price and Campbell from Vernon and Constable O. E. Whis- and from Electra blocked the re-opening of the business, however, by confiscating the distillery equipment and pouring out the mash.

SALESMEN TO MEET AT LUBBOCK ON SEPT. 19

(By Associated Press)
LUBBOCK, Tex., Sept. 7.—The ninth annual Peddler's Jubilee for traveling men of the Panhandle-South Plains territory will be held in Lubbock Saturday, September 19.

More than 250 salesmen attended the jubilee last year, and a larger attendance is expected for the 1931 session. New members will be initiated into the secret auxiliary, the R. O. R. E.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stallings spent the week-end in Brown- wood, visiting relatives.

Blonde and Brunette Support Wm. Powell in 'Ladies' Man'

Two of screen's most beautiful actresses will be seen in supporting roles of William Powell's "Ladies' Man," when that picture comes to the Palace Theatre for two-day run Wednesday.

They are Carole Lombard and Kay Francis, whose respective "morning glories," incidentally are as opposite as could possibly be: Miss Lombard is an extremely blonde type—Miss Francis' hair is as black as a raven's wing.

In "Ladies' Man" both fall in love with the smooth-mannered and glib-tongued Powell, who is the idol of the society set in which he moves with the polite ease of a Chesterfield, without the aid of a job, a salary, or an income.

Miss Lombard, like Gloria

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GREENWOOD'S SERVICE STATION

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State Board of Pharmacy Will Be in Ballinger Tuesday Night

The State Board of Pharmacy will be in Ballinger Tuesday night the guests of Jno. A. Weeks and family at a chicken barbecue. The board began a meeting in Abilene Monday morning and Tuesday will start giving examinations to applicants. Tuesday afternoon following the closing of the session the entire board will come here to be the guests at the Weeks home on Eighth Street. They will return to Abilene Tuesday night to be ready for the Wednesday morning session.

Members of the board who will be here Tuesday night are: Paul Carroll of Texarkana, C. B. Allison of Dallas, W. H. Cousins of Dallas, R. R. Townsend of Lamesa, Frank Walters of San Antonio, E. M. Joseph of Austin and Mr. Weeks of Ballinger.

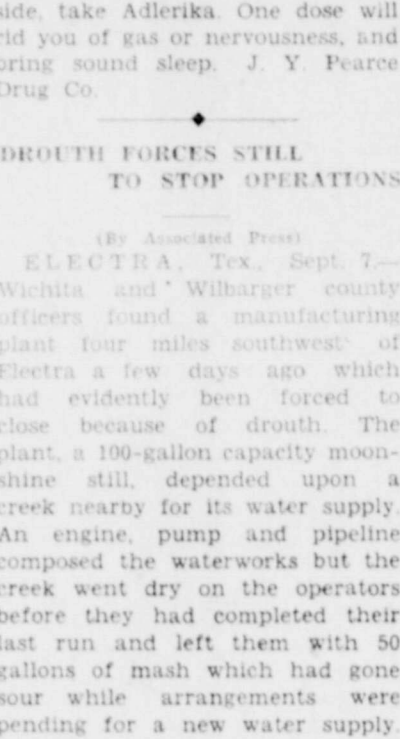
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W. A. HOLT,
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Lily-Like Plant Doubles in Brass; It Beautifies Home and Kills Rats

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—A plant that's a joy to the housewife's eyes is a deadly poison to rats.

J. C. Munch, biologists who have studied the plant. Red squill, also known as "sea-onion," belongs to the lily family.

One ounce of the red squill is mixed with a quart of bait.

Navy Arsenal Turns Desert Spot to Oasis

(By Associated Press) HAWTHORNE, Nev., Sept. 7.—Uncle Sam's navy has replaced sand dunes and sagebrush with explosives and pine trees in an isolated area of Nevada's extensive desert.

Expanding \$3,500,000 for a munitions storage depot on a 211 square mile piece of land near the treeless shores of Walker Lake.

The Hawthorne depot replaces the Lake Denmark, N. J., arsenal, destroyed with loss of life in 1926.

The residential quarter and groups of hotel-like magazines are built several miles apart.

Quartered there are six commissioned officers, a detachment of marines, navy gunners, hospital attendants and civilian employees.

The lake beach has been provided with a bath house, and there are provisions for golf, tennis, baseball and aviation.

Sugar Mill Uses Fibre Fuel NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 7.—(AP)—L. E. Gouner has perfected a continuous and automatic syrup and sugar plant which will grind out 50 tons of sugar a day.

Businesses Which Help Build City

Hall Hardware Company The firm of Hall Hardware Company is one of the oldest in the city of Ballinger and dates back to the pioneer days.

This firm has made three moves since starting business in this city. It operated first in the building now occupied by the D. Reeder Dry Goods Company.

Shelf hardware, sporting goods, glass and china ware are featured as the principal stocks of this up-to-date store.

Two years ago the interior of the building was rearranged to make it more modern, providing open windows and tables for display.

A number of standard, nationally known brands are handled by this firm including Winchester guns and ammunition, Automatic refrigerators, Remor gas heaters, Detroit-Jewel gas ranges, Coleman oil heaters and cook stoves.

The stock of sporting goods is always complete and delights the hunter, fisherman, golfer, baseball or football enthusiast.

Members of the firm are leaders in the civic, educational and religious life of the city and contribute time and money to support of all worthy enterprises.

Help as Salve To Parity Row

(By P. I. Linsey, Jr.) GENEVA, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The thick gloom clouding prospects for disarmament is cut as if by a beacon light by the belief in international quarters that February's world conference will see America aggressively leading the movement for reduction.

This ray of hope is brightened by reports of the cordial understanding now existing between the chiefs of the Washington and the London governments.

The pinch in national pocket-books is counted on to furnish powerful support to the challenge for a genuine cut in national fighting equipment.

The pessimism with which approach of the general armaments conference is viewed centers largely upon the apparently irconcilable attitudes of France and Germany on the "relativity" of disarmament responsibility.

France is stoutly backed by Belgium, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, and Rumania in her declaration that there can be no further reduction in fighting strengths until further international guarantees of security are concluded, and that the existing restrictions on the powers defeated in the great war must not be relaxed.

Germany loudly demands "parity of security" and announces she will not agree to the "reforming of the shackles" of the peace treaties.

She is supported by her partners in defeat, Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria.

In the face of this deadlock, the league's armaments experts have turned their eyes toward the United States, whence in recent months have come many evidences of vital concerns over the arms problem.

Standing and working together, the United States and Great Britain—students of world affairs believe—may be able to solve the Franco-German puzzle.

Geneva observers remember the personal conversations of President Hoover and Ramsay MacDonald, British premier, and in recent weeks they remarked the chumming together of Premier MacDonald and Henry L. Stimson, American secretary of state.

The MacDonald-Stimson talks and rambles are seen here as another valuable contribution to British-American concord, so markedly advanced by the Rapi-

dan parley two years ago. Friends of world peace and great significance in the British leader's words who, he said of himself and his American colleague: "We are friends."

Married 50 Years FREDERICKSBURG, Tex., Sept. 7.—(AP)—Thirty-seven children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren attended the fiftieth wedding anniversary here recently of Mr. and Mrs. Mortiz

Hartmann. Mr. Hartmann is 74 and Mrs. Hartmann is 71. After a public ceremony in St. Mary's church the festivities shifted to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hartmann.



SYNOPSIS: Peak Abbott is amazed when, after many refusals, Sam Sherrill suddenly tells him that she will marry him and asks that the engagement be announced the next day.

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HE looked at her doubtfully, studying her face. "I hate to leave you, Sam. You look sort of ragged to me. This business of Nelson's has hit you pretty hard."

"It's been sort of a shock, but I'm all right. You go along and I'll make for bed."

Sam watched Peak put on his coat, and realized how little she thought of him throughout this whole miserable business.

"I know this is a queer way for us to be getting engaged, Peak," she said. "I'm sorry."

"Don't be sorry," he patted her hand. "I'm more than satisfied."

Sam looked up at him. "I'll make it up to you, Peak," she said earnestly. "and I'll do the best I can to make you happy. Please believe that."

"I believe it," said Peak simply. "Sam was not finished. 'I want you to know that from now on I'm going to try to care for you the way you deserve.'"

He tried to interrupt but she would not heed. "There's something else. I want you to understand that this arrangement of ours isn't shaky or uncertain in any way. So far as I'm concerned, it's final."

"I know it," said Peak. "And now let's talk about my side of the bargain. Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Do for me?" "Yes," he paused, carefully considering his words. "How about that money that Nelson borrowed when he went away? Was that loan do you?"

Sam took her hand from his arm and stepped a way. "Thank you just the same," she said formally. "but I don't need any money."

He frowned. "You're sure? I'm engaged to you now, you know, and I have the right to ask."

"I'm sure," she nodded abruptly. "The money Nelson took was some that I had for house-hold purposes. It didn't amount to anything. Peak was not satisfied, but there seemed to be nothing more that he could say. He turned toward the door. "All right, then Sam. I'll be going. Good night."

"Good night, Peak," Sam said gravely. "Don't you want to kiss me before you go? It's part of the bargain, you know."

I suppose I'll want to see my new daughter-in-law also—my beautiful, talented, highly bred new daughter-in-law."

"She may not be so bad as you think, Fourth."

He took half a step toward the bed. "Do you know what it is to hate someone, Joan?" he asked slowly. "If you do, you know how I feel about that woman. I hate her so that I'd take great pleasure in standing by, some time, just to watch her suffer."

"Don't, Fourth," begged Sam. "Well, why shouldn't I talk that way? She has disgraced him, and me, and you. Fourth swallowed with an effort. "Can't you just hear people talking behind our backs?" he demanded bitterly. "Can't you just see the papers when this gets out?"

"Fourth, there'll be something else about us in the papers today—something that may take some of the attention away from Nelson."

He stared. "What else will there be about us in today's papers? Isn't the one thing enough?"

"This is different. At least I hope you'll think it's different."

"Go on," said Fourth heavily. "Tell me what it is."

Sam looked at him sympathetically. "I'm afraid you're in for another shock."

"Don't worry about me. I'm shockproof."

"All right," she drew a long breath. "If you look in the morning papers, Fourth, you'll find an announcement of my engagement to Peak Abbott."

Fourth may have been shockproof, but he was stunned by Sam's news.

"I'm sorry I had to do it with out warning you," Sam apologized. "I had to hurry. The point was to get it in this morning's papers. You understand, don't you, Fourth? You aren't angry?"

"No," he shook his white head slowly. "Of course I'm not angry. I'm just slightly dazed. Things happen so quickly."

"They do, don't they?" Sam smiled. "I don't blame you for being dizzy. I'm dizzy myself. And now if you'll just trot along while I get myself into some clothes, we'll have a look at what the press of the nation has to say about your talented and beautiful daughter."

When Sam came down to the living room twenty minutes later Fourth was much more cheerful. He waved the morning Express triumphantly in her direction and exclaimed: "You're on the front page, Joan, picture and all!"

Peak's newspaper had done at that had been expected of it and more. It had treated the engagement as though it were news of the utmost social importance.

Fourth was tremendously pleased. "It's a master stroke," he said. "and I don't see how you ever thought of it. I suppose you and Peak were going to do it in a little while anyway."

Sam smiled. "We were thinking about it, and the news about Nelson settled the question."

Fourth sighed. "It's wonderful how little a person can know even about those closest to him. I've always, like Peak, and I've always hoped that some day you might do this, but at the same time I had an idea in the back of my head that you weren't so keen. It just shows how little a man can tell."

"Yes," said Sam. "It just shows." "You are both lucky people," Fourth went on. "Peak is lucky, but so are you. I hope you know, Sam, how lucky you are."

"Of course, Fourth," Sam nodded. "Of course I know."

Fourth's good spirits lasted through breakfast. After that he went away in the roadster.

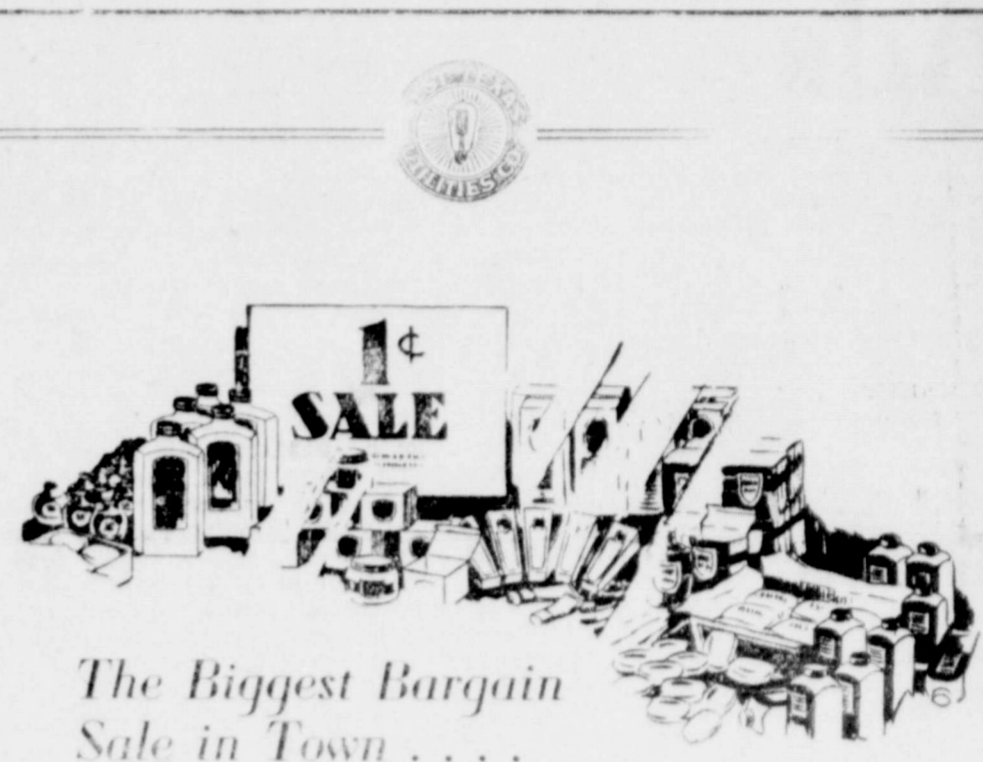
Sam was conscious of a growing feeling of nervousness and excitement. At any moment Freddy might come to the house, or telephone. She wondered whether he had seen the papers, and what he would say. He would be furiously angry, of course, and would argue with her for as long as she would permit. She knew that in the end she must send him away for good, but that idea, strangely, did not seem to matter.

The important thing was to see him just once more; to hear the sound of his voice. She could hardly bring herself to do that. There was plenty of time in the future for being unhappy.

She telephoned the employment agency, and told them to send her a maid. That done, she sat down to wait.

The telephone rang, and Sam's heart almost stopped beating. (Copyright Freeman Lincoln) Sam learns tomorrow what Freddy thinks of her engagement to Peak Abbott, is Freddy sincere?

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Huey Long

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would be God's blessing to the South if we learned that we didn't have to plant cotton.

The world has too much cotton on hand to stand any cotton at all next year. We carried over nine million bales from last year. We raised 15,500,000 bales this year, giving us a total of 24,500,000 bales in cotton, of which we can only use 11,000,000 bales this year and 11,000,000 bales next year. This means that if we plant any cotton for next year, we will have more on hand at the end of next year than the world will need.

The only means by which this legislation would be held to be constitutional is for the worthy cause of stamping out the pest, root rot, and particularly eliminating the boll weevil. Except for that, the legislation could not be constitutional. If the law allows one-half the amount of cotton to be planted, then on its face it does not undertake to eradicate pests or the boll weevil.

I appeal to every lawmaker of the state of Texas and to the people and to every cotton farmer, that they do not step out of line with the other states. Louisiana has passed a law to prohibit cotton planting altogether in 1932. Arkansas is ready to pass the same law. South Carolina is ready to pass the same law. Georgia will probably pass the same law, and I am told by the newly elected governor of Mississippi that we will have no trouble with the newly elected legislature of Mississippi in passing the law if the other states come along.

We are at the threshold of victory and relief for all the farmers, if Texas does not spoil the whole problem by undertaking to pass a half and half measure, which will be less than no act at all.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Giesecke, of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Otto Stolley, of Austin, and Mrs. Blaurock, of Los Angeles, Calif. were week-end visitors here while en route to San Antonio for a visit. Mrs. Stolley had been visiting relatives in the West.



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The financial statement of the City of Ballinger made public at the close of business on the last day of August shows nice cash gains in both the sanitary and water departments. The general and street however, shows disbursements heavier than receipts which is always the case at this time of the year when each fund has practically no income at all. Moneys for these two funds come at tax paying time and expenses run the entire year.

The balance in the water department at the beginning of August was \$7,337.32 and at the close of the month, \$8,248.16. Water receipts for August amounted to \$2,074.73 and of that amount \$1,163.89 was disbursed for repair and operating expense, leaving a cash gain of \$910.84.

The total of money brought forward in the monthly balance from all funds and sinking funds amounted to \$40,539.32.

The proper amounts have been paid into all sinking funds of the city on bonds outstanding. The funds are all kept separate and are open for inspection of anyone desiring to know their condition at anytime.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Terry, of Sweetwater, spent Sunday here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grier. Mrs. Terry was formerly Miss Eleanor Grier and she and her husband both teach in the public schools at Sweetwater.

Mrs. T. E. Bowman came in Monday at noon from Scott & White Sanitarium at Temple where she has been for the last month. Her condition is greatly improved following an operation there.

County Commissioner T. J. Parrish has just completed going over all the roads in his territory with a maintainer and these roads are in excellent condition for travel. This work has been done within the last few days and all rocks have been removed and all rough bumps smoothed along the roadbeds.

Mr. Parrish contemplates starting some improvements and repair work on the old Pony Creek road at once. One culvert will be remodeled and a number of bad dips will be fixed to make easy crossings. Later some caliche topping will be done on roads around Bethel and Olfen and some in South Ballinger. Mr. Parrish stated that this work was not hardly ready to start and rain was needed on the roadbeds before starting especially in South Ballinger where deep sand is dry enough to crawl.

The roads in Precinct No. 1 of this county have had excellent care and have been maintained in a manner that is very commendable. Good drain ditches along the sides have been kept open and the portion of the road used for traffic has been kept at a certain grade and smoothed following each rain or when ruts were cut by dry weather.

Mr. Parrish has worked the past few weeks to make all roads in perfect shape for the hard traffic of the cotton season and to serve those bringing their products here for ginning or marketing.

Ballinger has been challenged by Miles Tuesday evening to see which town can have the largest crowd at the gathering there when the fair boosters from here will visit that city. Arrangements have been made at Miles and all business streets will be roped off so that the people can mingle together without the noise and danger of automobile traffic.

Secretary J. D. Motley stated Monday that the Ballinger delegation would leave here at 7 o'clock and more than 1,000 will be needed from here to compete in any way with the Miles crowd. The ride will be pleasant over the concrete and an excellent program will be presented starting at 8 p. m.

The meeting has been well advertised in all communities near Miles and many will be there from the adjoining towns to hear of the Runnels County Fair, one of only two fairs to be held in West Texas this fall.

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Mrs. Crawford Lemberg and baby, of Mason, are here visiting relatives.

Mrs. E. E. King spent the weekend in Clyde visiting with relatives and was joined there by a brother from Waco.

H. Giesecke, of Ballinger and San Antonio, left Sunday for San Antonio to spend a few days with his family.

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OFFICIAL MAGAZINE TELLS WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

(By Associated Press) STAMFORD, Sept. 7.—The day by day growth and development of West Texas is pictured each month in the Doings of the Districts section of West Texas Today, the official magazine of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

In this section of the September issue, now on the press, will be 144 short articles from 77 cities and towns scattered all over Texas, each telling a story of some development, growth, expansion, or worth-while activity that has taken place during the month of August.

"This department of our magazine is a veritable mine of information about busy West Texas for busy men," Manager D. A. Bandeen said recently, "and one may keep well informed on what is going on in the cities and counties of West Texas by reading it each month. Despite general conditions about which so much is being said and printed, West Texas is forging ahead. Schools are being built, roads are under construction, public buildings are being erected, railroads are being projected, manufacturing plants are expanding and opening for business, chambers of commerce are busily engaged in sponsoring worthwhile projects, surplus food is being preserved, new enterprises are being founded, and natural resources

are being developed. Our magazine, West Texas Today, gives a comprehensive picture of all this each month, and we exhort West Texans read it and let the outside world know what West Texas is accomplishing today."

Miss Armour Giesecke, who spent the summer with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Giesecke, in Denver, Colo., visited in Ballinger over the week-end. She was en route to San Antonio to visit relatives several days before going to Dallas to enter school this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denny spent Sunday in Brownwood visiting relatives and friends.

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