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U. S. To Stay In Berlin, Says Clay

That Reminds Me
BY FRANK A. JONES

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has only two mail carriers to service the City routes out of the local postoffice and this is not enough, according to some of the citizens of Eastland, to do the job and do it right. Frankly we had not thought of the matter, but it seems reasonable that where a town is growing as Eastland is growing at least one additional mail carrier, if not more, could be used very profitably, at least so far as service goes. If you have an opinion on this matter why not let it be known. We note that additional carriers are being allotted other towns so why not Eastland.

BETTER ROADS FOR LESS MONEY

The idea that Texas counties get better roads for less money under the one unit plan of operation than they do under the old plan of four separate units—one for each county—Commissioner appears to be gaining. A number of counties have been operating under the one unit system for some time. The idea is being considered in Eastland county, we are told, and is growing in favor as it is better understood. Under the law, as we understand it, the County Commissioners' court can order a change over from the four unit to the one unit system, or, if the people want it done and the Commissioners' court will not do it then it may be done by an election. It is pointed out by those who claim to know, that Eastland county could save approximately \$25,000 per year if her road building and maintenance work was done under the one unit plan rather than under the four unit plan as at present. If this is the case we should change over just as soon as possible.

OUR FRIENDS, THE SINGERS:

The Eastland County Singing Convention is due to meet in Eastland Saturday and Sunday, April 11 and 12. Saturday night there will be a number of visiting quartets from a distance and we should hope that these are provided with accommodations and their transportation. On Sunday, we propose to furnish free meals to all singers here and out of the County. This is a small sum but quite a little sum for only a small amount of money.

Senior Scout Post No. 48 To Be Host To Scouts-Scouters

Senior Scout Post No. 48, sponsored by the American Legion, will be host to all local scouts and scouters here Tuesday night for a Court of Honor and Social. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. at the American Legion building at the Eastland City Park.

Following the Court of Honor, which will be presided over by Advancement Chairman Homer Smith and District Chairman B. W. (Buck) Pickens, there will be a movie program brought by Game Warden John Wood of Brownwood. This program will consist of two films: "Realm of the Wild," and "Chico and the Chaparral." Both of these films are of great interest to wild life enthusiasts and present some wonderful color photography. Parents and friends of the scouts are invited to attend.

Students Rally Against Draft



A group of University of California students, at Berkeley, Calif., has organized to fight the proposed draft. They also advocate scrapping the European Recovery Program and urge the election of Henry Wallace. Laura Heims passes out leaflets on the campus. (NEA Telephoto).

U. S. AIR FORCE EXPANDING IN NEAR EAST AND ARTIC

By William F. McMenamin
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Air Transport Command, globe-covering arm of the Air Force, is expanding its facilities in the two key world trouble spots, the Mediterranean and the Arctic.

The big transport planes of the Air Force have added Athens, Greece, and Ankara, Turkey, to their list of stops. That is a direct result of the \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish Air Program.

Still a second Mediterranean expansion is planned that will give the Air Transport Command a shortcut to the Mediterranean political hot-bed. Planes will fly from the United States to Bermuda, the Azores, Port Lyautey in French Morocco, and Wheelus Field there can branch off to Athens, Rome, Ankara, Cairo, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia and other points in the near East. That will avoid sending planes the long route through Europe as they now travel.

The new route also is expected to provide an ideal one for possible ferrying of planes to be turned over to the Greeks and Turks under the Greek-Turkish aid program.

The Air Force has re-surfaced five fields in Greece. It has turned over a few trainers and transports to the Greeks but so far no combat planes have gone to them.

The Turks also are expected to get some surplus American planes left over from World War II.

The Air Transport Command expansion in the Arctic has been extensive. Its planes now fly from Westover Field, Mass., to Ottawa

and Fort Churchill, Canada, Goose Bay, Labrador, and remote Air Force posts in Greenland, stretching as far north as Thule, Eureka Sound and Resolute Bay.

The ATC lines in Alaska, preparing for a \$140,000,000 airfield expansion program there, have been extended. New points added are Norman Wells, Sawmill Bay, Cambridge Bay and Kittigaut.

The ATC began last summer a Great Circle air run from Seattle to Tokyo via Anchorage and Shemya in the Aleutians.

The Air Transport Command is America's largest global air line. It carried 133,000,000 ton miles of cargo and flew 500,000,000 passenger miles in 1947 without a passenger fatality on regular scheduled flights.

It already has begun replacing its aging C-47 and C-54 war-time transports with the modern C-97 Boeing Stratofreighter and the Douglas C-74 Globemaster, known in commercial fields as the DC-7.

Its flights across the Atlantic daily carry passengers and freight to Frankfurt, Germany, via Stephenville, Newfoundland, the Azores, and even Meeks Field, Iceland.

There is a Caribbean run that stretches as far as Panama and British Guiana.

The central Pacific route connects Fairfield-Suisun, Cal., with Honolulu, Johnston Island, Kwajalein, Guam, Manila, Okinawa, Shanghai, Iwo Jima and Tokyo.

Jury Commission To Meet Tuesday

A jury commission composed of George Boyd of Cisco, K. B. Tanner of Eastland and A. N. Larson of Ranger, has been appointed by Judge Geo. L. Davenport to select petit and grand juries for the April term of the 91st district court, which opens April 5.

UN Hopes Low

LAKE SUCCESS, Mar. 22, (UP)—Hopes for the future of the United Nations were pushed to an all-time low today by the east-west power battle in Europe and the middle East.

Top UN officials refrained from public comment.

Bodies Arrive
OAKLAND, Cal. Mar. 22, (UP)—The bodies of 3,295 servicemen who were killed in western Pacific battles arrived aboard the transport Walter Schwenk today for burial in military or private cemeteries throughout the nation.

SPECIAL MEET BAND BOOSTER TONIGHT 7:30

Hood King, president of the Eastland Band Booster club, announces that a special meeting of the club has been called for tonight at 7:30 at the Eastland High School.

Sleuth's Talk Was Good But He Didn't Make It

ATLANTA, Ga. (UP)—Detective Lieut. E. C. Mullen feels that what he needs is a detective. When he and a colleague, Patrol Capt. E. L. Sikes, were asked to lecture to the Atlanta police training school, Mullen spent long hours in research and preparing a manuscript on vice squad procedure.

Sikes, former head of the vice squad spoke first. His talk concentrated heavily on vice procedure. To Mullen, it sounded awfully familiar.

Sheriff's Oil Paintings Get Wide Attention

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (UP)—The oil paintings of a 64-year-old deputy sheriff from Providence are seen by more Rhode Island residents than those of any nationally known artist.

Sheriff Alexander Carcieri specializes in massive canvases of the state's leading politicians.

His oil portraits of such men as the Democratic national chairman, J. Howard McGrath, and Gov. John O. Pastore are mounted on sound trucks and carried through the state at election time.

Carcieri currently is working on a king-size portrait of Sen. Theodore F. Green, D., R. I. He works on his 24-square feet canvases with a 1 1/2 inch brush.

"Ritzy," a modern slang term, comes from the Ritz Hotels, known for their fashionableness.

Expect Senate Approval Of Tax Cut Bill Today

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22, (UP)—Democrats and Republicans agreed today that the Senate will pass the \$4,800,000,000 tax-cutting bill by an overwhelming majority before the day is out.

A poll showed that at least 23 of the Senates 45 Democrats were ready to vote for the GOP-sponsored measure. Republican leaders expected all the 51 GOP senators to support it.

Administration Democrats conceded that they had little chance of mustering the votes needed to sustain an anticipated veto by President Truman.

Republicans were confident that both the House and Senate would support the bill by the two-thirds majority needed to kill a veto. The felt the outlook could be upset only if an international crisis threatens to wipe out the prospective surplus in the budget.

Trieste Plan Flatly Rejected By Yugoslavia

LONDON, Mar. 22, (UP)—Yugoslavia rejected the American British - French proposal to return Trieste to Italy in identical notes handed to the ambassadors of the three western powers in Belgrade.

British Ambassador Charles Peake said in Belgrade that the notes were a blunt Yugoslav rejection of the proposal by the western powers. The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug also reported that the western proposal had been rejected.

The agency said the notes were taken as indicating that Yugoslavia would counter the big three move by demanding a plebiscite and that the Yugoslav reply accused the western powers of playing politics with Italy.

Wright Gets Certificate On Lubrication

In a report on the Lubrication school conducted by a specialist from Humble Oil Company headquarters, a few days ago the name of Nathan Wright, employed at Muirhead Motor Company, was not included in the list of those taking the course and being issued certificates but should have been.

That's the Ticket



Thanks to the winning efforts of Sheila's Cottage in the Grand National Steeplechase, Eugene S. Ersek of Cleveland, D., is now \$100,000 richer—before taxes, that is. Crossed fingers and all, Ersek held a ticket on the winner, the first mare to win the historic race in 46 years. (NEA Photo).

He Should Read What He Writes



Paul Jones, in his capacity as director of public information for the National Safety Council in Chicago, spends most of his time telling people how to avoid accidents. But, just after judging a safety contest on "perils of falling on ice," he did just that. Result—double fracture of the arm and a red face. (NEA Telephoto).

Flood Threat Growing Worse

By United Press
Water rushed over the banks of streams from North Dakota to Pennsylvania today and the U. S. Engineers warned of serious floods along the Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois Rivers if heavy rains fall in the next five days.

The most critical situation appeared to be at Quincy, Ill., where the Mississippi stood at 21 feet, seven feet over flood stage, and was still rising.

A storm lashed the Pacific northwest coast endangering shipping with a 50-mile-an-hour wind that blew rain as far inland as Idaho.

The nation counted at least 55 dead due to violent weather conditions including tornadoes, floods and fog, during the past four days.

Many streams were reported above flood stage in Iowa, North Dakota, Nebraska Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Missouri.

Nazarenes To Have Special Services

The Church of the Nazarenes, West Main at Connellee Streets, announces special services beginning Wednesday and lasting over Friday night at 7:30.

The services will be a study of the last few days of Christ on earth and should be profitable to all those present.

There will be congregational singing and special music each night.

Rev. Wm. C. Emberton, pastor, says, "This is a good time to attend church as the Easter season approaches. We would urge you to come to these special services and help us study life of Christ. You will find a welcome awaiting you."

Committee For Aid To Three

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22, (UP)—The House appropriations committee today voted \$55,000,000 in stop-gap funds for France, Italy and Austria.

The money, to meet the "urgent needs" of the three countries pending enactment of the European Recovery Program, was included in a deficiency appropriation bill approved by the committee.

Committee Urges Quick Passage Of Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22, (UP)—The House foreign affairs committee today called for approval of its \$6,205,000,000 foreign aid bill as a roadblock to the march of Communism and world domination by Russia.

The committee said the alternatives to its catch-all assistance program would be far more costly and "the very survival of the United States would be more seriously at stake than at any other time in its history."

The report was made public as top-ranking members of the committee went before the House rules committee for a quick okay of the bill in order to bring it to the floor tomorrow for a general debate.

The measure includes \$5,300,000,000 for the European Recovery Program, \$570,000,000 for military and economic assistance to China, \$275,000,000 for military aid to Greece and Turkey, and \$60,000,000 for the United Nation's Children's fund.

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Brazos Valley Baseball League Be Discussed

A meeting has been called for 7:30 Wednesday evening at the Eastland Chamber of Commerce office for the purpose of discussing Eastland's entry into the Brazos Valley Hardball baseball league.

At the meeting Wednesday evening a manager for the local team is to be named. All persons, whether interested in playing in the league or otherwise, are invited and urged to be present.

Some of the towns already in the league are Mineral Wells, Strawn, and Weatherford.

Your Tax Deeds Are Now Ready Says Sheriff

Sheriff J. B. William's office advises that sheriff's deeds to property bid in at the Delinquent Tax sale held March 2, are now ready at his office.

In many instances those bidding property in at the sale, did not leave mailing addresses with the Sheriff and he can not mail their deeds to them on this account.

Grand Jury Returns
The 91st district court grand jury, impaneled March 15 and which recessed the same day, will re-convene Tuesday morning.

CHILLING OF SOVIET TOWARD POWERS NOT TO CHANGE PLANS

BERLIN, Mar. 22, (UP)—The United States has no intention whatever of getting out of Berlin, Gen. Lucius D. Clay said today, despite a sudden chilling of relations between Russia and the western powers here.

The Soviets boycotted seven scheduled four-powers' meetings here today, and asked for a postponement of tomorrow's meeting of the coordinating committee's second highest administrative body in Germany.

Coming on top of the abrupt walkout by the Soviet delegation from the Allied Control Council Saturday, the boycott cast a cloud of gloom over the future status of the city's representations here.

Clay, the American military governor, told newsmen that despite the Russian blows to four-power operations, the United States was staying in Berlin.

"I don't know how many times it is necessary to repeat it," he said. "I have said it before, and I say it again. We have no intention of leaving Berlin."

Italian, French Ministers Confer

ROME, Mar. 22, (UP)—Premier Alcide De Gasperi met French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault in a crucial conference today and emerged with the declaration that Italy and the world faces the question of war or peace.

The De Gasperi-Bidault conference, relating to the vital question of Italy's participation in the western bloc, occurred as the tense Italian political situation was rocked by the western proposal to return Trieste to Italy.

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Napoleon's retreat from Moscow was one of the most disastrous retreats in military history.

THIS WEEK AT LOCAL THEATRES
Majestic MONDAY
"If Winter Comes"
With Walter Pidgeon and Deborah Kerr
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY
"Prince of Thieves"
With Jon Hall and Patricia Morison
THURSDAY ONLY
"Blonde's Anniversary"
With Arthur Lake and Penny Singleton
FRIDAY - SATURDAY
"High Wall"
With Robert Taylor and Audrey Totter

Lyric
FRIDAY - SATURDAY
"Wild Horse Man"
With Tim Holt and Nan Leslie

The Telegram has tickets for Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Richardson to see "Prince of Thieves", Tuesday.
(Please clip the above program from this newspaper and present it with federal tax at Majestic box office.)

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

Coal Operators May Strike Rather Than Meet Demands

BY PETER EDSON

NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Sentiment among leading coal mine operators who met in Washington for a safety conference was strongly in favor of taking a strike rather than meet demands from John L. Lewis for increased wages and welfare fund payments.

Operators took heart from U. S. Steel Corp. president Benjamin F. Fairless's statement to Sen. Robert A. Taft's Economic Committee that he did not believe a third round of wage increases was necessary at this time. There was some inclination to interpret this as a major policy statement from Big Steel, which is also the largest operator of captive coal mines in the country.

U. S. Steel's coal subsidiary took the lead last July in negotiating a new contract with Lewis. It runs out on June 30. It gave the miners a 44 cents an hour pay raise. Minimum earnings are now \$65.25 for a five-day 40-hour portable week. In addition the miners were given 10 cents royalty on every ton of coal mined for health, welfare and retirement benefits.

The entire coal industry followed this pattern. It was loudly criticized at the time for having surrendered so completely to Lewis. It brought on an increase in the price of coal. President Truman and his economic advisers have criticized it as contributing to inflation.

Coal operators made a big public relations effort to sell the idea that this increase was in the public interest. The mine owners just had their properties returned to them after long government seizure. Operators were afraid that if they didn't start producing coal immediately, somebody might get the idea that mines should be nationalized and run by the government forever. So the operators offered John L. and his miners terms so good that they couldn't refuse. Today the situation is much different. The Taft-Hartley Law is on the books. It provides restrictions against strikes which threaten the national health and security.

Thus far Lewis has indicated only that he wants the welfare and retirement fund benefits straightened out. When the new contract was being drawn up last July, operators wanted benefit payment terms included. Lewis refused. He said this should be determined by the three trustees for the fund—himself for the miners, Van Horn for the operators, and Thomas E. Murray of New York as public representative.

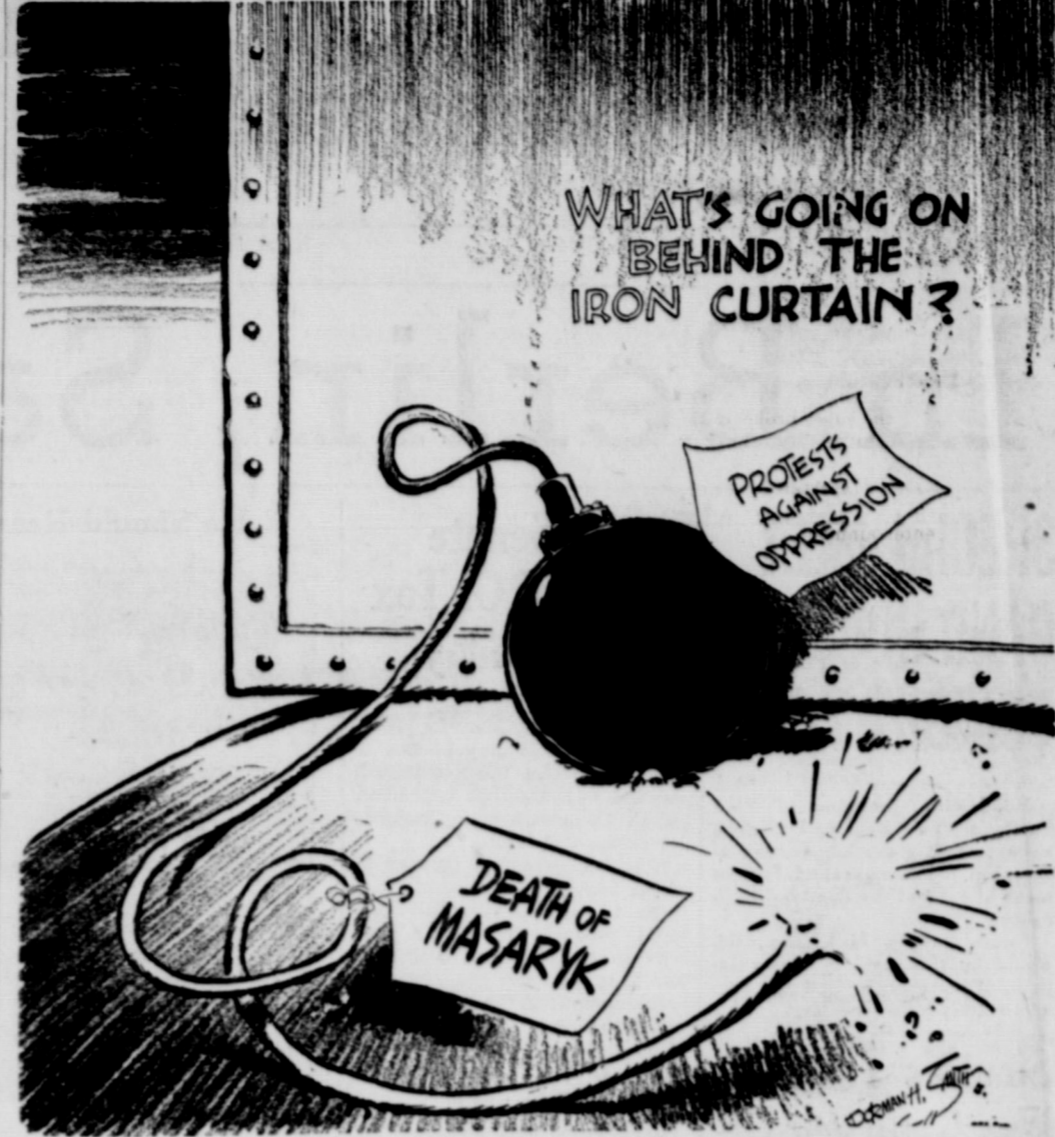
THESE trustees have been trying to agree for seven months. Having failed, Murray has resigned. Lewis wants pensions of \$100 a month paid to all 60-year-old miners who have worked in the mines 20 years. He says this would cost only \$10,000,000 a year to start. Van Horn and the operators maintain that on a sound insurance basis, it would be necessary to raise the royalty payments to 40 or 50 cents a ton to pay these pensions. They say the fund would have to be a billion dollars to pay benefits of from \$100,000,000 to \$125,000,000 a year, in bad times as well as good.

In failing to reach an agreement, Lewis has notified the operators he has "reserved the right to take any independent action necessary." Just what that means, nobody knows. It could mean strike.

Under the contract, either Lewis or the operators can cancel on 30-day notice. Under the Taft-Hartley Act, however, they must give a 60-day notice of intent to reopen a contract. Then they must submit to investigation for 60 days and hold an election on management's last and best offer.

It is doubtful if Lewis will seek a union shop election. To do so he must first secure petitions for union shop from 30 per cent of the employees. Lewis can easily allow the mines to go open shop. He can still keep control of his miners by having them authorize checkoff of their union dues by the employer.

There is no hint at all whether Lewis will ask for an increase in wage rates. But the operators are ready to fight him on that if he does.



Inlan Sailor Plans Ocean Voyage As Start Of His College Education

JACKSON, Mich. (UP)—An ocean-going vessel is sitting hundreds of miles from navigable water here, but it's all part of Theodore Conover's plan to go to college.

The young ex-sailor plans to sail his converted whale boat down the Ohio River to the Mississippi thence via the Gulf of Mexico to Tampa, Fla., and his goal, the University of Tampa.

A year ago the bogey of expenses thwarted Conover's idea of attending the southern college. There was the problem of transportation as well as housing.

So Conover got a 23-foot ex-Navy whale boat at an auction for \$130. Since then he has converted

it into a sleek, power driven cabin in craft.

Interested townspeople pitched in to help the disabled veteran in his task. The city water superintendent, D. J. Stellingworth, contributed a discarded impeller wheel from one of the city's deep well water pumps for a propeller.

Conover built a 14-foot cabin containing seats, bunks, table closet and kitchenette. He installed a new marine engine and a 34-foot mast for sail power. Thirty-seven feet of railroad rail provides a heavy keel.



Office Nurse

By Adelaide Humphries

By Adelaide Humphries; Distributed by NEA SERVICE, INC.

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IT was rather nice, Janice decided, being a patient instead of a nurse. It was nice just to lie in a comfortable bed with fresh-smelling linen, with the shades half-drawn and the room filled with flowers.

Of course, she reflected, she should be on her way to Mexico. But this was almost as good. Mexico would keep. Everything would keep. She did not want to do anything or think about anything or anyone for a long, long time.

The nurse, her white skirts rustling, her face lighted up with a cheerful, purposeful smile, popped her head through the door, brightly, that she had a visitor.

"But I don't want to—" Janice began, then she saw who the visitor was and said all right. She could not refuse to see Betty Jane. She had refused nearly everyone else, except, of course, her family.

"You mustn't stay long," the nurse warned, ushering Betty Jane in, one finger pressed warningly against her lips. "Our patient is doing nicely, but we don't want to tire her."

"Oh, I won't! I'll only stay a few minutes," Betty Jane promised. She handed the nurse a bundle wrapped in green wax paper that could only be more flowers.

I wonder, Janice thought, if I'll get this many flowers at my funeral. Not that the flowers weren't lovely. But in her present mood Janice was too indifferent to be grateful for them.

Still, she thought, smiling at Betty Jane, she was glad it wasn't

her funeral. She was not too indifferent to be glad that she still was alive.

"MY, you look wonderful!" Betty Jane said. But she did not sound as though she meant it. I must look a wreck, Janice decided. She had not, up until now, cared? She still did not care too much. "How's everything?" she said.

She did not care very much how "everything" was, but it was polite to ask and Betty Jane would expect that much from her.

"Just fine! Just fine!" Betty Jane said. "I know you must be able to take your place. But honestly, even Miss Willows says I'm doing all right."

"I'm sure you'll do much better than I," Janice said.

"I could never do that," Betty Jane said modestly. "But the office is all I have now. That's one reason I had to come to see you, Janice. I wanted to tell you, only I don't know how..." Her voice faltered, but she managed to go on in a moment. "Don't you be sensible, like I always thought I was. What I mean is, don't you put the office first. If you want to stay away a long time or anything—well, just you do it."

"Thanks," Janice said. She will get quite sure what she was thanking Betty Jane for, but she knew that the other girl was trying to help her. That was why Janice added, "I am going to stay away. As soon as I'm able I'm going to Mexico, for a vacation. And"—it seemed now that Janice was beginning to think, whether she was

ready or not—"you can tell Miss Willows something for me, if you will."

Janice asked, "My Bill, he up and married someone else." Betty Jane gave an argument that was convincing. "A girl he always said he couldn't stand, too. But I kept him waiting too long; he thought I put my work before him. Common sense and love don't mix at all."

"Maybe you're right," Janice said. "Anyhow, I'll think about all that you've said, I'm terribly sorry, Betty Jane, about your young man. Only, truly, I feel sure that he couldn't have been the right young man, and that the right one, for you, will come along some day."

Janice's words and smile were so warm and sincere that they almost convinced the other girl. "Oh, thank you, I remember what I do. I mustn't stay any longer."

She was right, as just then the nurse popped her head through the doorway again to say that the visitor had stayed long enough, "We must not tire our patient." (To Be Continued)

Conover said that on arrival in Tampa he will anchor his craft near the college and set up housekeeping in style, with the gentle waves to rock him to sleep.

But he has plans beyond the horizons. Secure in his locker are complete charts of Caribbean and

South American waters. After college he envisions leisurely trips to far-off places, tropical nights, lecture tours.

But in more sober moments Conover confides that he has just one worry about his boat. He hopes it will float.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Ex-Pugilist

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- HERMAN
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- 2 Anointer
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- 4 Irishman (var.)

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

BY MERRILL BLOSSER



RED RYDER

BY FRED HARMON



ALLEY OOP

BY V. I. HAMLIN



THE SCOREBOARD

No Excuse for Ball Players Holding Out These Lush Days

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—(NEA)—In these lush baseball times, it was rather surprising to see 25 or more of the combatants holding out with the training season under way.

With all but the Browns having done so well financially during the war and postwar periods, there is no excuse for a so-called baseball holdout these days.

With his mighty few exceptions, the established star has been paid what he was worth in his club.

Rarely has a ballplayer meant it when he threatened to do something else if the owner didn't put more money on the line.

Offhand, only two made good threats to remain on the sidelines, and in 1909, Turkey Mike Donlin was so situated that he could capitalize on his baseball fame in vaudeville.

The stylish Eddie Rosebush stuck to his farm one summer while the property of the Reds.

The rest were only bluffing.

Between baseball seasons, sports pages were once filled with hot-league stuff, but there is no off-season now. The baseball writer no longer needs to write pieces about outfielder Joe Blow being dissatisfied with what the hard-hearted magnate has offered him for the upcoming campaign.

THE club and player were only bargaining then when the athlete was returning a contract unsigned two or three times, and that's what they are doing today.

Most name players are now signed without fuss shortly after the World Series, or some time before the start of a training season. That's the way Joe DiMaggio, Williams, Feller, Blackwell, Mize, Kiner, Spain and most of the other big shots agreed to continue pleasant relationships in 1948.

The more accomplished player who has had a fine season seldom finds himself in a protracted controversy about his parchment.

Stan Musial may be attempting to make up for some of the time he lost under Sam Breadon at the expense of Bob Hannegan. Hal Newhouse threw too many wrong pitches at the right time. Spec Shea is only a sophomore, who had arm trouble as a freshman.

Buddy Kerr, one of the superior shortstops, is entitled to anything he can get, and the Giants are so situated that they can pay it.

Harry Walker has to prove that he can maintain something approaching that major league-leading batting pace.

There are two sides to every holdout story, too, and the boys never fail to get together, so why get excited about it?

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McClains Hold Open House Sunday

The Rev. and Mrs. James W. McClain entertained Sunday night with an open house at the new rectory on South Daugherty St. Members of the Holy Trinity Episcopal church and their friends were guests. During the evening a dedication of the rectory service was conducted by Father McClain and guests were invited to inspect the home which has been completely decorated. Refreshments were served and those attending presented gifts to the McClains.

Tussies Send Us Beer
MELBOURNE, Australia (UP)—Ex-GI's who acquired a taste for Australian beer can let their hopes raise a little. Beer samples have been sent to the United States to feel out the market. Beer is one of the scarcest items in Australia.

Nirvina is the highest religious state to be reached in Buddhism.

Guy Fawkes in 1605 attempted to blow-up the English House of Parliament.

War Criminal?



Shizuko Tsutsui is the first woman charged with war crimes atrocities in Japan. The 31-year-old former chief nurse at Kyushu University Hospital is accused of performing experimental operations on captured Allied prisoners.

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ELSIE GLENN
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ONE MAN'S VISION

Father James McClain. I think often of him . . . which perhaps is strange . . . since I am not a member of his church.

It is because I believe in . . . and respect him. Unless we believe in and respect an individual, some stable something is lacking in human relations.

Father James McClain is a gentleman.

I like his attitude . . . his independence . . . his tolerance . . . I like the way he looks in his black clothes and turned 'round collar. I like him because he is a perfectly normal young man.

Most of all . . . I like him because . . . of his vision. The vision of one man does not always lend itself to another . . . and he believes in his. I like him for the intangible things he sees and understands in relation to birth, life and death.

I like him because he went to a hospital room and spoke quietly to a lonely, desperate man . . . because he gave his hand in friendship to someone who had no hand to hold to.

Somehow I feel that God is comforted and very glad because of James McClain. I think he and God are very good friends, with a good, friendly speaking acquaintance.

I am a friend of James McClain . . . James McClain is the friend of anyone who wishes friendship . . . it is a fine thing, his friendship.

And so I wish him well . . . this man of God . . . and of men.

Antique Map Plates Preserved
BOSTON (UP)—Sixteen engraved copper plates, part of a 1770 British Admiralty atlas called "The Atlantic Neptune," have been presented to the Massachusetts Historical Society by the British government. The antique map plates show part of the Atlantic seaboard.

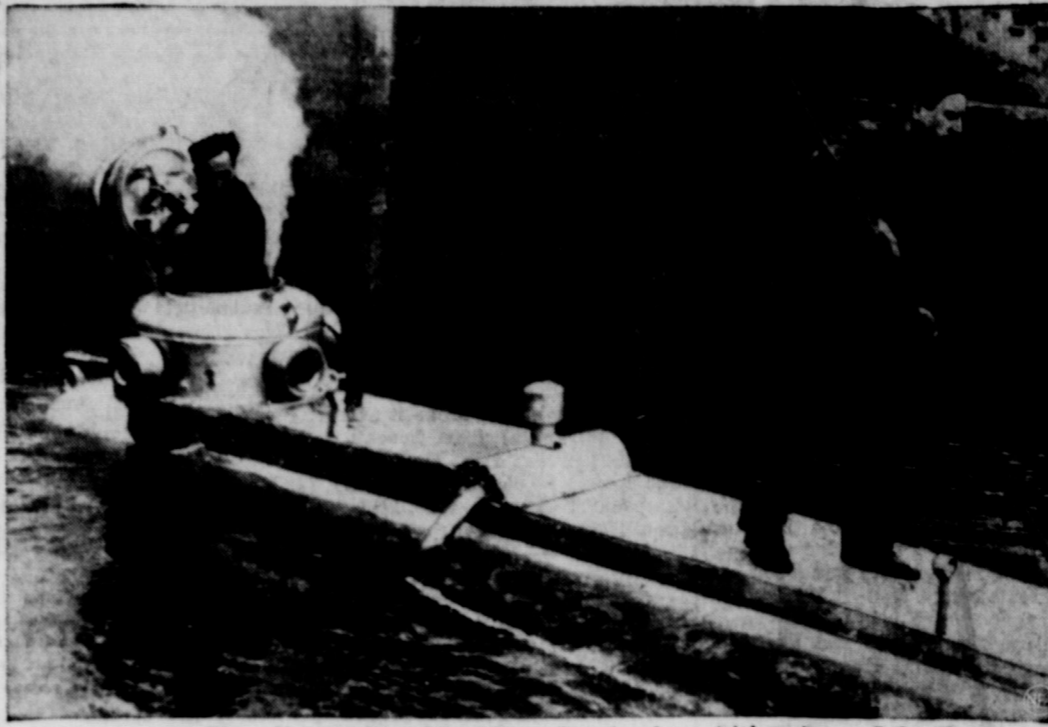
Food prepared au gratin is cooked in grated cheese until brown.

Back to Italy?



A revision in the Italian peace treaty, which would return the free territory of Trieste (1) to Italy, is proposed by the United States, Britain and France. The territory is now administered by the U. S., Britain and Yugoslavia. Shaded area (2) is Italian land acquired by Yugoslavia through the peace treaty. (NEA News-map).

Midget Sub Cruises Italy's Lake Como



Italian inventor Pietro Vassena takes his midget submarine for a trial cruise on Lake Como. A workman poles the craft into deep water. Vassena announced he had dived 1148 feet into the lake. He says he has refused offers from three foreign governments for patent rights.

Device To Test Emergency Stops In Use At A&M

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (UP)—A device which measures in feet and inches the reaction time and stopping distance of a motorist attempting an emergency stop is in use at Texas A. & M. College.

The device was developed by the American Automobile Assoc.

iation. It consists of a two-barrel .22 caliber pistol in which blank ammunition is used. The projectiles are bits of chalk which are thrust into the twin barrel muzzles.

In use, the AAA detonator is attached to the front bumper of the vehicle to be used in a test and loaded and cocked by the instructor who sits beside the driver.

After the car attains a speed of 20 miles an hour the instructor fires a shot by means of a lanyard attached to the detonator.

This is the signal for the motorist to hit the brakes. As the

driver steps on the brakes a second shot is fired automatically.

The detonator is built on a pendulum principle which swings forward as soon as deceleration begins to become effective.

When the car is finally halted a chalk mark is made at the front bumper and the measurement begins. The distance between the two chalk marks on the pavement put there by the detonator represents the distance traveled while the driver was reacting to the shot signal which tells him to halt.

Thousands of tests have been conducted with this device and it has been determined that the average driver's reaction time is three-fourths of a second.

Russell Fitzpatrick, in charge of the Industrial Extension Service, of the motor transport training of said that normal braking distance at 20 miles an hour is 20 feet.

It is estimated that a car traveling 20 miles an hour will travel 22 feet from the moment of the signal until the brakes are applied, making a total of 42 feet for an average stop.

"The AAA detonator is the world's greatest convincer," FitzPatrick said. "It will prove that you can't stop a car on a dime".

There are 32 colleges in the United States using the device, but A. & M. College is the only one with a continuous program of this time.

Jeanne and the Non-Walking Man



Jeanne Gibson of Hazard, Ky., wandered into the National Antiques Show in New York and met a real cigar-store Indian. Chief Wooden Talk dates from 1840 and is valued at \$250. Jeanne's buckskin outfit, trimmed with ermine tails, was made by the Sioux Indians about 1860 and is valued at \$125. No value has been placed on Jeanne.

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Old Fashioned "House Cleaning" Good For Health

"A good old fashioned spring house cleaning in every city and community in Texas would do a great deal toward furthering good health in this state," Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, said today, in urging all communities and cities in the state to cooperate in Texas Clean-Up Week April 4-11.

A general clean-up program of state-wide proportions with the objective of bettering health conditions for our citizenship should include surface cleaning, drainage, the graving of streets and alleys, the cleaning of all parks and playgrounds and the cleaning of weeds and rubbish off of vacant lots.

"The destruction of mosquito breeding places and rat harborage, the proper disposal of garbage and trash and the general cleaning up of all premises will be, said Dr. Cox, "of inestimable value in helping to keep down summer health hazards such as dysentery, typhoid and poliomyelitis. Good community housekeeping and ordinary sanitary measures require the prompt removal of all waste matter in and around yards and homes in order to abate the danger of such diseases, and insure good health protection throughout the State."

Dr. Cox stressed the fact that many dangerous diseases are filthborne, and the only possible

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Walter Pidgeon-Deborah Kerr
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Lone Pupil Gone, Solving County's School Problem

MURPHY, Idaho (UP)—The school problem at Murphy, seat of a county as large as Massachusetts, has been solved.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Case and their son Richard moved to Oreana, Idaho. Richard was the only school pupil in town. Now there are none.

The 20 persons who live here are virtually all Owyhee County officers or members of their families. Years ago Murphy was the railroad to fabulous Silver City, a ghost town which in its heyday had Idaho's first daily newspaper and first telegraphic news service in the state.

Now there are only 5,000 inhabitants in the entire county, Idaho's second largest.

Branches of the banyan tree send down shoots which pierce earth and take root.

way to control them is to eliminate the insanitary conditions responsible for their spread.

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