

Nazi correspondents write home complaining they were not invited to cocktail party at the Lima conference. American correspondents in Germany probably will

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Suspected in Blackmailing of Coster



Disbarred lawyer Walter R. Cragg, above, with Joseph Brandino and his sister, Mary, right, were arrested in New York on charges of blackmailing "F. Donald Coster" whose identity as the swindler Philip Musica. Enraged at their arrest, the Brandinos attacked news photographers in the police station. She is pictured as she threw her purse. Then her brother attempted to throw a cuspidor.



INSTRUMENTS FILED WITH CLERK LISTED

Following is a list of instruments filed the past week in the office of County Clerk R. V. Galloway:

W. T. Andrus et al to E. Wyatt et ux, warranty deed; Arthur E. Ernst et ux to Land Title Bank and Trust company, trustee, extension of agreement; Mrs. R. L. Faircloth to Nat Faircloth, warranty deed; Myrtle Gilbert to D. D. Sandlin, quit claim deed; W. V. Gardenhire to W. J. Gardenhire, one warranty deed and two bills of sale.

Home Owners Loan Corporation to J. W. Spence et ux, warranty deed; T. S. Hose to Bessie T. Strongman, assignment of oil and gas; Anna B. Kinnaird et vir to D. M. Rumph et al, mineral deed; Pearl H. Kirk et vir to First National Bank of Gorman, warranty deed; Hubert J. Lee et ux to Charles L. Harris, warranty deed; M. L. and S. A. Mueller to Leonard Lee et al, quit claim deed; M. B. Martin to B. D. Carter, extension of lien; E. C. McClellan et ux to Jewel Poe, deed of trust.

Guy Patterson to Eastland National Bank, deed of trust; Ben F. Read et ux to L. R. Higginbotham, warranty deed; J. W. Spence et ux to HOLLG, deed of trust; D. K. Scott to R. L. Ponsler, warranty deed; U. S. vs. Thurman C. Norman, notice of tax lien; H. L. Vestal et ux to Claude Strickland, warranty deed; F. D. Wright et al to Hickok Producing and Development company, oil and gas lease.

GOV. MURPHY IS NAMED TO CABINET POST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Former Governor Frank Murphy, 45, of Michigan, joined the cabinet as attorney general today to complete a pre-congress set-up which supplanted two lifetime democratic politicians with young and ardent new dealers.

The 100 per cent new deal cabinet circle is almost complete. Mr. Roosevelt may name a new supreme court justice later today and he is reported to be ready to nominate "lame duck" Senator Fred H. Brown, democrat, New Hampshire, to be comptroller general of the United States.

Addition of Murphy to the cabinet provides politics with an outstanding eligible bachelor. But more important is the fact that when Murphy takes his seat in the cabinet realm the 100 per cent new deal circle, around the big table, will be nearly complete. Only Postmaster General James A. Farley and Secretary of State Cordell Hull stand between President Roosevelt and a cabinet in which conservative democrats would not be represented at all.

Vice President John Garner, however, sits with the cabinet, and his voice is raised loudly and often in defense of the conservative bloc.

No other cabinet changes are expected immediately, although Farley's departure depends almost entirely upon development of an outside business connection which would permit him to make some money while continuing as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

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Those attending were F. M. Champion of Ranger, Wilson Simpson of Ranger, Reese Rogers of Ranger, John Neeley of Ranger, Wyatt Williams of Eastland, Bud Fox of Eastland, Henry Ferrell of Eastland, Owen Hinman of Ranger and A. F. Taylor of Eastland.

THE WEATHER
West Texas: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

BACK FROM TRIP
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosenberg have returned to Eastland from a trip to Oakland and LeGrange. He is assistant county agent.

No. 1 Society Beauty 'Comes Out'



All was glamor at New York's ritzy Ritz-Carlton—the thousand-flowered decor, the socialite guests, the orchestras (2), the supper, the breakfast—and above all, the guest of honor, Brenda Diana Duff Frazier, Society's No. 1 Glamor Girl made her \$25,000 debut in the gown she wears above.

VIOLENT DEATHS IN NATION MOUNT TOWARD 300-MARK OVER THREE-DAY HOLIDAY

The number of violent deaths on highways, in homes and in the air increased steadily toward the 300-mark today as the three-day New Year holiday neared its end.

As usual, automobile accidents headed the lists, accounting for over 150 deaths. Indications were the figure would be doubled before midnight.

Illinois reported 41 violent deaths, New York had 36 fatalities, California 19, and Alabama had two of the most tragic automobile accidents. Seven members of a family drowned at Greenville when an automobile fell into a creek. Four high school youths were burned to death near Roanoke when a school bus caught fire.

At Runford, Me., five persons burned to death in a fire which broke out in a hotel during the height of New Year's Eve festivities.

At Clinton, Ind., 19 miners, entombed for 12 hours by raging fire in a coal mine, were rescued by co-workers and volunteers. Another man amuck and died in a side corridor before rescuers could find him.

At Sheffield, Iowa, an amateur aviator was killed when the airplane he was piloting crashed into the side of a grain elevator during a take-off.

In another accident a conductor was run over and killed by his own train at Iowa City, Iowa.

A new low record for traffic and violent deaths was in prospect in Texas.

Although clear skies and pleasant weather induced thousands of motorists to take to the highways during Saturday and Sunday, only five fatalities were reported as due to automobile crashes. Three other violent deaths brought the total to eight.

These reports included: Mrs. G. O. Munden, 55, of Cedar Hill, was killed Saturday night in a collision on the Dallas-Fort Worth pike.

Clifford Harris, 36-year-old farmer, was killed instantly when his automobile struck a bridge railing three miles north of Comanche.

T. J. Keating, 28, university student employed as a window washer, fell from the 12th floor of the Medical Arts building in Houston, Sunday night.

Thomas P. Cotter, 34, a barber, was killed instantly at Galveston Sunday when his automobile collided with another.

Edward J. Wokaty, 23, was killed in a collision near Victoria. At Port Arthur, Leslie Rivers, 45, tug boat cook, fell into a canal and drowned.

LEADERS MEET ON THE EVE OF NEW CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—President Roosevelt today summoned his house and senate leaders into a final pre-session huddle on the administration's program for the 76th congress, which convenes tomorrow.

At a luncheon conference at the white house it was expected that leaders, Sen. Alben Barkley of Kentucky and Rep. Sam Rayburn, of Texas, would go over the draft of the annual message, which Mr. Roosevelt will deliver personally before a joint session of the house and senate on Wednesday.

House leaders at a caucus later today will go through the formality of re-electing Rayburn as their floor leader and Rep. William B. Bankhead as speaker.

Ranger Schools to Reopen On Tuesday

Classes in all the Ranger public schools, and in the Ranger Junior College will be resumed Tuesday morning, it was announced today by W. T. Walton, superintendent of schools and president of the junior college.

The schools were closed Friday, Dec. 23, for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

All Dressed Up



Looking more like the popular conception of the Man from Mars, this costumed gentleman demonstrates head-to-foot blocking armor at the annual meeting of the American Football Coaches Association in Chicago.

Ranger Girl Has Part In University of Texas Own Show

AUSTIN, Texas—Two hundred and seventy-five University entertainers will take part in the 1939 version of "Time Stagers On," annual varsity show at The University of Texas.

The show is directed by Joe Whitley, a senior in the Department of Journalism, and is sponsored by Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary journalism fraternity for women. Marjorie O'Donnell of Ranger, Mary Ruth and Guy Ewing of Breckenridge, and Lucile Walker of Graham, will appear in the show.

"Time Stagers On" was originated by Whitley in 1937, and the first year show was for a one night stand. In 1938 the show was repeated as a two night production, and this year it will run for three nights beginning January 10.

Jimmy Watson's campus orchestra will play for the show; and the acts will include "Viennese Nights," in which The University Light Opera company will sing a medley of Strauss songs, and a Haitian voodoo act.

Miss O'Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. Ewing will sing with the Light Opera company chorus in "Viennese Nights." Miss Walker will be one of eight dancing girls in the voodoo number.

Miss O'Donnell is the daughter of Mrs. P. J. O'Donnell of Ranger. She has appeared in productions of the University Light Opera company in Austin and in plays presented by the Hamlin High school, of which she is a graduate.

SPRAINS ARM
Leo Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wolf, of Eastland, is recovering from a bad sprain of his arm, suffered while placing Christmas lights in preparation for a dance of the Band Booster club at the Connellee hotel.

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Has Guest Tickets Thursday for Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kelly to See

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AT THE ARCADIA

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Boundary Straightened Peacefully



The international boundary between Mexico and the United States, the Rio Grande, has been straightened for a distance of 81 miles, placing part of Juarez in the U. S., part of El Paso in Mexico. All claims were adjusted without serious difficulty by the International Boundary Commission. L. M. Lawson represents the U. S. on the commission which is soon to take up the expropriation claims of the U. S. against Mexico. The winding strip in the picture is the old river bed of 155 miles, the straight line through the center is the new bed, 74 miles shorter.

Due At Meet



Margaret White of Eastland, president of the auxiliary to the Cisco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, has announced that Mrs. Anna Mae Lochner, St. Petersburg, Fla., national president ladies' auxiliary to the VFW, will speak at a meeting of the auxiliary Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Laguna hotel in Cisco.

Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins of Eastland, president of the Texas Federation of Women's clubs, also will be on the program.

Mrs. Lochner, elected National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary at Columbus, Ohio, 1938, became an active member of the Ladies' Auxiliary in 1920 when she joined L. M. Take Auxiliary No. 39, St. Petersburg, Florida, at that time the only Auxiliary south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Mrs. Lochner became President of her Auxiliary in 1921, serving two terms. She assisted in the organization of the Department of Florida in 1925 and became the first Department President, to which office she was re-elected the following year.

National offices held by Mrs. Lochner include National Color Bearer, Assistant Conductress, Historian, Conductress, and Chief of Staff, which office she held 1935-36, and was elected National Junior Vice-President in 1936, National Senior Vice-President in 1937.

Volunteer service of the American Red Cross and the Interlock Club are among the civic activities of Mrs. Lochner in St. Petersburg where she removed in 1919 from Tecumseh, Michigan, her birthplace.

Mrs. Lochner's eligibility in the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars is based on the service of her husband, Dr. Lochner, in the Medical Corps of the A. E. F.

Shipment of Auto Plates Is Delayed

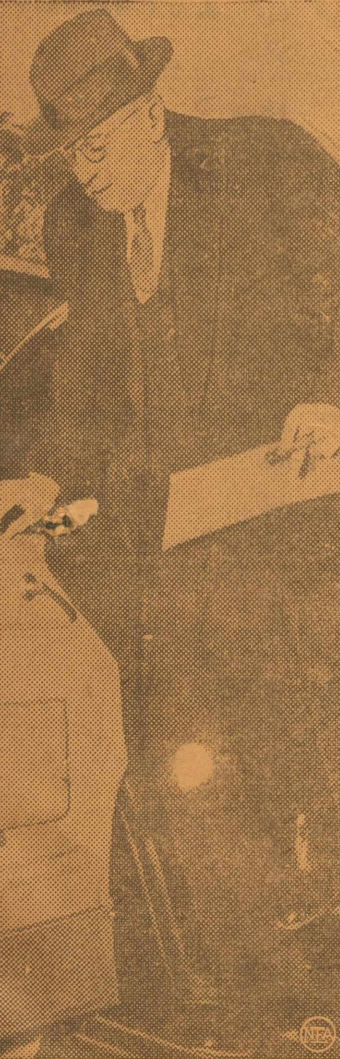
C. H. O'Brien, Eastland county assessor-collector, stated that shipment of automobile plates to the county has been delayed this year.

Usually the plates arrive at the first or middle of December but thus far they have not arrived this year.

He stated he believed the delay was because of a change in equipment at Huntsville where prisoners make the plates.

Plates may not be obtained until Feb. 1 and April 1 is the deadline.

Cummings Steps Out Education Board's New Members Are To Be Sworn In



AUSTIN, Jan. 2.—Ben J. O'Neal, Wichita Falls, Homer DeWolfe of Austin and Max T. Junker of Dallas, new members of the State Board of Education, will take office tomorrow.

Their appointments to succeed Ghent Sanderford of Austin, Tom Garrard of Lubbock and R. S. Bowers of Caldwell, were announced yesterday by Gov. James V. Allred.

The new members will be sworn in at the governor's office in time to participate in the regular meeting of the board.

O'Neal is a former state senator from Wichita Falls, DeWolfe a former assistant attorney general and Junker, formerly of Wichita Falls, is general agent of the Katy Railroad. The appointments are for six years.

HAM AND—HIS DOWNFALL

MODESTO, Calif., — Robert Funk, who was so fond of ham and eggs that, with two companions, he stole a case of eggs and was trying to catch a pig to supply the ham, when arrested, will have ham and eggs only when they happen to be on the prison menu. He was sentenced to San Quentin penitentiary.

GET DIVORCE
Wyatt Williams and Mattie Williams have been granted a divorce by 91st district court.

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Threat of Dictators Is More Mental Than Military

The things that are happening at Lima these days make interesting reading and probably will be productive of a considerable amount of good. But any American who is really worried about the danger of European tyranny getting a foothold in the New World ought to remember that the only real defense against that sort of thing begins at home—and stays there.

We can build an invincible navy and air fleet, cement mutual-help treaties from Cape Horn to Hudson Bay, and make it utterly impossible for any combination of powers to send an army or navy into this hemisphere. But we can nevertheless lose the battle unless we understand very clearly just what it is that we are facing.

For the military danger is secondary. The real peril is a state of mind, a way of thinking, an emotional response to the problems of a world which has grown almost unendurably complex and baffling. And against that peril no conceivable international conference can be of much help.

It is absurd to suppose that the menace of the totalitarian state is simply the familiar menace of militarism gone mad. The militarism is there, and it is dangerous, but it is not the chief danger.

What makes this new kind of society so frightening is the fact that it represents the abandonment of the old ideal by which human society undertook to solve its problems by reason instead of by force. It stands for an appeal to the feelings rather than to the mind. It calls on men to give up to the right to think for themselves and demands the ruthless silencing of all dissent.

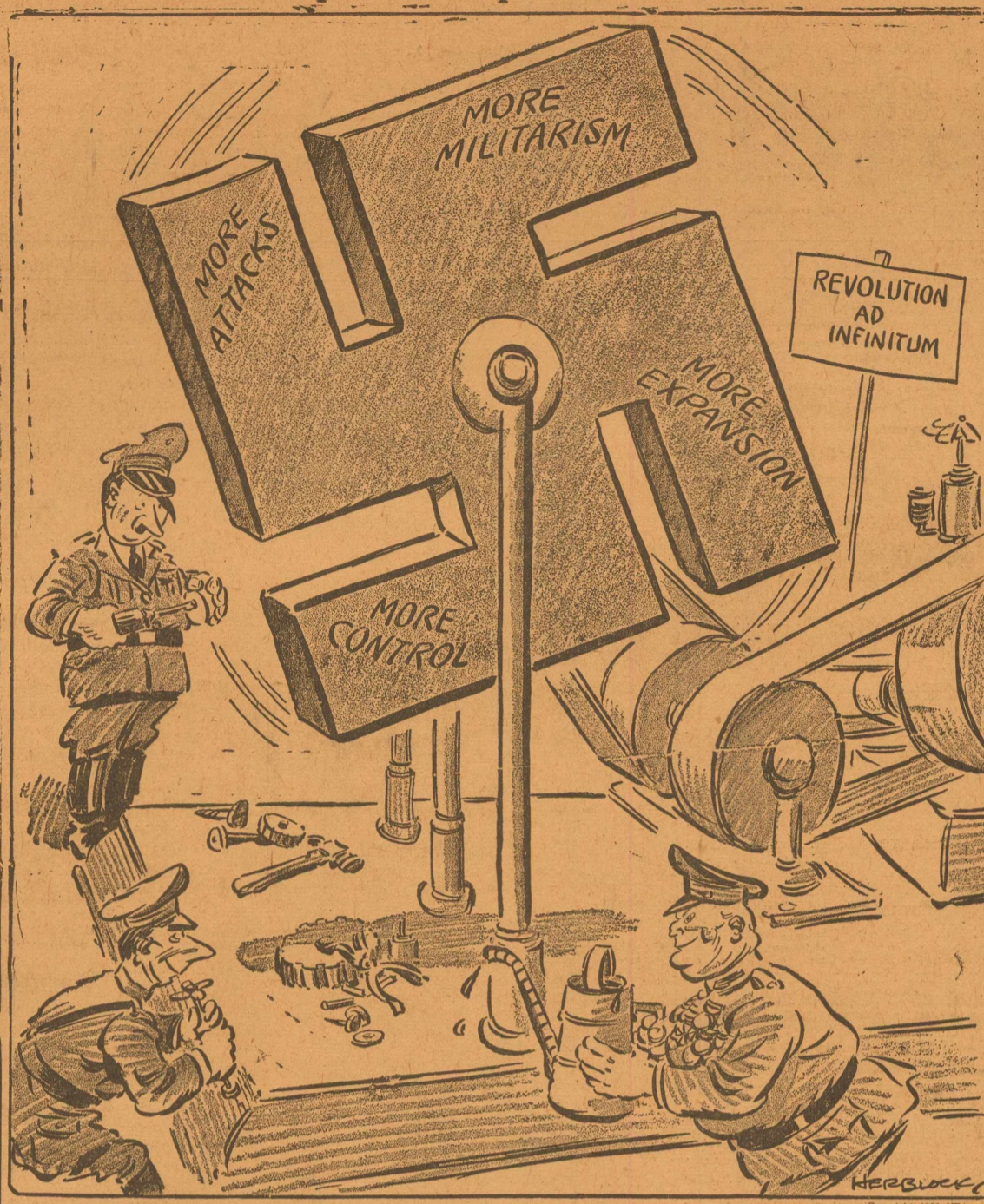
That sort of thing can get past any army and navy, if men's minds are receptive to it. And if we permit that frame of mind to develop in our land we are laying ourselves wide open to conquest—not conquest by a foreign nation, but conquest by a way of life that is utterly foreign to everything the word American has stood for.

Suppose, for instance, that we dabble in that most poisonous of brews, anti-Semitism. Suppose we permit religious prejudice to develop. Suppose we consent to the denial of such civil liberties as freedom of speech and freedom of the press; in order to spare ourselves the pain of hearing doctrines we do not like. Suppose we take from business its right to a free market, free investment, and the self-government which is traditional in our society; suppose we take from labor its right to organize and bargain collectively.

If we do such things as these, then our conquest by the totalitarians is half complete already.

So our real defense is not a military matter at all. It is something for each of us as an individual to concern himself with. As individuals we can refuse those doctrines admittance to our own minds and hearts; as individuals, we can insist that our society similarly refuse them admittance.

Attempt at Perpetual Motion



Woodman Lodge to Meet On Tuesday

The Woodman Lodge and Woman Circle of Cisco will have public installation and initiation Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Woodman Hall in the Odd Fellows building in Cisco.

They are to have as guests members from Mineral Wells, Breckenridge, Trent, and Merkel lodges, as well as the State manager, Mrs. Lena Shugart, the state president, Mrs. Leatha Miller, and Mrs. Annie Whitten, past grand officer.

All former members of the lodge and circle of Eastland and Ranger are invited to be present at the Cisco meeting Tuesday evening.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting and invitation is issued to all members and their friends.

Sergeant Uses Sales Tactics In Recruiting

FORT WORTH, Texas. — Recruiting Sergeant Homer T. Cummings, who used to be a salesman, has become a champion mail-order solicitor of soldiers for the army.

Cummings, a distant relative of Homer Cummings, U. S. attorney-general, has a correspondence list that fellow recruiting officers envy. He recruited more new soldiers than any officer in the nation during October and has a perpetuating plan that he hopes will keep his average up.

The sergeant writes to several hundred young men who are prospective soldiers. He has another mailing list that includes the names of public officials, postmasters and school leaders in this section.

Names of the prospects are sent by the contacts that Cummings has established.

Cummings said that his latest sales efforts are built around the pension idea.

"Join our Army and later retire on a life pension—become better trained citizens" is his slogan. The response has been so great that other recruiting officers are writing to Cummings for advice.

On each section. Stockmen reported that, immediately following the campaign, vegetation sprang up on bare areas and traces of rat tracks disappeared.

CARD OF THANKS

I am deeply grateful and wish to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who were so kind to Mr. Roy and I during his illness and for the lovely flowers and encouraging words of sympathy extended to me at his death. To the Rev. J. I. Cartledge, I am reverently grateful for the spiritual words given at the funeral service. I want to also express my gratitude to the Ranger Lodge I. O. O. F. and the membership who so tenderly helped lay Mr. Roy away. May God bless all is my sincere prayer.

Mrs. Frank Roy.

Health Department Faces a Critical Stage In History

AUSTIN, Texas.—The Texas State Department of Health is facing one of the most critical stages in the history of its existence," states Dr. Holman Taylor, Secretary, State Medical Association of Texas.

"The rapid expansion of the public health program during the past few years in Texas has been due in part to the increased interest of the citizens in the need for a more adequate program of health protection and a more emphatic demand that these services be given through the State Department of Health," Dr. Taylor further states.

"If these demands are to be satisfactorily met and the people in all parts of the state gain the reasonable health protection to which they are entitled, the following fundamental needs of the Department should be met for the next biennium.

1. A substantial increase in the amount of funds for the support of the central administration.

2. Adequate appropriation for the promotion of a successful anti-venereal disease program.

3. The passage of a new up-to-date sanitary code in line with the national code.

4. Sufficient monies to be used as an equalization fund for promotion of local health work in the financially weaker cities and counties.

5. An increase in the number of public health districts from 6, the present number, to 12 with adequate personnel to carry forward an effective program of communicable disease control.

6. A separate appropriation for both Malaria Control and pneumonia typing.

7. A Constitutional Amendment to permit counties to levy, and

collect a special tax to support local health work if their general revenue funds are inadequate or overdrawn.

8. Establishment of a division of mental hygiene to reduce the number of mentally ill.

"If these eight vital needs are met by the incoming 46th Legislature, I feel confident that the Texas State Department of Health will be enabled to render the type of service that will be reflected in a constantly decreasing death rate from those diseases that are preventable," concluded Dr. Taylor.

Farm Income For November Lower

AUSTIN, Texas.—Cash income from agriculture in Texas dropped sharply during November from the November, 1937, figure, according to Dr. F. A. Buechel, assistant director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas. The decline was due chiefly to reduced revenue from cotton and cottonseed, he said.

Receipts from cattle, calves, and sheep were well above the income from these sources last year. Total farm cash income from January to during November as computed by the University Bureau was \$39,758,000, compared with \$57,514,000 during November last year, a decline of 31 per cent. Aggregate farm cash income from January to November, inclusive, was \$380,740,000, compared with \$508,590,000 during the corresponding period last year, a decline of 25 per cent. Government farm subsidies are not included in these computations, Dr. Buechel said.

JURORS MEET

Members of the 91st district court grand jury convened Monday morning at Eastland to probe alleged lawlessness.

Balancing of Health Accounts Urged By State Health Head

AUSTIN, Tex.—At this season of the year business men are balancing their accounts for 1938 and preparing budgets for 1939. Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, asks that everyone look into their health account and see if it is in balance. No doubt most persons have overdrawn their health accounts in many ways and as a result must retrench if their bodies are to escape health bankruptcy.

The best thing to do is to go to your family physician and have him give you a thorough examination. Diabetes, Brights disease, heart trouble, tuberculosis, anemia, internal tumors and syphilis are among the diseases sometimes discovered in examinations of supposedly well persons.

After such an audit your doctor will assist you in making a health budget. This should include plenty of rest, fresh air, exercise, proper food, and moderation in the items used to excess in the past. If this is done you will not only add years to your life but will make these years more worth living and enjoyable.

Great strides have been made by health agencies in lengthening man's span of life. There is much yet to be done but the health departments need the cooperation of everyone and each citizen should become acutely interested in his own health. The State appropriates five cents for each person's health. This must be tripled and health made a personal matter before Texas can say that it is the healthiest State in the Union.

Rodents Problem On Texas Ranches

By United Press
EL PASO, Tex.—Eradication of rodents is the No. 1 problem of West Texas ranchers.

The rodents, including species of gophers, prairie dogs, packrats, kangaroo rats, ground squirrels and rabbits, burrow just under the surface in unbelievably large areas, cutting roots of all vegetation and so undermining the ground that the surface caves under very little pressure.

Besides loss of forage caused by denuding range land of grasses, weeds and shrubs, ranchers face loss of stock through injuries resulting from stepping into the unseen holes and dens. Even personal danger is caused for the ranchers, and stockmen hesitate

to gallop their horses over infested area for fear of a tumble from a sudden trip-up.

If roots are spared by the burrowing animals, vegetation still suffers from rats gathering seed, from holes lending a helping hand to soil erosion, and from plants dying from lack of water as rat burrows lead the moisture away.

It has been shown that a rat-infested range could carry 50 per cent more cattle if all the rodents were eradicated.

Areas of spotted vegetation and irregularity of surface generally indicate the habitats of rodents.

In 1937, Loving and Winkler county ranchers undertook a program of rodent eradication, scattering poisoned grain by horseback, wagon and afoot over 190,000 acres of land. A conservative estimate placed the number of rats destroyed at 16,000 for each section of land—thus saving enough forage to keep six cows

AMERICAN COWBOY HUMORIST

HORIZONTAL

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9 Citizen.

11 Artless.

12 Blunder or mistake.

14 To allot.

15 To grieve.

18 Killing disease.

20 Before.

21 Early settler.

23 Blackbird.

24 Mountain.

25 To make lace.

26 His — made him a popular stage star.

28 Ell.

29 Noise.

30 Corded cloth.

32 Tiny vegetable.

34 Confused retreat.

36 Pertaining to the ear.

38 Black hawk.

40 To separate from others.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

16 Hawaiian bird.

17 Note in scale.

19 He was in a plane crash.

21 Skillet.

22 Rent seam.

25 Named.

27 Examination.

29 Duet.

30 To regret.

31 Soft food.

33 Beer.

35 Hops kiln.

36 Supped.

37 To cut off.

39 Upon.

41 To affirm.

43 Declaims.

46 Human trunk.

48 Frosted.

49 Bustle.

50 Profound.

51 To hoot.

53 Type measure.

54 Form of "be."

55 Pair.

56 Myself.

VERTICAL

2 Sluggish.

3 Tardy.

4 Falsehood.

5 To relax.

6 Hog.

7 To renovate.

8 Senior.

9 Insensibility.

10 Ketone.

13 Sun god.

14 A museum in Oklahoma.

15 He was a fine — swinger.

42 To presage.

44 Preposition.

45 First woman.

47 Parent.

48 Fish.

49 Turf.

51 Before Christ.

52 Act of withdrawing.

55 Epic.

57 Grasping persons.

58 He started as a — rider and ended as a movie star.

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Eastland Personal
Milburn McCarty left Sunday for a visit in Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gary and child of Electra are visiting in Eastland. County Agent Elmo V. Cook was a visitor Monday at Gorman.

SEASONS GREETING

MODERNE STUDIO

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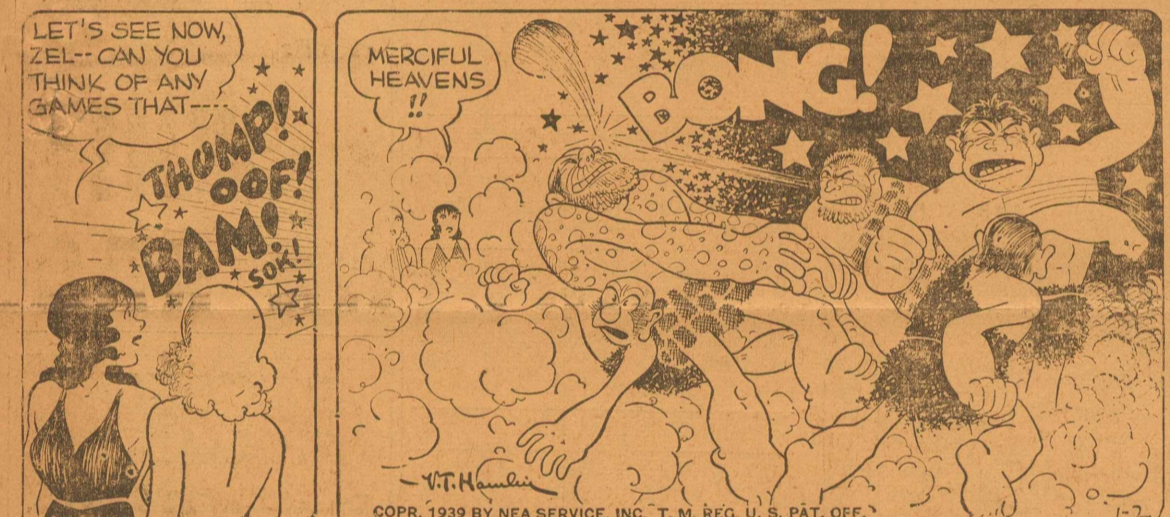
"OUT OUR WAY"

By Williams



THE DARK SECRET

By Hamlin



MYRA NORTH, Special Nurse -- By Thompson and Coll



Speech Experts To Instruct Pupils of States High Schools

AUSTIN, Tex.—Teaching Texas teachers the art of loosening the tongues of Texas school children is the job three speech experts from The University of Texas find ahead of them this coming year—at the request of none other than the school teachers themselves.

they would travel to any college in any region of the State and there conduct free demonstration classes in dramatics, public speaking, declamation and extemporaneous speaking—if the high school teachers in the vicinity of the college requested them to come.

especially give aid. We go to a college and use students from it or other schools to demonstrate to the high school teachers in attendance the methods of directing plays, coaching debate teams, and teaching extemporaneous speaking and declamations.

HOUSE MICE ARE SPANISH By United Press BERKELEY, Calif. — House mice originated in Spain and were brought here from that country in commerce, David Nicholas of the American Museum of Natural History told the American Society of Mammalogists here.

The Year 1938 In Retrospect

- APRIL 1. Joshua B. Hart of Eastland was appointed as a representative of the state highway patrol. 3. K. B. Tanner, E. H. Jones and Frank Crowell were returned to the school board, an announcement disclosed. Officers sought a masked bandit who robbed the Brown and Naylor Service station and the L. J. Lambert station. 4. By scoring 65 points to win the Class B track championship of Eastland county, Coach Herman Spriggs tracksters of Olden established a record for the coach that has probably never been equaled by a Class B school in the state. Olden had won the date stated. Olden had won the track championship of Class B for the fourth consecutive time under the coaching of Spriggs. 5. C. B. Wellman and C. T. Lucas were reelected members of the city commission of Eastland. 6. Funeral services were held for Miles E. Rinehart, 54, Cisco oil man, victim of an automobile accident. 7. Mr. and Mrs. M. Westbrook were receiving congratulations because of their 50th wedding anniversary. The day brought snow. 8. One thousand cattle had been dipped at Staff in a cooperative vat. 10. Funeral services were held at Eastland for John H. Kahrs of Olden. 11. W. J. Peters, chief of police, announced fingerprints of 802 school children had been recorded to be placed in civilian files of state and federal police. 12. Ranger was declared winner of the county interscholastic meeting. Eastland was second. 13. Last rites were held for Mrs. T. K. Maynard, 75, an Eastland county pioneer. 14. Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins of Eastland for the second time headed the Texas division of the Women's field army of the American society for the Control of Cancer in the solicitation of funds to fight the disease. "Napoleon Junior" was the play under preparation for presentation by the Little Theatre. 15. Mayor C. W. Hoffmann in a proclamation urged Eastland citizens to take part in an Easter sunrise service at Scenic Point on the highway eight miles east of Ranger. 17. Police sought a man who robbed the C. T. Lucas service station. 18. Eastland with 13 points got fourth place in the district 6 interscholastic league meeting at Breckenridge.

SERIAL STORY

SKI'S THE LIMIT

BY ADELAIDE HUMPHRIES

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CAST OF CHARACTERS SALLY BLAIR—heroine. She had everything that popularity could wish for, except DAN REYNOLDS—hero. He might have had Sally but while he was king on skis COREY PORTER was king of the social whirl. So... But go on with the story.

Yesterday: Dan sends a short farewell letter to Sally, whose heart is now broken completely, irreparably.

CHAPTER XX

"SALLY, my sweet," Corey Porter said, for the hundredth time, "I don't see why you won't give in. You know you are going to marry me one of these days. Why won't you admit that you are? Why do you make me keep on telling you, my love?"

This was three months since Dan Reynolds had gone away. Three months during which Sally had had no other word from him, except that one farewell letter which she still kept locked in her jewel case. Three months during which the weight on Sally's heart had not grown much lighter.

"There isn't any reason why you can't marry me, is there?" Corey persisted. For Corey was a most persistent young man. He had showered Sally with persistence during these past three months. He had sent her flowers and candy, books and perfume; he had squired her around, escorted her to all the gay spots, courted her in a way that would have won any girl's heart. Except Sally's which was broken.

"No, there isn't any reason," Sally answered. Truthfully, there really was not. For now Sally knew, after these three long months of heartache, that Dan would never come back. She had waited, all this while, still hoping that he might, in spite of that letter locked in her jewel case.

"Then why don't you name the day?" Corey persisted further. This was on their way home from a football game, the Thanksgiving game, in which Dartmouth had scored a triumphant victory over Cornell. They had stopped at a favorite inn for coffee and sandwiches and to get warmed before the long drive back.

WHY didn't she? Sally wondered, looking at Corey. He had been very good to her, very patient—for Corey. He was a young man any girl might well be glad to marry. So blond and easy to look at, so gay and glamorous, so much a part of the luxurious easy world that Sally always had known. The world that Dan had despised, from which he had run away.

There was no use now in hoping that Dan ever would return. She might as well forget him! She might as well destroy the letter that was the one thing she had left of him. She might as well mend her broken heart as best she could.

Yet she could not bring herself to say the words that might do that, the words that Corey wanted her to say. She supposed she would say them some time. It was very difficult to hold out against such persistence as Corey's. And Sally was so awfully tired, so weary—perhaps because of that dull ache that pressed against her heart.

"I've got something for you," Corey said now, his blue eyes looking into hers across the intimate little table. "Since you admit there's no reason why you shouldn't accept it, my sweet, I want to give it to you today." He put his hand in an inside pocket, drew forth a tiny square box. He had been carrying that box for a long time, waiting for just such a moment. He felt that that moment had come.

The inn was practically deserted, except for a few scattered parties. The lights were low, the room warm and cozy, the gypsy orchestra was murmuring a love song.

COREY opened the box, took something from it, reached across for Sally's hand. Before she could stop him he had slipped a ring on her third finger, a square-cut diamond that sparkled up at her in a blaze of challenging brilliance.

"Oh, but Corey—you shouldn't! I can't!" Sally's lovely face was distressed, flushing becomingly in the soft rosy light. Corey had had no right to purchase a ring, to put it on her finger, when she had not given him any reason to think she could accept it. But it was like him to do it in just that way, refusing to admit that she could do anything but accept it. Corey who always won in the end.

"Why shouldn't I? Why can't you?" His challenge matched that of the sparkling stone. "Don't take it off, Sally. Wear it until you make up your mind, anyway." "But I can't make up my mind," Sally said sadly. "Then let me do it for you!" Corey's smile was triumphant. He caught both her hands in his, crushing them so that the new ring pressed into her soft skin, hurting it, even as Sally's heart, fluttering in uncertainty, ached.

She might as well let him do that. She knew Corey would not give up until he had won. She liked Corey, more than any other friend. She could not hope to find

any other so faithful, so persistent. Anyone else who would make up her mind for her.

It's time, Sally told herself, that she stopped thinking of Dan, hoping he might some day come back. He never would. He did not want to live in her world. He had not asked her to go with him to live in his. He had told her that she was not the sort of girl he wanted.

DURING these long months those words had been in back of every thought that Sally had had. They had wounded her at first, but gradually they had begun to hurt with a different way. They taunted her, they stung her pride, they stirred her to rebellion and on toward anger. She knew though he had not told her, that that was what Dan, writing them had meant they should do. He had meant to hurt her, deliberately. He had meant to arouse her anger, to make her come to despise him for them. He had wanted her to put him out of her world, forever.

Sally did not take off the ring. After she withdrew her hand from Corey's firm clasp, she let it where he had placed it. It was a very beautiful ring. The kind of ring that a girl like Sally should wear.

She laughed shortly, thinking of that. She said, "Why not?" And the light in her dark eyes was dangerously bright, as long ago it often had been. Perhaps in that instant the old Sally Blair, Queen of the carnival, party and glamorous girl, came back. The Sally that that other girl, who had loved Dan Reynolds, had tried so hard to kill.

"You mean you'll wear it?" Corey asked. He had known he would win her in time. Yet somehow, maybe because of something else that lay behind the brightness in Sally's dark eyes, his high moment of triumph held a tinge of remorse.

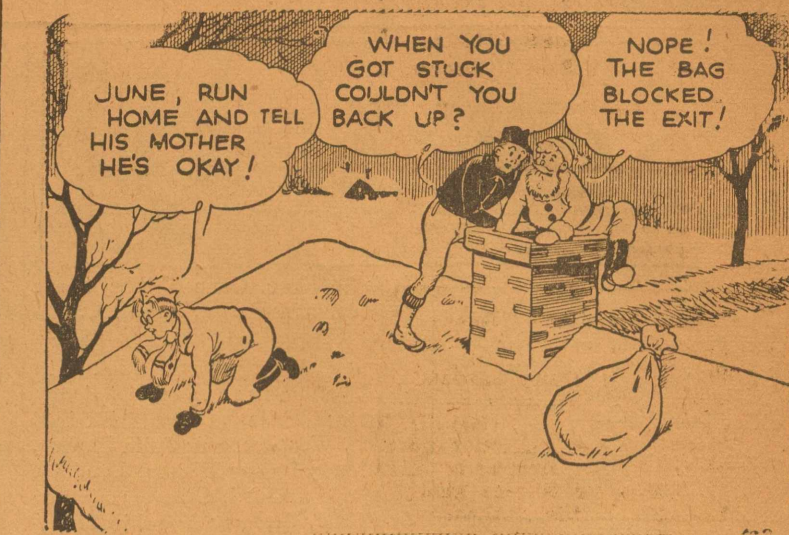
Or, maybe, in spite of being what he could not help being, Corey Porter had enough decency and goodness in him to have to experience that one moment, at least, of self contempt and reproach.

Sally nodded. What difference did it make whether she wore Corey's ring or not? What did anything matter in her gay, glamorous world? She had not succeeded in killing Sally Blair, but she could kill that other one, the one who had been Dan's friend, the girl he had believed in.

Oh, she promised herself grimly, perhaps to cover up the ache in her breast, she would begin, right now, to do a very good job of that!

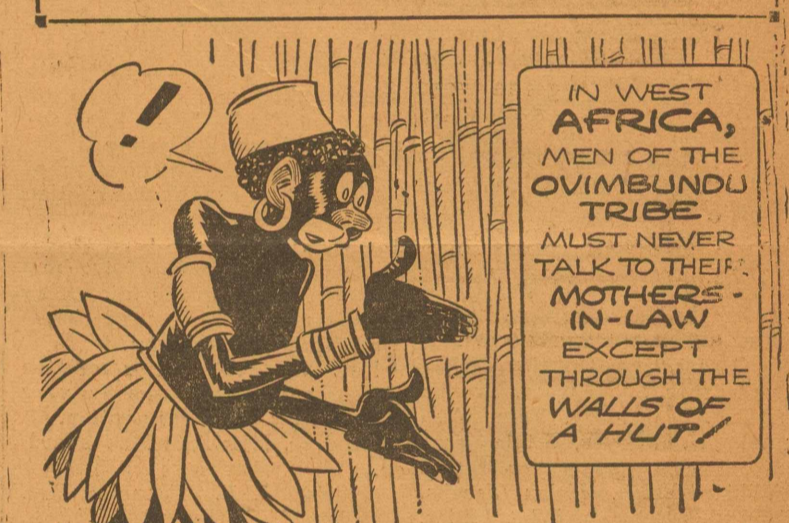
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FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS—By Blosser



THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: Wrong. The average length of life today is much longer than ever before since accurate records have been kept.

JOHN T. FLYNN

BY JOHN T. FLYNN NEA Service Staff Correspondent THOSE who feared the convoking of the Lima Conference would be a tactical mistake are now saying they were right. Certainly the turn of events is admirably suited to give Germany and Italy the opportunity to point to the conference as a severe American defeat. The conference holds within its agenda a mixture of ethical, geographical and economic problems which are not easily soluble. Always in situations like this most of the speeches are made around the great moral issues. But behind them the economic issues are usually the ones which dominate. The first objection to the conference before it was arranged was based on the contention that the administration is not looking realistically at the South America with which it was about to confer. The United States of America is a democratic country with a century and a half of wholehearted devotion to the principle of republican government and the great rights embedded in the Bill of Rights. The United States, therefore, can work itself into a thoroughly sincere lather of hatred of the thing called fascism, which is flowering in Germany and Italy. But South America has no such history. It has had and still has here and there, as in Colombia, a democratic government. Every-

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Holiday Dance Given Friday Evening at the Gholson Hotel
Honoring Misses Lois Higdon and Dixie Gilger, Mr. and Mrs. James Higdon and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Blauser entertained with a holiday dance Friday evening at the Gholson Hotel.

The blue room was lovely decorated in mistletoe, pine, pine cones and gum balls, and dimly lighted with blue lights.

Horns of many bright colors, and confetti were used for amusement throughout the evening.

Punch and fruit cake was served to one hundred and forty-five guests. The following guests were registered:

C. E. May, Emma Leta McCleskey, Roy Bunton, Francis McHenry, W. G. Pounds, Jr., Bill Smith, Hershel Eyley, Bill Houghton, Helen Gholson, Homer Smith, Bob Smith, Catherine Murray, Robert Ray Herring, Bettie Gorman, Tommy Thompson, Frances Gholson, Cicero Harris, Jr., Sara Mae McLaughlin, Norma Jean Tucker, Dick Hodges, Charles Whitefield, Junior Gray, Robert Johnson, Doris May.

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Willard Balch, Helen Jacobs, Wanda Castleberry, Whit Miller, Audrey Lee, J. A. Johnson, J. C. Rowland, Tom Lauderdale, Fannie Dell Swaney, Jane Lauderdale, Buster Higdon, Minnie Lee Shirley, Jack Hall, Princeton Head.

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Two Are Married In Ranger Sunday
Charles B. Sporer of Rainger and Miss Velma Jones of Ranger were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock by Justice of the Peace J. N. McFarter. The marriage ceremony was conducted at the apartment of the justice of the peace.

The couple will make their home in Ranger.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet Tuesday Night
The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, Jan. 3, at 8 o'clock, at the American Legion Clubrooms, it was announced today. All members have been urged to be present.

Mrs. J. D. McClester, president, will be in charge of the meeting.

Cooper and Young P.T.'s Will Meet Together
The Cooper P.-T. A. will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and at 3 o'clock all members will go in a group to meet with the Young P.-T. A. in a special meeting, at which one of the district officers will speak, it was announced today by Mrs. L. R. Herring.

All members have been urged to be present.

W. P. A. Faculty Meeting
The W. P. A. organization of teachers met at First Christian church in Ranger, Dec. 31, at 9 o'clock.

The Ranger group of teachers rendered the following interesting program:

Mr. Connell, chairman.
Rev. Johnson, pastor of the First Christian church gave a very interesting talk on cooperation.

Reading, Miss Alta Mae Beardson.
Quartet, J. F. Connell, Mrs. Bearden, J. F. Connell Jr., H. L. Donley.

Reading, Miss Marion Cooper.
Reading, Mrs. J. L. Jones.

This group of teachers has a complete organization now and have hopes of doing work for the communities the coming year.

Strawn Couple Married
At 7:30 Saturday evening, Dr. L. B. Gray read the ring ceremony which united the destinies of Miss Mary Agnes Trotter and Mr. Lloyd Garret, of Strawn, in holiday matrimony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Trotter, long-time residents of Strawn. She is a graduate of the Strawn high school. For a brief period before the holidays she was clerk in one of the department stores of Ranger.

The groom has also lived many years in Strawn, connected with the first families of the town.

After a bridal tour to Fort Worth and other places, the happy young couple will go to Hobbs, New Mexico, where Mr. Garret will engage in the oil business.

The ceremony was performed in Dr. Gray's home on Sixth street.

PERSONALS
Grace Jones of Breckenridge, a graduate of Ranger Junior College, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hunter on her way

At the Arcadia



Ronald Colman admiring the beauty of Frances Dee in a scene from "If I Were King," a Paramount picture now playing at the Arcadia theatre.

to Baylor university, this week-end. Miss Jones is a student at Baylor this year.

Mrs. I. N. Griffin and daughter, Mary Beach, are visiting Mrs. Griffin's sister, Mrs. B. C. Dinwiddie of Marshall.

Mrs. E. S. Brink is very ill at her home, Walnut street.

Mrs. C. C. Cash returned home yesterday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. W. R. Calder, in Goldsmith, Texas.

500 BIRDS INHERITED
LONDON.—Five hundred pet birds and 13 dogs are part of the legacy left by Frances, Countess of Warwick, to her housekeeper, Miss Nancy Galpin. Out of an estate of \$185,000, the countess left Miss Galpin an annuity of \$2,000.

Even Methodical Army Makes Busts In Routine Orders

By United Press
EL PASO, Tex. — Sometimes even the methodical army slips up. In the official files at Fort Bliss is the story of Technical Sergeant Peter Nelson, transferred from San Francisco and ordered to proceed "by the first available transport" to El Paso.

This proposed water trip over the desert stumped even Brig. Gen. Ben Lear, then commander of Fort Bliss who recently was transferred to the Panama Canal Zone. He wrote Washington for more detailed instructions.

"A copy of your special order No. 210 has been received here with great interest and no little perturbation," he wrote. "A perusal of transport sailings on file in this office fails to show any transport sailing scheduled from San Francisco to Fort Bliss."

"In the absence of this information this headquarters assumes the trip will be made up the Gulf of California and then either via the Colorado River and the Rio Grande or the Gila River and the Rio Grande. Either route would provide a most interesting trip for both passengers and crew. Of course, the difficulties of portage between the headwaters of the rivers and over Boulder and Elephant Butte dams would provide situations to titillate the imagination of the engineers.

"There also arises the matter of repair to our local transport dock, which has fallen into decay because of long disuse. . . . Due to the nature of the streams which must be navigated to reach Fort Bliss, it is assumed the transport is smallish, possibly a flat bottomed affair as a mud scow."

"Also," he added, "Lt. Col. Harry R. McKellar, M. C., is suggested as transport surgeon for the return trip. Col. McKellar is eminently qualified for this detail, having personally conducted many schooners over innumerable bars."

P. S.—Sergeant Nelson came by train.

Racing Goes On In Spite of Recession

By United Press
NEW YORK. — Come depression, recession, or whatever you want to call it, the shower of gold at the race tracks grows heavier by the year.

Betting at mutuel tracks for 1938 already is ahead of that for 1937, a survey by the United Press showed today. Reports from 16 of 18 states where betting on horses is legalized shows that \$270,005,306 has been wagered this year as against \$268,695,255 in 1937.

California, where the season is fast coming to a close, heads the list with upwards of \$75,000,000 bet in 262 days of racing. This figure represents an increase of approximately 55 per cent over 1937, when \$47,976,269 was reported for 196 days of racing. The longer season, to which the new Hollywood track contributed \$16,858,398, accounted for the record figure.

Massachusetts, with 90 days of racing, the same as last year, was second on the list with close to a 50 per cent increase for \$48,991,865.

Only three states — Maryland, Michigan and New Hampshire — reported an appreciable decline. The sudden curtailment of the Bowie meeting in Maryland and unusual bad weather at the fall meetings of the four major tracks was believed to have caused the drop of almost \$4,000,000 in that state.

Unsettled labor conditions was blamed for a drop of 15 per cent in Michigan, while New Hampshire conducted but 45 days of racing — 21 less than in 1937 — at Rockingham park.

When complete figures from California and West Virginia have been tabulated, another million dollars is expected to be added to this year's total.

The various states collected \$1,500,000 more in taxes than last year, and this figure too will show a corresponding gain in the final figures.

In New York state, where the oral system of betting still prevails, no official figures are available. A conservative estimate, however, gives \$20,000,000 as the probable amount wagered at the major tracks.

Nazi chemists announce a new treatment that prevents fraying of shirts around the edges. Might apply a little of that to Adolf's belongings.

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