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Government Opens Attack On Prices

That Reminds Me
By FRANK A. JONES

A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY IS OFFERED THE PEOPLE OF EASTLAND, STEPHENS AND PALO PINTO COUNTIES

The program that O. D. Dillingham of the Banner Creamery is launching in Eastland for service to the counties of Eastland, Stephens and Palo Pinto counties is one that, if he gets the cooperation the program deserves, will be of far reaching benefit to the citizens of this area.

Dillingham will begin construction within a few days on the first unit of a three unit plant in Eastland for processing milk. The milk is to be purchased from producers in the three county area.

In other areas where a similar program has been put in operation by Dillingham producers of milk are now receiving \$1,750 per day for their products. That amount of cash turned over in Eastland and its two sister counties, would mean the difference between success and failure not only for dairymen and farmers but other classes of business men also.

This program is a five year project—that it will require some five years for it to be put in complete operation—but it will begin paying cash dividends at once to those who are ready for it or immediately get ready for it.

There is not enough milk produced now in the area to be served to support the plant the Banner plans to build which is the reason it will be built in units; and that is the reason it is important to not only the Banner but to all other citizens of this area that each and everyone put forth every possible effort to get this completed plant in operation as soon as possible with a sufficient supply of raw milk to keep it operating at full capacity.

STARVATION DIET:

I had a neighbor once, whom it to me, lived an unexciting, narrow and restricted life. Her conversation consisted of the petty and uneventful of a very humdrum existence. Her conversation was limited to what she said, and what her husband said. She had no children, she belonged to no neighborhood club, and attended no church. It was easy to see that she was not happy. A few minutes of conversation would bring that out. She was not happy because she was starving her soul, and a starved soul always makes its owner unhappy. There was no place for social contacts, no place for religious inspiration. She lived in solitary confinement. Her world was bounded by her own little cramped self. She might have helped to broaden her life by the reading of good books but she did not. Instead of feeding her soul she was trying to live off of it. We can't do that. We can't take and take from our lives and be happy. We are only happy when we are building them up and filling them with new thoughts, with outside interests, with social contacts, with good books with spiritual strength.

THAT STUFFED SHIRT SOCIAL ORDER OF THE ENGLISH

The English royalty has had quite a time trying to figure out some scheme whereby the American wife of the Duke of Windsor might be received into royal society. On an occasion a year or two ago when he was on a visit to London the Duke left his wife in Paris while he went on ahead to work out the details which he failed to work out. The American woman, had she gone on with her husband, would in all probability have been snubbed and embarrassed. We don't go in for Ameri-

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Union Store Leads Fight Against High Prices



With consumer resistance to high prices growing throughout the nation, auto workers' wives flocked to the newly-opened UAW-CIO co-operative market in Detroit. The store is exclusively for the 10,000 members of Ford Local 400. It claims to save members from 15 to 60 per cent on canned goods, which are available by the case. Officials say they intend to operate it until prices are back to the 1941 level. (NEA Telephoto).

ORTHORATOR GIVES LIFT TO INDUSTRY BY CHECKING EYES

WAUREGAN, Conn. (UP)—This New England village is contributing its small part to the "know-how" which has made America industrially supreme.

You've heard about the wonders of radar, the power of guided missiles and atomic bombs. But this community, unheralded, helped topple the axis with the "orthorator."

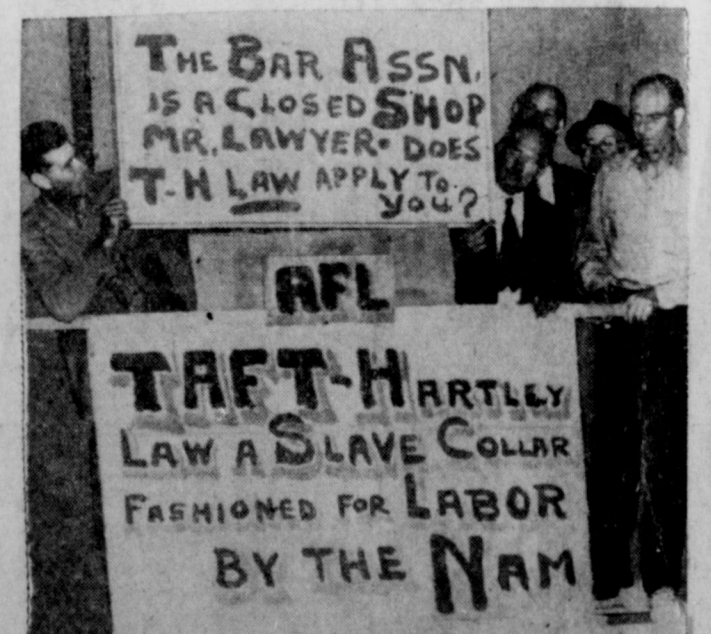
What is the orthorator? It's an almost human optical-electrical device which measures the eye power of industrial workers. It determines how eyes perform, locates faulty vision, prevents accidents and increases earning power among mill workers.

It contributed to the proficiency of New England's cotton textile mills in keeping our soldiers and sailors comfortably clothed against the rigors of battle in Europe and the Orient.

It stepped up the workers' efficiency and speeded the production of textiles needed in the war.

The Wauregan Mills, cotton textile manufacturers, installed the machine during the war. Employees were invited to take the orthorator tests, voluntarily.

Pickets Taunt Taft Before Debate



Booing and shouting "Wallace '48," a 200-man AFL and CIO picket line taunted Sen. Robert A. Taft, Ohio Republican and co-author of the controversial Taft-Hartley labor law, as he entered a Santa Cruz, Calif., auditorium. The debate was held before the California Bar Association. (NEA Telephoto).

Vacationer Neglects To Heed Own Hint

LANSING, Mich. (UP)—John Gray is getting the "I told you so" treatment in reverse these days.

Gray, who handles publicity for the Michigan state health department, last spring dutifully wrote his annual news release warning vacationists against sunburn, poison ivy, drowning, over-exercise, and all manner of health hazards.

Then Gray took his vacation. On his first day out the sun broiled his skin. He spent his vacation painfully in bed and was two days late in getting back to work.

FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK

Cattle 6500. Fairly active, generally steady. Common and medium slaughter steers, yearlings and heifers 14-22, good lightweight yearlings to 24. Medium and good cows, 14-17. Bulls 11-16.50.

Calves 3400. Fairly active, steady. Good and choice fat calves 19-23. Few heavyweights to 24.

Hogs 1200. Butcher hogs steady to 25 lower, sows and pigs steady. Top 28.75. Bulk good and choice 180-270 lb butchers 28.50-28.75. Sheep 6500. Slaughter yearlings steady to 50 higher. Top 28.50 on 73 lb fat lambs. Feeders 16-18.

\$13 in Dimes Unlucky
LOWELL, Mass. (UP)—While he was out of his home, Cornelius A. Coughlin complained to police, a thief entered with a skeleton key and stole a bank containing \$13 in dimes.

Cooled Off
MILWAUKEE (UP)—Mrs. Clemens Szajkowski charged in her divorce complaint that her love for her husband cooled suddenly when he dumped ice water on her.

IMPORTANT

There is a great need for living accommodations in Eastland; many people desire to live in our County-seat town, but the shortage of living accommodations hinders their doing so.

If you have a house, an apartment or sleeping room available, please phone the Eastland Chamber of Commerce at once. The phone number is 192. Please cooperate in making living quarters possible for the many people who need them at once.

SAYS U. S. EAGER TO AID GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON—John W. Snyder, U. S. Secretary of the Treasury, said today the United States was very anxious to help Great Britain re-establish its economy on a round basis.

Snyder gave his blessing to the offer by Secretary of State George C. Marshall of American assistance to a European program of self-help.

The visiting American cabinet member received the press at a crowded conference in the United States embassy. He told correspondents representing half a dozen countries:

1. The United States has no intention now of raising the price of gold, particularly in view of an inflationary trend of prices at home.

2. Nothing in the Anglo-American loan agreement would prevent Britain from buying her goods elsewhere if she can get them cheaper, or if other markets offer other purely commercial advantages.

President Sees Missouri Guns Shoot At Target

Aboard Battleship Missouri—Standing on an open bridge, today, President Truman today watched the big 16-inch guns of the Missouri hurl screaming projectiles at a shadow target more than seven miles away.

As Mr. Truman watched, the three-gun forward turret of the battleship fired five salvos toward an offset image of the accompanying Destroyer Dyess.

Through special sighting devices, the guns actually were trained 1,050 yards to the right of the Dyess. From his point of vantage, the President was able to follow the track of the 2,700-pound projectiles to the target area.

The equally weather of the previous day cleared up considerably late yesterday and the Missouri was riding easier after spending nearly 24 hours in foamy seas which kept the lower decks wet.

Communists In Italy Cry Death To Truman

ROME—"Death to Truman!" 100,000 Italian Communists shouted as their leader, Palmiro Togliatti, told them the United States was trying to start a new war and Russia was the country that could offer them the most.

Togliatti, who was tutored by the Russian Communists for 15 years in Moscow, spoke yesterday at Florence and Monza. A week ago, he had threatened to use "30,000 well-trained partisans" to overthrow Premier Alcide De Gasperi's government, which excluded Communists because nothing appeared to satisfy them.

Togliatti denied that the Communists had hidden arms for an uprising. He called for press censorship in Italy to prevent "camouflage of the truth and deception of the people."

Says Depression Would Bring Rock Throwing

ATLANTA, Ga.—Paul Porter last federal price administrator under the Office of Price Administration, predicted today if another depression should strike America "the fellows on the street corners won't sell apples they'll throw rocks."

Porter said he agreed with the National Association of Manufacturers that greater production could beat back rising prices, but he was critical of what he termed "refusal of American industry to expand."

Complaints Are Filed For Traffic Law Violations

Highway traffic officers out of Eastland have filed a number of complaints for violation of traffic regulations within the past few days. Of five arrests made over the week-end three were for violation of the Texas Uniform Traffic law that went into effect September 5.

Officers state that they have practiced leniency in cases involving new regulations for the reason that they were new, but when violations are encountered involving old regulations, they cannot be expected to be lenient.

Eighty Potting Slovaks Arrested

PRAGUE—The Slovak department of interior today announced the arrest of 80 Slovaks accused of plotting a revolution and scheming to assassinate President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia.

An official statement said all those arrested belonged to an "anti-state organization." They planned an armed uprising in cooperation with "former SS men, Fascists, and other enemies of the the Czechoslovak Republic," the statement said.

Plead Innocent

NUERNBERG (UP)—Twenty one former Nazi officers pleaded innocent today when they were arraigned on charges of exterminating more than 1,000,000 Jews, Communists and Gypsies in 1941-42.

The defendants before a war crimes court were former leaders of "Einsatz" murder teams.

Too Generous



According to Detroit police, 42-year-old Lillian Jacobs, above, is generous to a fault. They say she has admitted embezzling \$107,110 from the American Express Company where she was employed for 29 years as a clerk-stenographer and giving it to her husband, who she feared was being blackmailed. Company auditors uncovered the shortage during a routine check. (NEA Telephoto).

Jimmy Young New Addition To City Police Force

Jimmy Young is the newest addition to the Eastland police force.

Young, an ex-Marine who served much of the time during the late war in the Pacific area, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Young of Eastland. He attended school at Olden and Eastland and is a graduate of Eastland High School. His wife is the former Marjorie Murphy of Eastland.

He had been in active service on the local police force for some three or four days.

Taft Defends His Labor Law



At a debate, in Santa Cruz, Calif., before the California Bar Association Convention, Ohio's Sen. Robert A. Taft, center, said Republicans would be "delighted" if Democrats made the Taft-Hartley labor law a 1948 campaign issue. He is pictured here with an opponent, Sen. James Murray (D., Mont.), left, and a supporter, Rep. Charles A. Halleck, (R., Ind.), House Majority Leader. (NEA Telephoto).

OFFICIAL SAYS AMERICA WILL HAVE TO EAT LESS FOOD

The government opened a nationwide attack on high prices today as the agriculture department announced that Americans will have to eat less if the world is to be fed this winter.

Acting Secretary of Agriculture Norris E. Dodd said there will have to be less meat, poultry, and dairy products on U. S. dinner tables if other peoples are to have enough to eat during the coming months.

Dodd, who returned from a meeting of the United Nations food and agriculture organization in Geneva, said the program for lower food consumption in the U. S. would have to be voluntary. He said the government did not have power to change America's eating habits.

Unless they get food from America, Dodd said, some European governments probably will not survive the winter.

In another development at Washington, Attorney General Tom C. Clark disclosed that he had directed U. S. District Attorneys to campaign in their own districts against possible collusive pricing agreements which boost living costs.

Elsewhere in the nation, more housewives were joining the drive to lower the cost of living.

Clark had suggested that the district attorneys invite individuals to bring in evidence of conspiracies to increase prices.

The anti-trust division already had started a broad attack on any excluded conspiracies among producers in cost-of-living fields such as housing, food, clothing and house furnishings.

At St. Louis, meanwhile, Walter C. Berger, president of the American Feed Manufacturers Association said people would have to eat less or export less.

He said there is not enough grain in the U. S. to maintain present production of basic foods and also supply foreign countries at the present rate of export.

Milk and its products comprise more than 2 per cent of the foods consumed by the average American.

Relative Of Eastland Folk Found Injured

Billy Joe Ferris, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ferris of Stamford, and a nephew of Mrs. Mack Clyatt and cousin of Deputy Sheriff Cecil Graham of Eastland, was found unconscious in his hotel room at a New York hotel Friday after his arrival from a long cruise with the Merchants Marines, according to information received by his parents.

His father, who is assistant postmaster at Stamford, took a plane at Fort Worth Saturday night for New York and relatives here are awaiting word from him as to the condition of young Ferris and details in the matter.

Singing At Olden Sunday Attended By Large Crowd

There was a packed house for the singing Sunday afternoon at Olden, according to reports. There was also a lot of good singing, including special solos, duets, and quartets. Singers were presented from Eastland, Ranger, Desdemona, DeLeon, Cisco, Breckenridge, Gunsight and Olden.

"There is no better way to spend your Sunday afternoons, one party said, than at a good singing. "It just helps you to be better men and women."

There is most always a good singing some where near you. There is singing at Olden every second Sunday afternoon.

In one year a female moth and her descendants can destroy as much wool as 13 sheep can produce in the same period.

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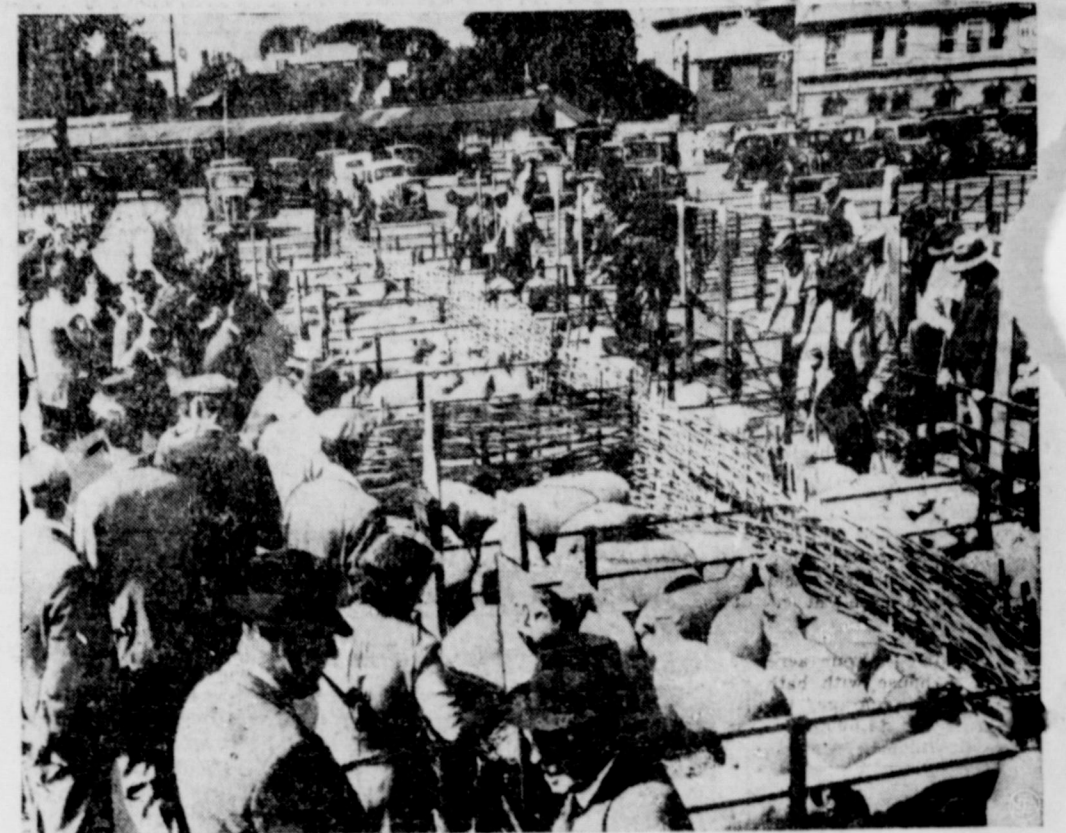
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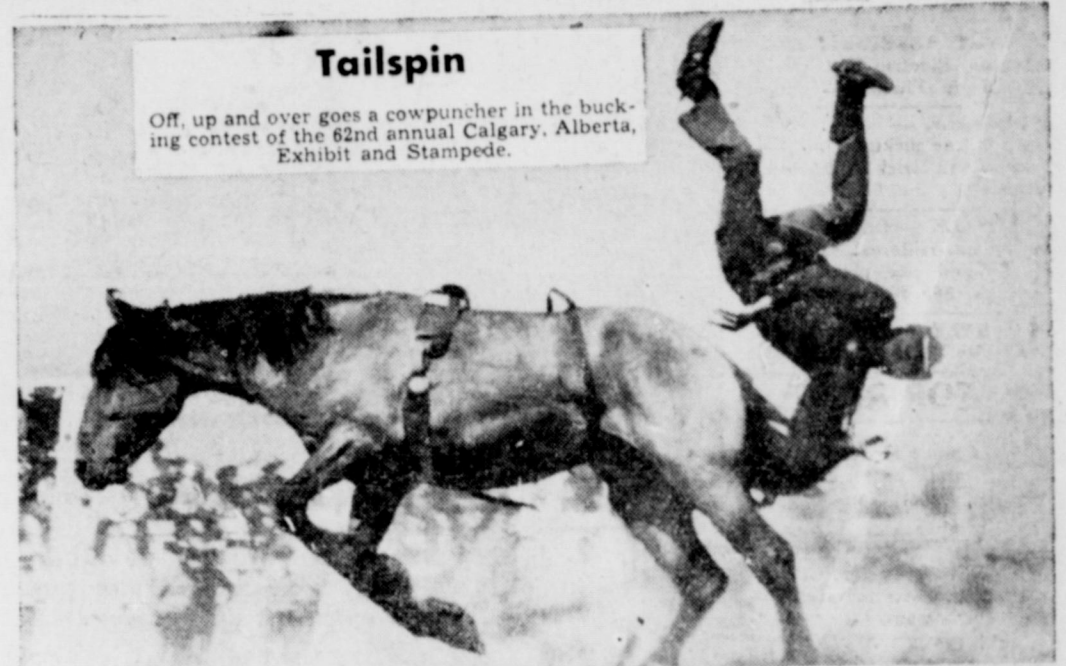
Future Mutton Stews for Meat-Hungry Britons



The pens are packed with fat sheep at this Chichester, England, cattle market where crowds of buyers mill around. But the mutton will have to be cut in small pieces to serve all Britons, whose meat ration has been cut to 20 cents worth a week.

Tailspin

Off, up and over goes a cowpuncher in the bucking contest of the 62nd annual Calgary, Alberta, Exhibit and Stampede.

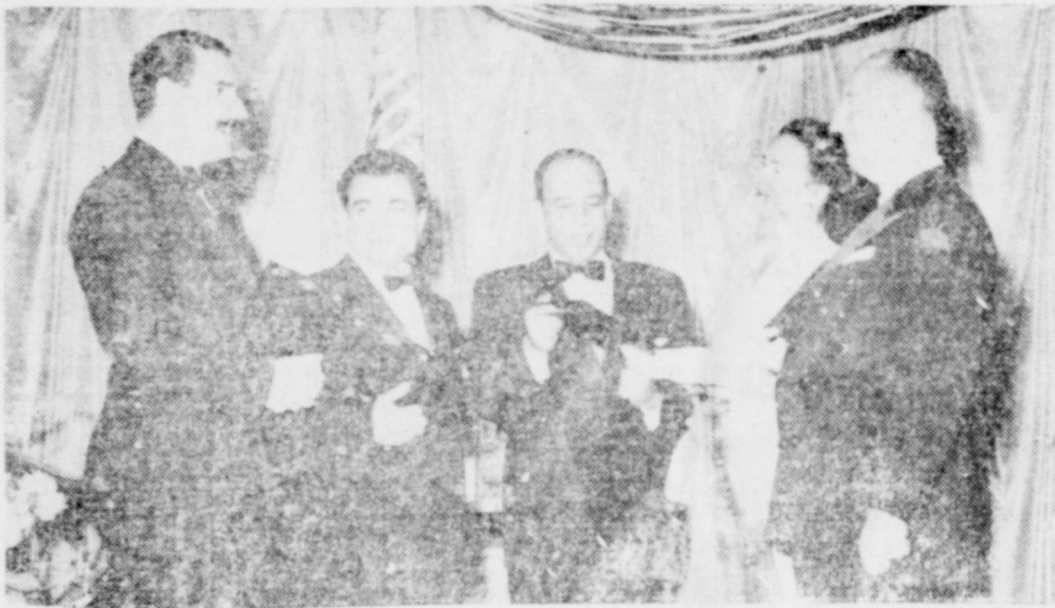


HORNED FROGS TO TAKE TO AIR



'We're going to pass and pass and pass!' says Coach Carl Knox, Arlington, Lindy Berry, Wichita Falls, Jim Lucas, Pecos. All four are lettermen.

Oscars of The Fashion Industry



Plaques of hand-cut silver on ebony, inscribed "For Distinguished Service in the Field of Fashion", were presented to four outstanding fashion designers by Neiman-Marcus, Dallas, Texas, at their Fortieth Anniversary Fashion Show. From left to right are: Major George Mitcheson, who accepted the award for Norman Hartnell of London, who is now making Princess Elizabeth wedding dress; Salvatore Ferragamo, famous Italian shoe-maker from Florence, Italy; Stanley Marcus, executive vice-president of Neiman-Marcus; Irene of Hollywood, designer of movie clothes, and Christian Dior of Paris, France, whose fame rests on his famous lower hem-line and hour glass silhouettes. (NEA Telephoto).

FUNNY BUSINESS



Old Missouri Mule Yielding Throne

ST. LOUIS (UP) — The Missouri mule has joined the old gray mare on a growing list of things that ain't what they used to be.

The subject came to light when the U. S. Department of Commerce published a book listing the ranking agricultural counties of the country. For the first time in history, not a single Missouri county was listed among the 50 leading counties in terms of number of mules and mule colts. Missouri, known throughout the world for its sturdy mules, has been slipping for many years in this category. In 1910, the Show Me state ranked second only to Texas in the number of mules on farms. By 1940, however, Missouri had dropped to ninth place, and today is out of the running.

While Missouri mules have been disappearing, the North Carolina mule has been increasing in number, the report shows.

The principal reason for the decline of the Missouri mule, a veteran of both World Wars, seems to be the rapid increase in mechanization of farms.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



RED RYDER



ALLEY OOP



BY MERRILL BLOSSER



BY FRED HARMON



BY V. T. HAMLIN



DEATH of a DOLL

By Hilda Lawrence

THE STORY: Agnes shows Miss Plummer the stained doll's costume which she found hidden in her closet. Miss Plummer tries to tell her sister, Mrs. Fister, that she thinks Ruth Miller was murdered but Mrs. Fister refuses to listen.

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The afternoon dragged to its close, and Miss Small turned on the lights in the lounge. She returned to the desk and sat there in deep contentment. She was happy for the first time in weeks. Dear Monny, she thought. Dear, good Monny. She saw Monny making Mrs. Marshall-Gill with rosy eyes, standing with her hands in her pockets, carefully insolent and mistress of the situation. "Miss Small and I are resigning," Monny had said. "The Board will have a formal notice in a day or so." Mrs. Marshall-Gill had beamed. "Like a sheep. She hadn't meant to criticize, she hadn't meant to say what she did, she'd only thought that Miss Brady and Miss Small might have been a wee bit more careful."

Monny had been wonderful. How were they to know Ruth Miller was suicidal? she'd demanded. How were they to know Lillian Harris had vertigo or was cockeyed? Did the Board expect them to read the girls' minds and lock them in with a few moral words? Miss Small had chuckled. It had been too marvelous; she'd sent Monny home by herself and gone shopping alone. She'd wanted to be alone, among strangers, free to plan and think about the happy time ahead. And by great good luck she'd found a perfect present for Monny. "Good evening, Miss Small," a man's voice said. "May I see Miss Small?" She looked up. A tall man with

their faces. "So you see it all boils down to one thing, which can mean everything or nothing. Your team insists that Ruth Miller wasn't much of a person—to put it mildly, a misfit. If you're right, her suicide is tenable. The other team, that's Mrs. Sutton and one or two others, says she was sound and straight. If they're right, her suicide needs looking into."

MISS BRADY nodded seriously. "The girl had something on her mind, Mr. East. Miss Small saw it at once." "Tell me," Mark said. "Miss Small described Ruth's arrival. She was all right at first. I can swear to that. I'm used to sizing girls up. But then, suddenly, she changed, right under my eyes. She was terrified—all at once. I thought—"

"What?" he asked. "It was so sudden," she repeated. "I thought she must have seen someone. That was the only explanation, someone who knew something about her, perhaps. Mr. East, are you convinced that this is not what it seems?" "You're not too sure yourself, are you?" "Miss Brady intervened crisply. "I'll take that one. The miserable girl killed herself. She was caught in a net of her own devising. And when you find out what it was, if you ever do find out, it will be the usual thing, and you know what I mean. I blame myself in some ways. I could kick myself for taking her in."

Kindness Pays



Seven fliers who didn't forget the kindness of a Belgian girl during the war have made it possible for Pauline Bouse, 22, to come to America and live. The sixteen adopted the former underground worker's facilities by entry into the U. S. and got her to the job in Miami.

(To Be Continued)

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EXPERT REFRIGERATION service on Electric and gas boxes. Bill Wynn. Phone 302.

FOR SALE — 1946 1-2 ton Studebaker pickup. Good as new. See O. H. Dick, Eastland Telegram.

FOR SALE — Only 4 lots left on pavement. Hillcrest. Good buys in farms and city property. Ita R. Parrish, 363-W.

FOR SALE — Brood sows. Homer White. Eastland Rt. No. 2.

FOR RENT

Air France hostesses wear uniforms and hats designed by Frances most famous dress designers.

FOR RENT — Apartment and small house with private bath. 209 West Patterson.

FOR RENT — 3 room apartment, private bath. 601 So. Maderia St.

FOR RENT — 2 furnished apartments. 1328 West Main.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY — Pipe or any kind of oil field equipment. I also do any kind of dirt work or pipe line work. Marvin Hood, Phone 108-J, Eastland, Texas. tf.

WANTED — Dead animals removed free. Call Eastland 288. Brownwood Rendering Company.

WANTED — Boy or girl, good education, writes and prints a good legible hand. Fullers Steam Laundry.

WANTED — Good used furniture, no junk. Phone 574, Eastland.

For Rent

Apartment and rooms, modern with frigidaire. Also button-hole making. 409 S. Daugherty.

WANTED — Couple experienced waitresses, apply at Majestic Cafe or phone 241.

NOTICE

NOTICE — Radio repairing. Free pick up and delivery in city. Auto radio aeriels and service. SAM'S RADIO SERVICE, 114 East Main Street.

LOST

LOST OR STRAYED — Reward Small black dog, pointed face and ears. Answers to the name of Do-Do. Call 221-J. M. H. Perry, 319 So. Dixie.

Man Charged With Operating Truck Without License

A man giving his name as C. R. Timmons and his residence as Dublin was being held by Eastland county officers this morning following his arrest Saturday on a complaint filed by Sheriff J. E. Williams of Eastland county, charging him with driving a pickup without an operators license. The complaint was filed in Justice E. E. Wood's court at Eastland.

Another complaint filed by Sheriff Williams in the same court against Timmons charged him with displaying fictitious license plates on the truck he was driving.

In each of the above cases Timmons entered pleas of guilty, according to members of the Eastland County Sheriff's department, and fines of \$50.00 and cost were assessed in each case, fines and costs totaling approximately \$130.00.

Archaeologists exploring the Missouri River Valley in South Dakota have found evidences of a pre-Aricara Indian culture.



BY FRANK A. JONES

19 YEARS AGO TODAY ROTARIANS HEAR VERY INTERESTING MUSICAL PROGRAM

The Eastland Rotary club at its meeting today (Sept. 17, 1929) listened to a song program led by Tom Reid, teacher of vocal music in Randolph College, Cisco. Miss Walters, also of Randolph College, accompanied at the piano.

Among the visitors at today's meeting were: M. R. Newnam, B. F. Murphy, Roy Speed, Clarence May and Bill McDonald, Rotarians of Ranger.

The program committee for a next meeting is composed of J. A. Stover, "Cy" Perkins and John Knox.

MCCARTY TRAVELS WITH SMITH PARTY THROUGH THE WEST

Milburn McCarty, Jr., who is on the staff of the Democratic National Headquarters, in New York, is making a tour of the Western states with the party of Governor Al Smith on the Democratic nominee's campaign in the West.

METHODIST TO RAISE FUNDS TO REDUCE DEBT

The building committee in charge of the financing of the new Methodist church will ask all Methodist in Eastland to take care of part of their pledges this week. It is stated that \$9,000 must be raised at this time. N. A. Moore, chairman of the building committee, and Earl Bender of the finance committee, have called a meeting for tonight at the church auditorium.

Those who have been called to meet at the church tonight are the building committee composed of the following: N. A. Moore, Earl Bender, Grady Pipkin, T. E. Downtain, Dr. R. C. Ferguson, Geo. Brogdon, R. F. Jones, Luther Pean, and T. L. Overbey.

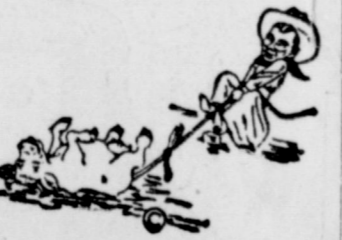
Assisting the building committee the following have been named: W. B. Collier, J. W. Miller, Mrs. Luther Bean, Mrs. May Harrison, Wayne Jones, Mrs. Constable, Judge W. P. Leslie, Mrs. Frank Castleberry, Mrs. Drago, Fred Davenport, Mrs. Walter Gray, Mrs. Ida B. Foster, Judge Cyrus B. Frost, Mrs. Iola Michell, Mrs. Chas. C. Robey, Mrs. S. I. Rumph, T. M. Johnson, Mrs. J. F. Little, R. E. Sikes and Mrs. Sallie Hill.

ELKS GETTING READY TO GIVE MINISTREL SHOW

The outlook for the annual Elks Ministrel grows more and more interesting as the work goes forward.

Bert Williams has accepted the chairmanship of the talent committee; Guy McMillan chairman of advertising; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Jackson, editors-in-chief of the

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Negroes Must Foster Own Music, Says W. C. Handy Father of Blues

By Donald J. Brydon
United Press Staff Correspondent

ST. LOUIS (UP) — American Negro musicians should give more attention to their own rhythmic forms and worry less about playing classical music. That's the opinion of one of the world's greatest Negro composers, W. C. Handy, who became famous for his "St. Louis Blues."

Handy, now 74 years old, said other racial groups are using and exploiting these rhythmic forms. He feels that men of all races can find a common denominator in song. It is his conviction that his own race can make a great stride in aiding racial understanding by producing its music in forms which will be sung and loved by others.

The now nearly-blind musician who composed four of the greatest blues songs, "St. Louis Blues," "Memphis Blues," "Beale Street Blues," and "Harlem Blues," calls this a synthetic period of music. "Song hits now are popularized artificially by wide advertising, high pressure song-plugging and constant repetition by radio," he said.

"Years ago, songs were written about some place or period and endeared themselves to the people. A song was written for a community, and grew to wide popularity by natural means."

Although he has known poverty and misfortune, Handy thinks that part of his life had little to do with the more than 60 blues songs he composed.

"Mostly," he said, "I felt that the styles of music and the folklore of the era of the late '90s and early 1900s should be put into song. I have always imagined that a good bit of that hardship went into the making of the 'St. Louis Blues.'"

Handy ran away from home at the age of 18 because his father, a minister, objects to a musical career for his son. One day Handy brought home a guitar, and his father sternly ordered him to re-

turn to the store and exchange the "devilish instrument" for a dictionary. From that day on, Handy has been on his own. Today he continues to direct the activities of his New York music publishing firm and manages to keep busy writing new music.

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the rambler by Jack E. Brady

Eastland County's Third Annual Peanut Show, held at the Livestock barn at Cisco, last Saturday, had a full program throughout the day and evening. . . . the entirety of the program was educational to those engaged in peanut growing . . . County Agricultural Agent Cooper, had charge of the following program: "Results of Different Experiments" was discussed by B. C. Langley, Superintendent of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Stephenville; "Ways of Increasing Peanut Yields in the West Cross Timbers Area" by E. A. Miller, Extension Agronomist, A&M College; "Value of Cover and Soil Building Crops for Peanut Farms," by R. F. Reeves, of the Soil Conservation Service, Rising Star; "The Southwestern Peanut Growers Association—Its Why and How," by J. A. Wright, Gorman, Texas; "1948 Peanut Marketing Quotas" by Emmett E. Powell, P. M. A., Eastland, Texas; "New Uses of Peanuts," by George I. Lane, F. H. A., Eastland, Texas; "Early Versus Late Peanut Planting" by W. B. Starr, Route 2, Cisco, Texas; Judges' selection of Peanut Queen; Musical Program and the Crowning of the Queen . . . Sixty-seven entries were made by peanut exhibitors, most of them entered three vines . . . Mrs. B. C. Langley stated it was thought that peanuts originated in Brazil thousands of years ago and that today, they are to be found in the jungles in the uncultivated state. Mr. Langley discussed the common diseases of the peanut plant in this area, and the method of treatment; he spoke of the mechanization of peanut production; threshing peanuts before they are dry; the removal of peanut hay before threshing; rotation of crops, and the need of better quality peanuts; Mr. Langley stated that poor quality peanuts "kicked back" on the grower by the quality of the planting seed . . . Mr. E. A. Miller opened his discussion by remarking that Eastland County was once the leading cotton county of the State of Texas . . . the principal peanut producing counties of the Cross-Timer area are Eastland, Erath and Comanche counties; and the Houston and San Antonio areas are the other great peanut producing sections of Texas . . . He stated that soil improvement and plant food in the soil are important to increased yield; we have 100,000 acres of Hairy Vetch in the Cross Timbers area, making it the Hairy Vetch area of the entire State. Mr. Miller stressed the importance of plating peanuts thick enough to produce "a good stand", and the necessity of

treating the shelled planting seed. Figures given, indicated that the shelled seed peanuts that were treated gave a much higher percentage of production than the seed that was not treated. In 1942 the treated seed produced 25.9 bushels per acre; in 1945 the figure was 22.0 bushels for the treated seed, and 8.3 bushels for the non-treated seed. It was stated that the year 1946 was an exceptionally good year for germination . . . A three year average showed that a yield of 26.8 bushels were realized by treatment of the seed, and 16.0 bushels was the yield of the non-treated seed. It is generally agreed that all shelled seed should be treated. R. F. Reeves gave the peanut growers a photographic demonstration; with the samples of the soil, Mr. Reeves used in his demonstration, he left no doubt as to the importance of soil building if one is to realize the fullest possible production from the soil . . . John Wright of the Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association of Gorman, gave a clear concise talk on the organization and functions of the association, and the term "parity" . . . Mr. Wright stated that "statistics showed that there was more equality of the American dollar during the years 1909 to 1914, than at any other time. . . peanuts sold for 4.8 cents per pound during this period . . . during the years from 1934 to 1943, there were 520,000 acres of peanuts in cultivation, and during the years of 1944-1945-1946, the figure reached more than one million acres. . . . During the past five year period, 686,000 tons of peanuts were consumed. Emmett Powell explained Marketing quotas, allotments, and urged the peanut growers to submit their acreage data before October 10th. W. B. Starr of Cisco, a peanut grower, and one of the organizers of the Southwest Peanut Growers Association, expressed the opinion that early peanuts gave the greater yield. . . . The peanut exhibitors, exhibiting vines with peanuts attached, were: Henry Jackson, Carbon, Junior Rice, Carbon, Gene Schaefer, Cisco, Herman Schaefer, Cisco, Syrus Justice, Carbon, Charles McDaniel, Carbon, Donny Donaldson, Gorman, Donald Lee Joiner, Gorman, F.F. Reed, Rising Star, Don Maynard, Rising Star, Ernest Reich, Cisco, J. C. Cozart, Nimrod, Alton Clark, Romney, Carl Reich, Cisco, Marton Reich, Cisco, E. L. Harris, Carbon, J. L. King, Nimrod, Emmet Reich, Cisco, L. V. Jordan, J. B. Hagan, Cisco, Harry Carter, Eastland, Lawrence Ingram, Nimrod, A. L. Bibb, Nimrod, Rudolph Schaefer, Cisco, Joe Schaefer, Cisco, W. F. Simmons, Cisco. . . . The winners of the Peanut Show exhibit were: First place—E. L. Harris, Rt. 1, Carbon, Texas; Second place—E. L. Harris, Carbon, Third place—Donald Lee Joiner, Gorman, Fourth place—Ernest Reich, Cisco, Fifth place—Ernest Reich, Cisco, Sixth place—Jerry Carter, Rt. 2, Eastland, Seventh place—Carl Reich, Cisco. . . . The prizes were as follows: First prize—10 sacks of 4-12-4 Fertilizer, donated by the Gorman Peanut Company; Second prize—

\$10. Cash, given by the Eastland National Bank. Third prize—\$7.50 Cash, given by the Linkenhogger Truck & Tractor Company, Eastland. Fourth prize—1 sack of Nitrogen Fertilizer, given by the King Tractor Company, Eastland. Fifth prize—Dress shirt, given by Carl Johnson Dry Goods Store, Eastland. Sixth prize—Ribbon. Seventh prize—Ribbon. Seven charming young ladies of Eastland county, were candidates for the honor of Eastland County Peanut Queen . . . Elizabeth Wright of Longbranch was crowned queen, to represent the Peanut Industry for 1947-1948; Mack Bryant of Gorman, received second place, and Jean Sprauls of Seranton, was third . . . Other contestants were: Ina Mae Riding, Desdemona, Rosita Fleming, Pioneer, Joan Tyson, Pioneer, and Peggy Jean Sheridan, Longbranch . . . The bulk of the economic structure of Eastland county depends upon peanuts . . . We salute the peanut growers and the entire peanut industry of wealthy Eastland County. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Langlitz of Oden, were Abilene visitors Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen of Dallas, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Fehl. Read your county-wide, County-seat newspaper, the Eastland DAILY Telegram . . . your "County-Wide Public Service Institution." Phone 601 . . . when you need printing or office supplies. Let's Boost Eastland . . . A population of 10,000 by 1950.

Heartsease by Elsie Glenn

Shut Up!
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our lips, saying the wrong thing at the right time!
People have got a lot of the devil in them, deep down inside they like to talk and gab and to gossip much of the time. Rare if the man or the woman who knows how to keep his mouth shut. If we had any thinking powers we would put ourselves in the place of others; avoid the horrors of forcing others into positions from which we ourselves would recoil . . . so many instances where we do such terrible harm by talking.

shut their mouths?
I have and you have, too.
Think about it.
Clacking, gabbling tongues.
Ever hear chickens clucking and clacking?
Did you ever wring a chicken's neck?
Surprising how many of the clacking creatures end up with their necks on a block.
Did you say something?
Personals
Mrs. Lula Burton was called to her brother's bedside, J. E. Adams of Rush Springs, Okla., who had a stroke, but is better now.

SOCIETY
SIXTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING CALLED FOR SAT. SEPTEMBER 20th
The first Sixth District Board meeting of the current administration of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs has been called for 10:00 o'clock, Saturday morning, September 20th, in Hotel Cactus, San Angelo, Mrs. W. E. Cantrell, Sixth District president, has announced.

Plans for the year's work will be shaped and a complete list of board members approved and announced.
Following the session, club women will attend the Fort Concho Inter-County Federation luncheon in the same hotel.
PIONEER CLUB TO MEET
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That Reminds Me--
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can girls messing with the so-called royalty of any nation, but for a country that missed complete annihilation except for the help of a lot of Americans, it sort of stirs up to see the gingerbread royalty debating on whether or not a citizen of this country can be received without giving the purity of their stuffed shirt social order.
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