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A movie executive complains that showmanship is dying on its feet. And Hollywood's only remedy so far is the double feature!

Is Brother-in-Law's Bank Holdup Helper His Re-appointment Asked by President




HELPING his brother-in-law, Joseph Cretzer, Arnold Thomas Kyle, 28, is wanted for a series of bank holdups in three states. G-men traced five bank robberies to Kyle alone. Most of them were staged along the west coast.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has re-nominated Maurice M. Milligan as U. S. attorney for the western district of Missouri. Milligan had prosecuted the Pendergast Democratic machine in Kansas City on vote fraud charges.

SIDE GLANCES By George Clark



Champion Tennis Player

HORIZONTAL

- 16 Pictured tennis champion.
- 17 Olive shrub.
- 18 Threefold.
- 19 Kind of sponge spicule.
- 20 Goddess of youth.
- 21 Scarlet.
- 22 Paid publicity.
- 23 Striped fabric.
- 24 Being.
- 25 Musical note.
- 26 To soak flax.
- 27 He won three championships at — this year.
- 28 Harbor.
- 29 Lubricant.
- 30 Prickly pear.
- 31 To ignore.
- 32 Onager.
- 33 Angry.
- 34 Bronze.
- 35 To decay.
- 36 Aurora.
- 37 Mesh of lace.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

VERTICAL

- 1 To accomplish.
- 2 Ancient.
- 3 Requires.
- 4 Ridge.
- 5 Crown.
- 7 Indian.
- 8 To preclude.
- 9 Swimming bird.
- 10 Half an em.
- 11 Living in plectrum.
- 12 He is a —.
- 13 He was chosen the No. 1 — of last year.
- 21 To marry.
- 22 Canoe.
- 23 Circular wall.
- 24 Otherwise.
- 25 Neither.
- 26 Beer.
- 27 Force.
- 28 Skillet.
- 29 Supped.
- 30 Animal.
- 31 Kilns.
- 32 Poems.
- 33 Joker.
- 34 Acidity.
- 35 Also.
- 36 Eagle.
- 37 Before.
- 38 Witticism.
- 39 Blackbird.
- 40 Tumor.
- 41 Street.
- 42 Sun god.

The New American Ambassador Arrives in England



Manufacturing in State on Upswing

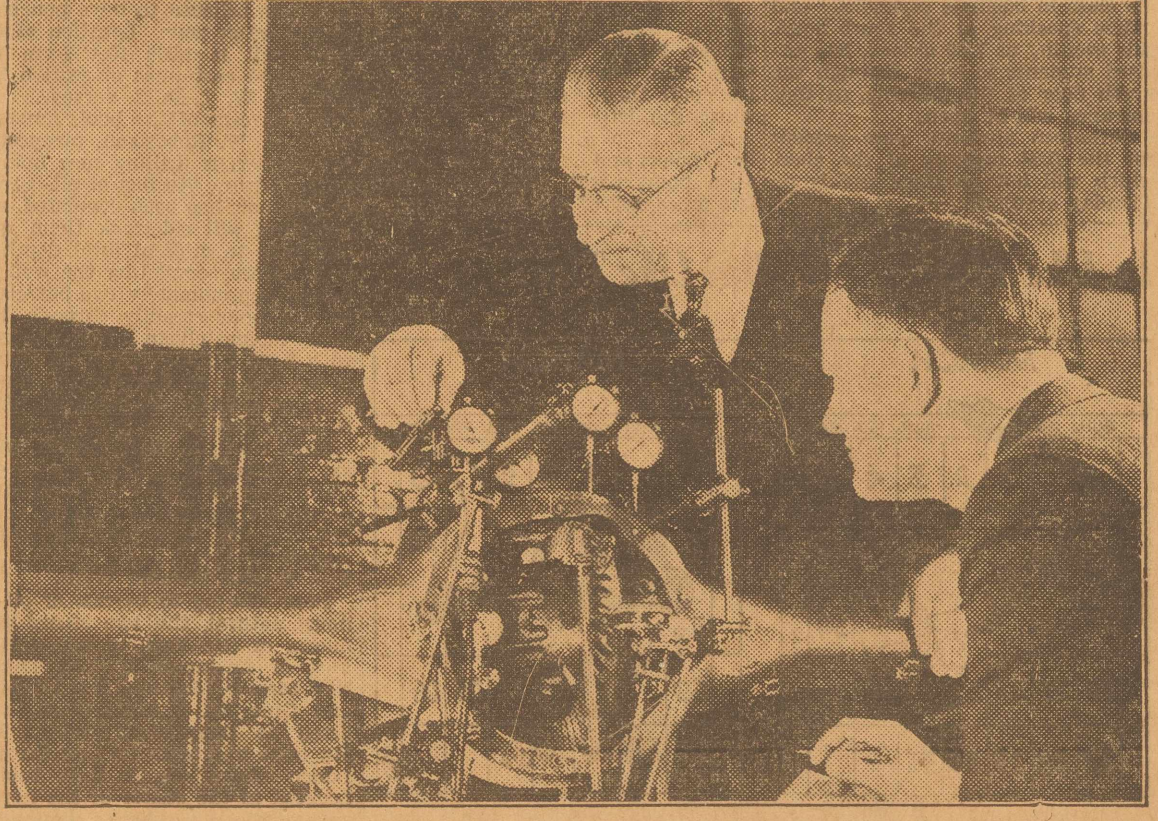
AUSTIN.—Increases in manufacturing in Texas during January, 1938, are represented by the expansion of several plants already established and the reopening of others which have been temporarily closed, as well as by the location in the state of certain new factories.

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Hold Everything!



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The Town Quack

YOUR LIFE!

Our state's auto toll, in tragic death and living tragedy, is a ghastly and vital problem. The cost of this daily gamble, in broken bones and broken lives, runs millions of dollars each year. Yet who can judge the actual cost? Who can pile human lives on the counter, to check and mark their price-tags? Who can place a dollar and cents value on a father's love or a daughter's youth? And still—YOU BET YOUR LIFE!

Did you ever buy a sweepstakes ticket? Did you ever take a chance in traffic? Equal chances? No! On the same percentage basis, you would have to lose your life thirty-two times in traffic accidents before winning one sweepstakes award. On one, you bet two dollars! On the other, You Bet Your Life!

Perhaps you never gamble. Perhaps you never buy a ticket on a race. Perhaps you never even take a chance in playing bridge or eating lobster. But you did touch "sixty" in your car? You never gamble; YOU BET YOUR LIFE!

Will we resolve to drive safely in 1938? Will we work to improve our state's record in traffic matters? Will we drive carefully?—YOU BET YOUR LIFE!

University Prof. Is Elected Member of Historical Society

AUSTIN.—Dr. Carlos E. Castaneda, Latin-American professor at the University of Texas, has been selected as a corresponding member of the Institut Historique et Heraldique de France, it has been announced. A decoration and a hand-illuminated manuscript certifying his membership are on their way to America from France.

Size of Brain Believed Unchanged Through Ages

DENVER, (UP)—Although man may be getting taller and more portly than he was 30,000 years ago, his brain is no larger, according to Dr. Ralph Linton, professor of anthropology at Columbia University, who is conducting a lecture tour.

Big Families on Farm No Longer the Custom

BERKELEY, Cal. (UP)—The old-time tradition of big families on the farm has gone out of date just as much as the custom of

Congratulations for Sage at 70



As vivacious and smiling as ever, William Allen White, above, beloved "Sage of Emporia," celebrates the 70th anniversary of his birth Feb. 10. Long famed for his writings, the Kansas editor has ranked for many years as one of the nation's outstanding journalists.

having large families in the city, a survey by Prof. George M. Peterson of the University of California reveals.

Statistics gathered in California show that the average farm family consists of 3.65 individuals; as against 5.3 for Japanese and 4.38 for the Negroes.

Peterson points out the farm birthrate in California is fast approaching the French peasant ideal of a one-son family.



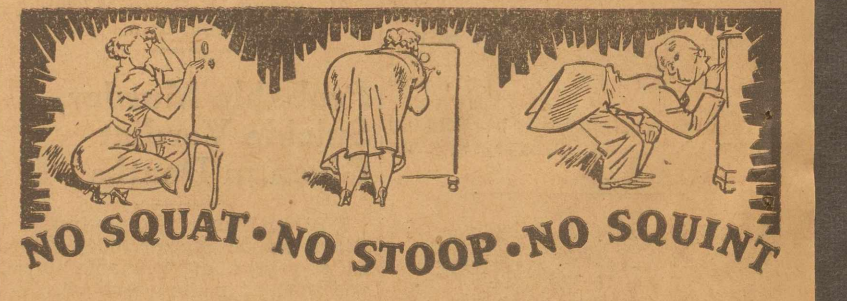
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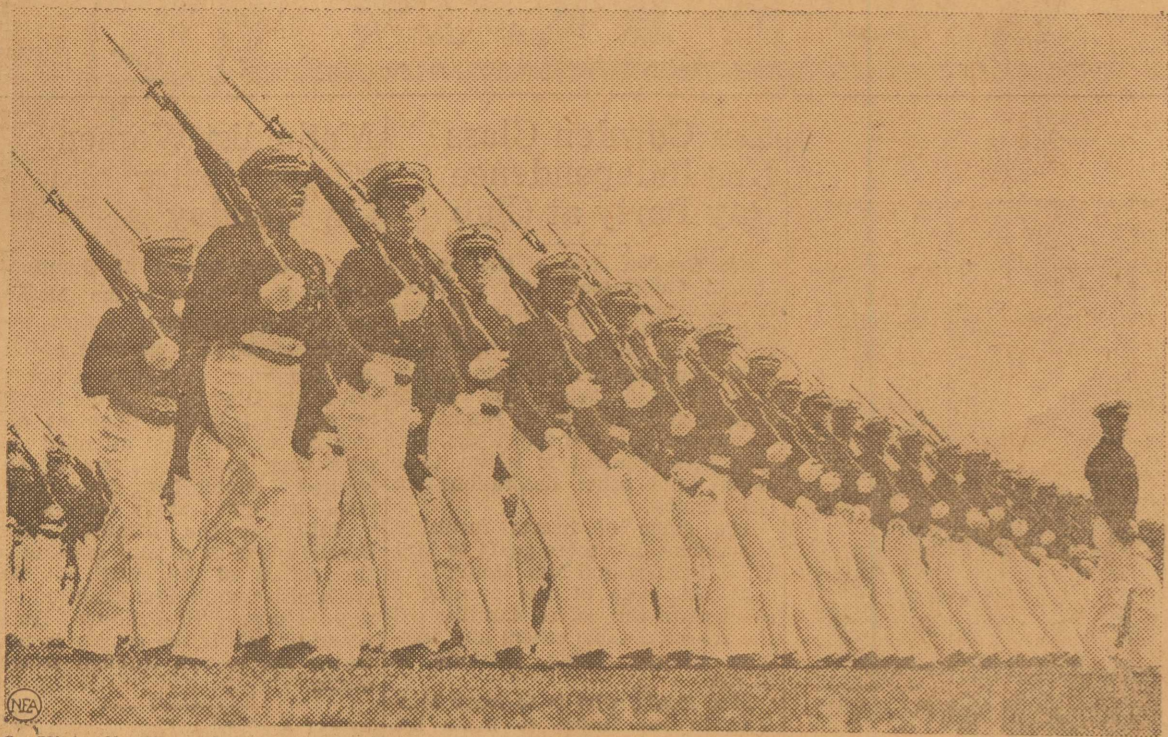


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The History of The United States Navy



Virtually the only source of officers of the Navy is the Naval Academy at Annapolis where midshipmen are shown above on parade shortly before graduation. About 100 of their number each year are appointed from the enlisted ranks of the navy, the rest by congressmen. Almost 40 per cent of all cadets who enter the academy are "busted" before they graduate.

This is the fourth of a series of articles discussing the U. S. Navy in the light of recent rearmament proposals.

BY WILLIS THORNTON.

NEA Service Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON. — A navy is no better than the men who sail the ships and man the guns.

In this respect at least, there is reason to believe that the U. S. Navy is better today than it has ever been before. The 102,500 young men who make up the enlisted personnel of the navy today are certainly the most carefully selected

and trained men the navy has ever had.

In recent years it has been harder to get into the navy than to get into many a country club. Depressed conditions "outside" have enabled the recruiting officers to raise standards and still take their pick.

During the fiscal year 1937, for instance, out of 129,510 applicants, only 15,094 were accepted. Of that number only 26 deserted and only 20 were discharged for misconduct, which speaks well for the selective process.

Accent on Youth.

ENLISTMENT age is from 17 to

25, and the average man goes in at 19. The whole navy is a young man's service, as a youth who enlists at 17 may be retired to the reserve at half his base pay at 37.

After 10 years in the reserve he gets an extra \$15.75 a month. Officers, too, unless they have risen to high rank, are generally out of the service before 40. The young man dominates the navy.

Applicants today usually have a year or two of high school work. Then, because they want to learn a trade, see the world, or contribute to family support, they go to a recruiting office.

The physical examination is stiff—the applicant must be a perfect specimen. Defective vision or teeth, poor hearing, flat feet or chronic poor posture send him out the door immediately.

Exhaustive Investigation. HIS fingerprints go to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to the police of every town in which he has ever lived. Any FBI, police, or even juvenile court record eliminates the applicant.

Character references must be had from former teachers, principals or employers, and other responsible persons.

In most cases, personal investigation of home surroundings is made. That is to make certain that the applicant's record or surroundings contain no element of disloyalty to the government he is about to serve.

Once accepted, the recruit is sworn in and sent to a naval training station at Great Lakes, Ill., Newport, R. I., Norfolk, Va., or San Diego, Calif. Another physical examination, and then three weeks under close observation and preliminary training.

After nine weeks the recruit chooses his branch, whether he prefers to be with the deck force, an engineer, artificer, or some other specialty.

Full-Fledged Seaman. AT the end of 12 weeks, the recruit has some knowledge of how to take care of clothes and person, of simple squad drill, rowing, swim-

ming, and Who's Who in the Navy. He gets a week's furlough. Then he returns to the station and awaits assignment to a ship. That usually comes within four months after enlistment.

Then he gets his first promotion, from apprentice seaman to seaman, second class, and gets raised from \$21 to \$36 a month.

Promotion after that is on a competitive basis. Correspondence courses are available leading to every non-commissioned rank up to chief petty officer at \$157.50 a month.

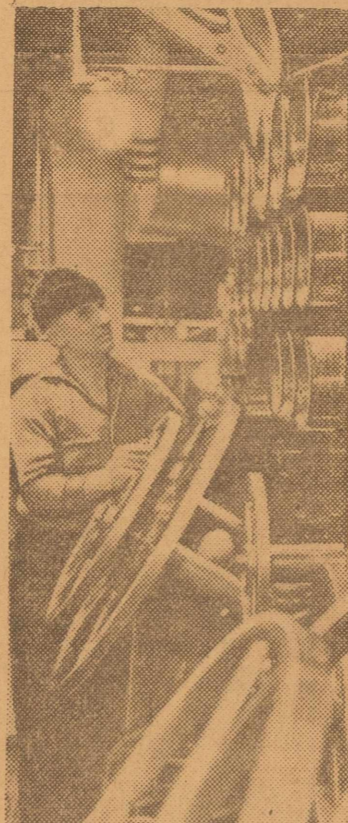
Such rates of pay are unheard of in any other navy in the world, being two and three times as much as in some. The food cost, around 50 cents a day per man, is two or three times that of other navies. Entirely a volunteer force, the U. S. Navy differs also in this respect from most navies of the world.

Today, navy ships have aboard only about 85 per cent of the number of men required for battle complement, and the shortage of officers is even more apparent.

Selective Promotion. THE officer corps of the navy, numbering today about 6350, is entirely Annapolis-trained. The 60 per cent of any entering class at the Naval Academy who graduate go into the navy as ensigns, but continue post-graduate studies in their specialties after they are assigned to their ships. Promotion in the lower grades is automatic with a certain number of years of service.

But from the junior grades upward, promotion is selective. Every officer serves makes detailed reports on his conduct and capabilities. These go before a board of admirals who select those to be advanced on the basis of the reports and the stiffest kind of examinations.

If a man is passed over too long



Engine room apparatus on a navy vessel must be as spotlessly clean as instruments and utensils in the galleys where the food is prepared. The navy likes its men to be experts, and ordinarily requires sailors to specialize in either deck or engineering work.



Every major ship in the fleet has its hospital bay, and the navy trains many men to guard the health of its personnel. In addition to hospital corpsmen such as the one laying out surgical instruments above, there is a dentist for every 500 men.

by the selection boards, he is retired. This retired list now costs about \$9,000,000 a year in pensions.

Officer Pay Is Modest. THE officer corps is not highly paid. An ensign without dependents gets \$1500 a year. The commander-in-chief of the fleet, if he has no dependents, gets only \$10,400. There are extra allowances for dependents, for shore and special duties like submarine or aviation. Officers must pay for all their food and uniforms, and their pay is not as high in relation to that in other navies as that of the enlisted men.

In view of the pending naval building program, which will require more officers for the new ships, changes in law are pending which will retain in the service many officers who would otherwise be retired because of failure to be selected for promotion.

The enlisted personnel of the navy is expected to jump to 110,000 this year and will necessarily grow further as the 47 projected new ships near the time of going into service. Due in part to the business recession, re-enlistments are almost 90 per cent at present, and greater streams of applicants file through the recruiting stations.

Apple Parings Yield Small Gold Nuggets

VANCOUVER, B. C. (U.P.) — The mythical Garden of the Hesperides, where the three golden apples grew, seems to have a modern counterpart somewhere in British Columbia.

Two housewives, living several scores of miles apart, report finding small gold nuggets "the size of a pinhead" in apple parings.

No satisfactory explanation has been offered. The apples are believed to have come from the Okanagan valley.

The PAYOFF

Sports Editor:

I suggest the Midland baseball club this year be named:

- () Cardinals
- () Herefords
- () Cowboys

All entries must be mailed before Friday, March 4, midnight.

BY JESS RODGERS.

If anybody is superstitious over naming the Midland baseball club the Cardinals again this year (because the folded up last year) they had better do something about it.

There was a total of 13 choices recorded Monday, ten of them were "Cardinals," three were "Cowboys" and there was nary a one for "Herefords."

Roy McKee, the finalist who wants the team renamed the Cardinals, is talking baseball up all over town, meanwhile reminding friends that he will get a free box seat and season pass if they will fill out the ballot found at the top of this column and mail it in. Otter Hiett, the lucky one to submit the name "Cowboys" can probably be expected to pull some support during the latter part of the week. Mrs. John Scroggin, unknown to this department, so far hasn't gained any support for the name "Herefords."

Personally, our choice is the Cardinals. The name could not be blamed for what happened last year. We have some very good arguments against the other names, other than just not liking them.

The colored (negro) baseball team here last year was known as the Herefords. And that eliminated that name, as far as I was concerned. The professional team might not play any better ball than did the dusky boys, but there should be some way to differentiate without watching the teams play. If both had the same name it might cause a lot of trouble.

The last year that Big Spring spent in the old West Texas League was under the name of Cowboys, and there is a chance they might like to resume operation under the same name. Of course, if the Midland club were to operate under that name Big Spring would be obligated to get another, but we favor letting Big Spring have the name if they want it.

Regardless of what name is chosen, new uniforms will be bought for the team this year and the emblem on the suits and caps will portray whatever bird, man or beast is chosen as the guide.

By now, Withers is in Riverside, California, looking over some of the boys that will be on the Midland team this year. He already has 24 men under contract so is not greatly worried over chances of giving Midland a club that will be at or near the top all year. His greatest need is a hard hitting first baseman and an outfielder capable of swatting one out of the lot occasionally. However, the will probably pick up about eight men out of the training camp. There never was a manager who would turn down a chance to land a good pitcher and Withers will probably pick up one or more while on the coast.

While Withers is getting the players together, local fans are not letting the idea of having a club here die. They are smart enough to know that the tickets won't sell themselves and are getting rid of them as fast as possible.

The Lions club gave unanimous endorsement to the idea of professional baseball here this summer and many Rotarians promised to aid in getting Midland back in the league again this year, and both groups are going to receive an opportunity to give more than vocal support this week.

Each member is going to be asked to accept and pay for as many tickets as they can, and they are to get rid of the tickets as they please. Let some of the members stay away from their luncheons on that account: There is nothing mandatory about any of the members taking

tickets. If they don't feel that they can accept any of the tickets, all that is necessary is for them to do as they say so.

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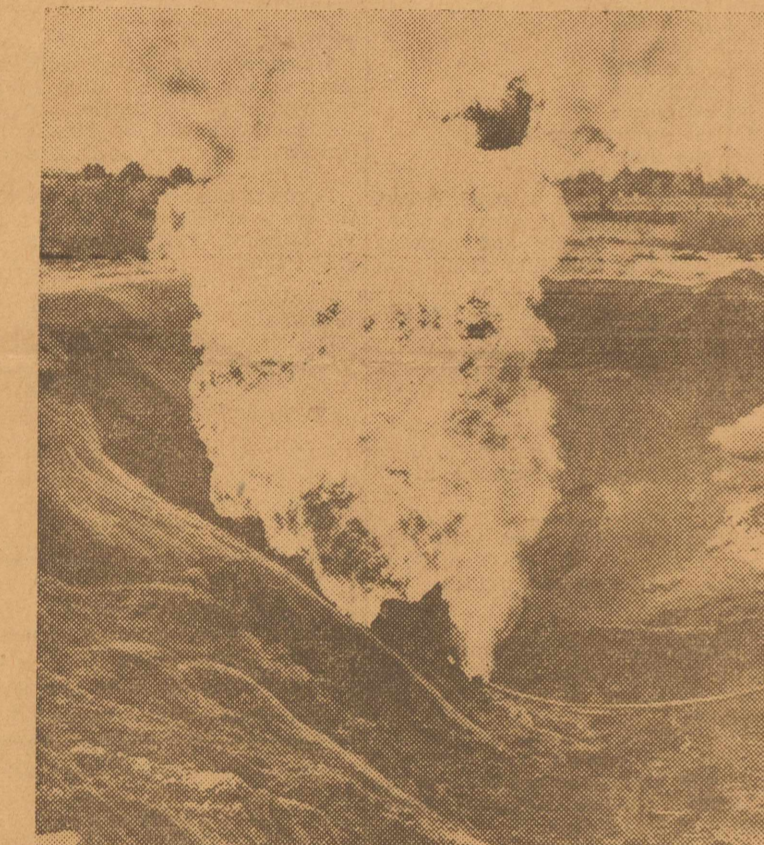
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A Texas Gas Well Gone Wild



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