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McCall Gets Reprieve to Next Friday

Delay Execution To Allow Appeal To Supreme Court

RAIFORD, Fla., Feb. 20. (AP)—Franklin Pierce McCall, his head shaved for the electric chair, today was granted a stay of execution until Friday to permit an appeal to the United States supreme court of his conviction in the \$10,000 ransom kidnaping and "accidental" smothering of five-year-old James Bailey Cash, Jr., last May.

The superintendent of the state prison here said he had ordered the execution set for today postponed under authority given by a death warrant to hold the execution any day of the week set by the governor.

C. A. Avrietti, of Jasper, McCall's home town attorney, contending his client was tricked and forced by J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation into confessing the crime, has lost numerous pleas to state and federal courts during the last few weeks.

McCall, 22-year-old son of a minister, pleaded guilty in open court to taking the five-year-old child with whom he frequently played, He collected \$10,000 ransom from the grief-stricken father. Ransom kidnaping is a capital offense in Florida.

City Officials to Crack Down on All Traffic Violators

City officials today warned automobile owners of Midland that state patrolmen and city officers sometime this week would start a drive against all drivers who did not have all lights on their cars in operating condition.

Pointing out the possible dangers created by drivers who have only one light working on their cars or tail lights that did not work, the officials said it would be necessary for the drivers to have the defects remedied in order to avoid arrest.

Drivers are being notified ahead of time in order that they can get lights fixed before arrival of the patrolmen. All persons stopped by the officers on the night of their appearance here will be given traffic violation tickets, it was announced.

Mayor M. C. Ulmer also announced that beginning this week all drivers found guilty of turning right on red lights without first coming to a complete stop would be fined. He pointed out there is a state law demanding drivers come to a complete stop when facing a red light before making a right hand turn and said that Midland drivers had been warned repeatedly after such offenses. Previously, drivers have only been reprimanded but hereafter they will be fined in city court, he said.

General disregard of city traffic laws must be stopped, city officials are agreed, and all persons caught violating the laws hereafter will have to "tell it to the judge."

Inequalities in Oil Allowables Claimed At Proration Meet

AUSTIN, Feb. 20. (AP)—O demand that inequalities in the allowable of Texas oil field be removed was voiced at a statewide oil hearing here today.

F. W. Fisher, Tyler, told the Railroad Commission a great many fields had been granted allowables greatly out of line with the East Texas field, especially in the Gulf coast area, and he believed the situation merited examination.

Beauty Honors Taken at Cafe

Waitresses at the Agnes Cafe here today were willing to admit beauty honors belonged there after reading a clipping taken from an Akron, Ohio, newspaper.

Anthony Weitzel, conductor of "The Town Crier" column of the Akron Beacon Journal, had the following to say about the waitresses in his column on February 16:

"Traveler just back from Hollywood reports the most gorgeous girls he saw out west were five waitresses in a little restaurant run by an Agnes Fitzsimmons in Midland, Texas. . . The girls were all local products, picked for pulchritude plus charm, and any one of them, he claimed, would make the average air hostess look plain. . . In the few weeks that elapsed between his stop at Midland going out and his stop coming back, two of the girls had married well and been replaced by two more Texas girls, equally glamorous."

3.2 Beer Out, Liquor O. K.



H. L. Fetzer of the LaGrange restaurant meets an alcoholically iratical situation by drawing a beer.

By NEA Service. LA GRANGE, O., Feb. 20.—The driest humor of the year was revealed by the joke that this village of 486 people played on itself at an election.

As a result of a campaign by dry forces to "close up the town," La Grange suddenly finds itself with 3.2 beer illegal, and the door open for anything from 6 per cent beer up to liquid lightning.

Dry forces, "completely surprised and bitterly disappointed," are adding it all up this way:

A local option election last November was won by the dries, but after the votes had been counted, it was discovered that the proposition on which they had voted applied only to 3.2 beer. So 3.2 beer was out.

Rev. Karl Darkey of the M. E. church led the fight for a special election. Citizens voted on five questions with results as follows:

Shall sale of any spirituous beverages be permitted? Yes, 140; No, 110.

Shall spirituous beverages be sold by the glass? Yes, 127; No, 121.

Shall spirituous beverages be sold from a state store? Yes, 121; No, 120.

Shall wine be sold by the package? Yes, 140; No, 110.

Shall wine be sold for consumption on the premises? Yes, 139; No, 111.

With the result that, as a result of last November's vote, 3.2 beer is still banned, while everything else is as legal as kissing your wife.

Southeast Edge Well in Emma Pool Flows 587 Barrels Oil in 12 Hours

By FRANK GARDNER

A southeast edge well in the Emma pool of southern Andrews, Sinclair-Prairie Oil Company No. 4 Mrs. Emma Cowden, was completed today for large flow of 587 barrels of oil in 12 hours. Gas volume is 240,670 cubic feet daily, giving the well as gas-oil ratio of 410-1. Located 990 feet from the north, 530 from the west line of the northeast quarter of section 1, block 44, township 2 north, T. & P. survey, No. 4 Cowden first was treated with 1,500 gallons of acid, then shot with 110 quarts of nitro from 4,170 to 4,214, the total depth, then re-treated with 5,000 gallons.

Atlantic Refining Company and Standard Oil Company of Texas No. 1-B W. F. Cowden estate, extension test two miles south of the Emma pool, is preparing to plug back to 4,280 feet from 4,310 in line. At that depth, it was swabbed and balled dry, then shut down for 17 hours, showing accumulation in that time of four barrels of sulphur water and two barrels of oil. The test is 1,980 feet from the north and west lines of section 1, block 44, township 1 north, T. & P. survey.

Production appeared assured for a half-mile east opposite to the North Cowden pool of northern Ector, Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company No. 1 O. B. Holt, as it filled 400 feet with oil from sand pay encountered in drilling to 4,470 feet. Operators plan to drill out of the sand, then will give the well a nitro shot.

Cities Service Oil Company No. 1 Rhodes, east of production at the

south end of the North Cowden pool, this morning was drilling line at 4,019 feet.

Atlantic and R. R. Rhodes No. 1-D Johnson, a mile north of Ector's Foster pool, is drilling at 3,850 feet in anhydrite.

Deep Permian Producer

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 24 J. B. Tubb, deep Permian well in the Tubb pool of western Crane, gauged rated flow of 2,336.34 barrels a day at 4,430 feet after acidizing with 4,000 gallons in pay lime entered at 4,290. Oil is 35.7-gravity and gas-oil ratio 835-1.

Gulf No. 5 McKnight, also scheduled to test the deep Permian pay in Western Crane, cemented 12 1-2 inch pipe on bottom at 680 feet with 75 sacks and is standing while cement sets.

A trio of Ordovician tests in the Sandhills area of western Crane this morning reported advanced drilling depths. Gulf No. 16 Tubb had reached 3,902 feet in line; Gulf No. 10 Waddell is drilling line at 3,396; and Sinclair-Prairie et al No. 3 Tubb-Community is drilling at 900 feet in anhydrite.

Humble No. 1 Ozona-Barnhart Trap Company, Crockett deep test, is drilling below 3,660 feet.

In the Dunes pool of eastern Crane, Wasones No. 1 University is shooting today, bottomed at 3,346 feet in lime. Some reported total depth at 3,342. The well topped pay at 3,188 and swabbed 15 barrels a day on natural test. Henderson No. 1 University, which topped See (OIL NEWS) Page Four

Drive for Funds to Keep City in League Is Continued Today

Directors of the Midland baseball club continued efforts to raise \$3500 today to keep Midland in the West Texas-New Mexico League for the next season.

Approximately half of the money sought had been given already and efforts at raising the rest of the money were being speeded up.

Cooperation of the public in gathering the money as soon as possible was asked by the directors. They pointed out that just as soon as the money was made up it would be possible to decide upon just what kind of a set-up would be in force this year, manager and players would be hired and work on the park would be started.

Directors are making efforts to contact all business men and fans of the city, urging them to make donations, but pointed out that they would probably be unable to see all of them.

They urged fans who would give donations to see any one of the five club directors—C. C. Duffey, J. F. Butler, Russell Conkling, J. L. Greene, J. C. Cunningham.

Several propositions have been advanced for placing a club on the field here this year but the directors are holding off until the money desired is raised. Two men of several years of experience in baseball have inquired about the manager's job but a decision is being withheld pending completion of the drive for funds.

General Dies In Attempt at Revolution

Effort to Overthrow Government of Peru Halted by Soldiers

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 20. (AP)—General Antonio Rodriguez, taking advantage of the absence of President Oscar Benavides, seized the government palace about 2 a. m. Sunday in an attempted overthrow of the government, and was killed.

General Rodriguez, minister of government and interior since 1935, escorted the president to the pier at Callao, Lima's port, Saturday night when Benavides and a party of government ministers boarded the naval transport, Rimac, for a three-day holiday.

He embraced the president, expressed wishes that he would have a happy holiday, and bade him farewell.

After seizing the palace, Rodriguez proclaimed himself head of the government and issued two manifestos, one addressed to the nation and the other to the armed forces, in which he explained his far-reaching measures to repudiate the Benavides administration.

Meanwhile, the city, unsuspecting what was going on at the palace, was spending the night in celebrating a carnival. A communique issued by Premier Ernesto Montague said Rodriguez had only a few followers from his own department of the government and that royal troops intervened and restored order. The communique said "some few insurgents" lost their lives.

Rodriguez sent his manifestos to the newspapers which were just finishing printing their morning editions. They hastily prepared extra editions but before these were ready the situation was changed with intervention of the troops which restored the situation to normal.

President Benavides hastily returned to Lima by automobile.

Late Wire News

PASADENA, Calif., Feb. 20. (AP)—Police launched a hunt today for eight-year-old Anne Louise Sweitzer, feared kidnaped. The child was reported seen in the automobile of a 40-year-old gardener shortly after she left home yesterday to play. The child's father, Ralph Sweitzer, is a disabled world war flier.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (AP)—Fifteen hundred policemen were assigned to Madison Square Garden today as extraordinary precautions were taken against any disorders at a pro-Nazi rally scheduled tonight.

The German-American band, sponsor of the rally, described it as a patriotic meeting in celebration of George Washington's birthday. The rally had been protested by American Legion units and other organizations.

TO DALLAS CONVENTION.

Hoots Lamar, manager of the Banner Creamery left Sunday for Dallas where he will attend the Milk and Ice Cream convention today, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Changes Planned—

FRANCO TO NAME SPANISH CABINET

Sitting Pretty—On Lifesaving Mattress



Quick thinking and a mattress on which Lucille Roddam, 7, sits saved her life and that of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alph Roddam of Pinson, Ala. When a windstorm struck the Roddam household on a recent midnight, Mr. Roddam covered himself, wife and child with the mattress against falling objects. Photo shows wreckage of the house.

Opinion Asked on State Aid Bill by West Texas Schools

Seeking cooperation in securing from Attorney General Gerald C. Mann a favorable opinion on application of certain West Texas school districts for state aid, in lieu of taxes on University lands, Superintendent H. G. Secrest of Rankin was here today, interviewing Midland citizens.

Mr. Secrest expressed the belief that it was the purpose of the legislature, when enacting the state aid bill, that such aid be given to schools in the seventeen counties having university lands. A ruling by a former attorney general first ruled that such aid was legal, later reversing the opinion, according to Mr. Secrest.

Several citizens contacted here expressed the opinion that the aid had been intended in the act and requested a liberal construction by Attorney General Mann in giving his ruling.

Lackey Named to State Committee

Superintendent W. W. Lackey of the Midland schools today was notified that he had been appointed a member of the Committee on Educational Progress in Texas by President Wilcox of the Texas State Teachers Association.

Notification of the appointment was given Mr. Lackey by B. B. Cobb, secretary of the association, with an expressed wish that the local man would accept.

Mr. Lackey made acceptance of the appointment and expressed thanks for the honor of being able to serve on the committee.

Rally Speaker



Dr. Edmund Heinsohn of the University Methodist church at Austin will be chief speaker at the Youth Crusade rally to be held at the First Methodist church at Big Spring Thursday evening. The rally is to be a district affair and efforts are being made to have 100 or more Methodist young people from Midland attend.

Solons Scored for Attacking Governor

AUSTIN, Feb. 20. (AP)—Representative Pat Dwyer, San Antonio, today attacked on the house floor East Texas senators who last week criticized Governor O'Daniel.

Dwyer termed the senate speeches "outrages" and violative of principles of "decency and fair play."

Several senators assailed O'Daniel for appointing a West Texan chairman of the highway commission.

Grand Jury Meets This Morning for First Time of Year

Members of the Midland county grand jury met this morning for the first time this year after being changed by District Judge Cecil C. Collings to investigate any alleged lawlessness in the county that was reported to them.

This is the first term in Midland county to be presided over by Judge Collings, who served the past four years as district attorney. Martelle McDonald, elected district attorney in the last election, will prosecute all cases here for his first time.

The new judge told members of the grand jury that he did not have any specific violations in mind when urging the men to investigate all cases reported. He complimented the law abiding citizens of the county for the small number of felons tried each term of court.

The docket appears to be lighter than usual this term of court with only one murder indictment on the books so far. Grand jurors will act upon another murder charge during the present session. The only person under indictment for murder at the present time is James Burleson, negro, in connection with the death of another negro here. Burleson is charged with causing the death of the other negro by slashing him over the heart with a knife. Burleson fled the scene of the crime, in Moody addition, and was captured several months later in Idaho.

Several other felonies, including charges of forgery, petty theft, etc., will be acted upon by the grand jury.

Petit jurors will meet next Monday morning at nine o'clock. Men chosen to serve on the jury consisted of Geo. T. Abell, J. L. Barber, H. G. Bedford, W. T. Bodine, G. E. Brenneman, P. S. Bridgewater, H. S. Collings, M. H. Crawford, O. H. Jones, R. L. Miller, J. O. Nobles, J. H. Rhoden.

Six Charged After Fight Saturday

Six Midland men were charged with fighting in a complaint filed this morning by County Attorney Merritt F. Hines as the aftermath of an alleged brawl on South Main street in downtown Midland late Saturday afternoon.

Two of the men were charged with two separate offenses while the other four were charged on only one complaint.

Ab, Bud, Whitey and Joe Cain were charged with fighting in a public place, an affray, while Ab Cain was charged with disturbance of the peace by use of indecent language and Bud Cain was charged with aggravated assault.

Gene and "Red" Lewis, alleged to be the other participants in the fight, were charged with engaging in an affray.

Trial of the six is scheduled to be held in county court.

Father of Former Midland Man Dies

Word has been received by friends here of the death of Dr. T. J. Ratliff at Colorado, Texas, Sunday afternoon, following a short illness.

He was the father of Dr. D. K. Ratliff of Teague, formerly of Midland. The younger man practiced dentistry here.

Burial services will be held at Colorado, Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

Relative to Be Chosen As Premier

Capture of Central Zone May Hold Up Changes by Chief

PERPIGNAN, Feb. 20. (AP)—Generalissimo Francisco Franco was said today by an informed border source to be planning to name a new government with eight cabinet ministers under the nominal direction of his brother-in-law, Serrano Sumner, as premier.

The generalissimo, these sources said, will retain his title as chief of state and supreme commander of the army.

Franco has filled most of these posts on paper, the report declared, but the actual change may not take place before the central zone of Spain is occupied.

LONDON, Feb. 20. (AP)—The diplomatic lineup of democracies versus dictators for nationalist Spain's favor overshadowed that country's civil war Sunday and had repercussions from Gibraltar to Djibouti.

On the Democratic side were Britain and France whose efforts to negotiate a Spanish peace had a two-fold objective:

1. First, to rid Spain of all military and political influence of totalitarian Italy and Germany and second, to gain a nationalist guarantee of no reprisals against the Spanish government side if the latter surrendered.

But the entire Mediterranean area was a trouble zone, based in the Spanish negotiations and brought into shape relief by these week-end developments.

A reliable London report that Italy had called up 150,000 reservists and might double that number by spring. Nothing was available in Rome, however, on any military preparations.

2. French general staff reports of intensive Italian military preparations on the frontiers of French-ruled Tunisia and French Somaliland which led to French counter moves yesterday.

3. The apparent failure of French Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet's "unofficial agent" to Rome, Paul Baudouin, to find a basis for settlement of Italian claims for territorial and other concessions from France.

4. The continued insistence of nationalist Generalissimo Francisco Franco for unconditional surrender of the Spanish government, which threatened to throw a monkey wrench into peace efforts and France and British recognition of Franco's regime.

5. The unexplained trip of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Italian chief of staff and considered Italy's outstanding authority on colonial warfare, to Italian Libya, adjacent to Tunisia.

Baudouin, president of the bank of French Indo-China, reportedly offered Italy a large share in the Adalis Akaba-Djibouti railway, continuation of equal rights for Italian residents in Tunisia, a free port for Italy and Djibouti and a substantial number of shares in the Suez Canal.

The French government has declined publicly it would fight before giving any territory to Italy and the apparent failure of Baudouin's mission in things they were before he went to see Premier Mussolini.

The distribution of gas masks to 5,000,000 inhabitants of the Paris region will begin within a few days the municipal council said.

This announcement marked a further step in France's military preparations at home and in her colonies. It also coincided with what officials frankly called "ominous signs," a statement which was echoed yesterday by President Roosevelt at Key West, Fla.

A large section of the French press as well as government circles expressed belief that Italy and Germany—backed up this time by Japan through her domination of Hainan Island in the South China Sea—would soon seek new concessions from Britain and France.

President Rapped By German Press for His Latest Speech

BERLIN, Feb. 20. (AP)—The entire German press struck at President Roosevelt today for reports he might shorten his cruise in the Caribbean because of word reaching him on development abroad.

All-America, the press said, was excited by the new baiting by peace-disturber Roosevelt and the "theatrical coup in Washington." The Nachtausgabe asked whether the president's "ceaseless war of gossip" was intended to push Europe into a war to aid the American arms industry.

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What the New War on Accidents Means to You and Your Community

State and city officials, civic and women's clubs, motor clubs, the automotive, insurance and other groups and industries are cooperating in a determined campaign for highway safety.

The purpose of this editorial is not to arouse fear, or even interest, in traffic accidents. It is a fact treatise, written for public officials, civic leaders and other good citizens who already ARE interested, who recognize the gravity of the situation and who want to know what they can do about it.

Safety is (1) the individual responsibility of every motorist and pedestrian; and (2) the communal responsibility of every state, county and municipality.

If everyone who uses our highways were skillful, law abiding and courteous at all times, there would, of course, be no traffic accident problem. No kind or number of fool-proof highways, laws or other community measures can substitute for personal intelligence and self-discipline. In fact, the very first duty of any group desiring to promote safety is to make sure that each member understands the personal factor and accepts his or her responsibility for safe driving and safe walking and for setting a good example to others.

Safety demands a right-about-face in the attitude of many people. We must realize that accidents don't happen, they are caused; and therefore they can be prevented. We must become prevention-minded rather than punishment-minded, because prevention removes the need of punishment—both man's punishment and nature's punishment, which is death or injury.

Brandeis Stood Like a Lighthouse as Tides Changed

By WILLIS THORNTON

Among the gravest necessities of government at the moment is the finding of a successor to Justice Brandeis on the U. S. Supreme Court who can approximately fill his shoes.

In integrity, in steadfast adherence to fundamental principles, Justice Brandeis has stood for more than 20 years like a great lighthouse unmoved by the currents and tides of American life which swirled about his feet. That is not to say that Brandeis was aloof from life. It is merely to say that the current of American legal thought has passed alternately to the right and left of Brandeis' position, which has always remained grounded unshakably on the rock of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

Today it is interesting to note the comment on his passing from the active judicial scene, because some of the keenest and most obviously sincere regrets are being expressed in conservative quarters.

Yet when Brandeis was nominated to the court by Woodrow Wilson, a tremendous hue and cry went up from almost the same quarters which are now eulogizing his career. Six former presidents of the American Bar Association objected. Ex-President Taft spoke against him. Every Republican except George Norris was against him. His book "Other People's Money" was cited against him as proving him "radical." Only after a long and bitter fight was he confirmed.

Yet today, many of the same elements which fought him 20 years ago now realize his greatness and lament his retirement. Why?

Because Brandeis, with incorruptible and immovable firmness, has stood by his guns. Distrustful of great concentrations of power in the business world at the time of his appointment (and thus a "radical" in terms of 1916) Brandeis was equally distrustful of great concentrations of power in the governmental world in 1936 (and thus almost a conservative in terms of 1936).

His uncompromising stand for the personal liberty and dignity of the individual was a place of appeal for workingmen in 1916 against great business combinations which submerged them. Today the same regard for personal rights is a place of refuge for business men who feel submerged in swelling governmental power.

Brandeis once said: "An intolerant majority, swayed by passion or fear, may be prone in the future, as it has often been in the past, to stamp as disloyal opinions with which it differs."

One justice for all men, rich and poor—that stamps the great judge. Justice Brandeis has been a great judge, and the great wishes of many who once hated and feared him follow him into whatever fields of activity he chooses for his remaining years.

Choosing Brandeis was one of Woodrow Wilson's best public acts. To choose a worthy successor is one of Franklin Roosevelt's most pressing duties.

Romance Isn't Dead

The Chicago postoffice made a rough calculation on the number of Valentines that probably circulated through the mails. They based this on the increase of first-class mail over the day before, and guessed that 726,008 Chicagoans received Valentines.

Deducting possibly 26,947 of the comic variety with a cartoon and a short poem on "Skinflint" or "Dude," this would still seem to indicate that romance is by no means dead.

Deducting 8476 which came from firms like The Githolt Bolt and Rivet Co. and urged the season for tightening ties with its customers, there still remains quite a margin for Cupid.

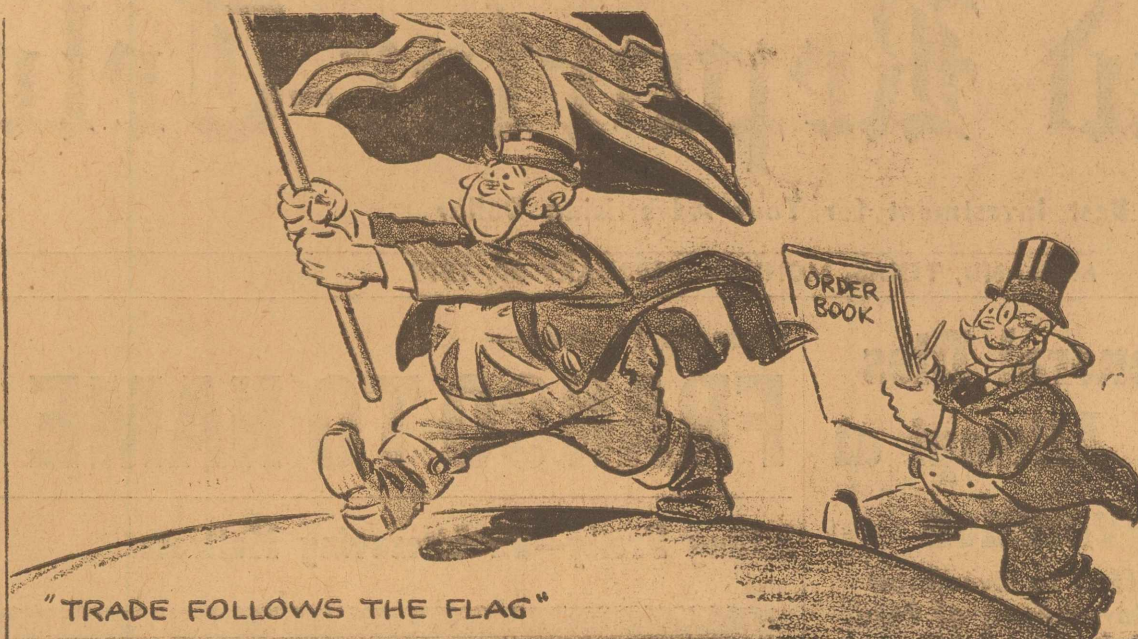
Even if you deduct 4673 sent by maiden ladies to themselves and 14,237 sent by husbands trying to get out of the doghouse without a single conscious thought of romance, you still have to rule Dan Cupid the "winnah and still champion."

Romance dead in a modern world? Not by a mail-sack-full!

Cleveland's mayor refuses to give city employes a five-day week. He wants them to do nothing another half-day.

They say members of Florida's football team are employed on WPA. Learning to shovel pass?

Fascists must call Benito "Duce," leader, never "Capo," chief. Juliet, fortunately, is dead, with her old idea that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.



BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 20. — A soft-spoken law school dean who sums up his philosophy of legal procedure in the question "of what good is the law if it does not serve human needs?"

That liberalism stems, perhaps, from the wide experience the dean has gleaned in nine states from the populous east to the sparsely settled New Mexico. He likes to think that this contact with people across the nation has humanized him.

That's Wiley Blount Rutledge, head of the University of Iowa law school, who is ranked high among likely successors to the U. S. Supreme Court seat left vacant by retirement of Louis Dembitz Brandeis.

Expert in the letter of the law, 44-year-old Dean Rutledge is concerned primarily with human welfare. To that end he has built an impressive liberal record.

He helped pioneer in founding a legal aid clinic through which needy persons could get legal advice at small fees.

He has made intensive study of the social significance of the private corporations and his findings he is now putting into a book.

He is a Democrat and was a 100 per cent New Dealer in his interpretation of the law long before it became a burning national issue. He favored President Roosevelt's court program, for example, though he now regards the question as "dead."

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car reports that actually wind up as a solved case of absent-mindedness. Too many owners just forgot where they parked when hastily reporting a theft.

What are the causes for the sharp reduction in car thefts in Texas the past year? Answers are many.

1. The Dyer Act, making it a federal offense to transport a stolen car across state lines, is a prominent barrier.

2. Convictions of organized theft rings that dealt in new models transported to other states for sale purposes.

3. Marked improvement in prosecution of thieves.

4. Dealers refuse to handle cars without a thorough check on its ownership.

5. Close co-operation by finance companies.

6. Aggressive work by municipal, county and state police.

E. A. Gormley, manager of the national automobile theft bureau, reports that in the past eight years the theft ratio in Texas, based on the number of stolen cars per 100 owned, has been cut 70 per cent.

Of the state's four largest cities, Gormley reports that Dallas and Fort Worth recovered 93 per cent of the automobiles stolen there in 1938; Houston, 92 per cent and San Antonio, 86 per cent. Those figures were based on reports to his office.

Some 300 machines brought to Texas from other states were recovered the past 12 months.

The major problem, however, said Gormley, is the burning of stolen automobiles. He said some 200 machines had been burned in recent months, and, from his investigations, it was found that 90 per cent of them had been sprinkled with inflammable matter after stripping.

Lack of stern laws prevented harsh prosecution until six or seven months ago, but 40 indictments have been returned since. A statewide campaign is being waged now.

Prosecution of automobile thieves has improved. Car owners who formerly were so tickled to get their stolen machines back they forgot about prosecuting, have cooperated with state's attorneys in recent years to send the offender to prison.

Genuine automobile theft gangs have been broken up in Texas, Gormley said. Except on the border, there are no organized gangs.

State and federal officers are working on an international ring that specializes in ferrying stolen cars through Texas to Mexico. Headquarters of the ring are believed to be at Detroit, Cleveland, Kansas City and Mexico City, Gormley said. Twelve stolen cars recently were seized in Mexico City, but motor and serial numbers had changed. The cars are taken into Mexico on tourist permits.

Slow progress has been made in cutting down automobile thefts at the point of a gun, Gormley said. Hijackers who use cars in flight have upheld their high percentage of thefts, but it has become a hard matter for a thief to keep a car permanently.

Weekly the state department of public safety sends to all law enforcement agencies a complete list of stolen cars reported to its office, including the make, type, license and motor numbers.

Few automobiles are used by thieves—they merely take them to hideouts, strip them of valuable parts and leave a skeleton.

Fences for stolen automobile parts have decreased in the state's successful war against one of its biggest nuisances—stolen cars.

Australia Aids Refugees

SYDNEY, Australia (U.P.) — Australia has decided to take 15,000 Jewish refugees from Europe over a period of years. Jewish residents here have raised \$200,000 to help finance the immigration. At a meeting of 250 Jewish citizens \$72,000 was subscribed.



claiming on the way back to the car: "This is terrible."

I always hate to start sponsoring something and have it fall by the wayside. Two projects have been offered through this column recently, and neither one has materialized as yet. If you want to take hold of the proposition for planting flower seeds along the newly terraced railroad right of way, now's the time to come in with your offer. The other is to get a truck load of parade horses, and a similar number of riders, over to Angelo for the parade early next month, carrying a banner to advertise the Midland Rodeo September 2-3-4. Not owning a truck, I hesitate to try to do more than give the proposition some publicity, but I hope it is carried out.

Organization of a Junior Chamber of Commerce here seems like a fine idea. In some towns this size, there wouldn't be such a demand for it. But Midland is blessed with a large per cent of its population in the form of progressive young men, and they need a channel through which to work for the civic good. Power to the Jaycees.

Bring on your sandstorm! I'm just as well prepared for it as the rest of you! My complaint at not having enough Turkish towels to put around the doors and windows, on account of the family bath after a sandstorm, really got me some results. This morning I received in the mail as handsome a Turkish towel as I've seen since Ikey Wadley's last sale of salesman's samples. There wasn't any name to it, but I'll give back all but one guess and give credit to the former Californian who moved here and beat the natives at beating the sandstorm. Thanks, and a thousand of them, even if the joke is on me.

Lack of stern laws prevented harsh prosecution until six or seven months ago, but 40 indictments have been returned since. A statewide campaign is being waged now.

Prosecution of automobile thieves has improved. Car owners who formerly were so tickled to get their stolen machines back they forgot about prosecuting, have cooperated with state's attorneys in recent years to send the offender to prison.

Genuine automobile theft gangs have been broken up in Texas, Gormley said. Except on the border, there are no organized gangs.

State and federal officers are working on an international ring that specializes in ferrying stolen cars through Texas to Mexico. Headquarters of the ring are believed to be at Detroit, Cleveland, Kansas City and Mexico City, Gormley said. Twelve stolen cars recently were seized in Mexico City, but motor and serial numbers had changed. The cars are taken into Mexico on tourist permits.

Slow progress has been made in cutting down automobile thefts at the point of a gun, Gormley said. Hijackers who use cars in flight have upheld their high percentage of thefts, but it has become a hard matter for a thief to keep a car permanently.

Weekly the state department of public safety sends to all law enforcement agencies a complete list of stolen cars reported to its office, including the make, type, license and motor numbers.

Few automobiles are used by thieves—they merely take them to hideouts, strip them of valuable parts and leave a skeleton.

Fences for stolen automobile parts have decreased in the state's successful war against one of its biggest nuisances—stolen cars.

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Your Income Tax

Your Federal Income Tax. No. 11. GROSS INCOME, NET INCOME, AND SURTAX NET INCOME.

Three of the terms used in the income-tax law, namely, gross income, net income, and surtax net income, should be noted particularly, inasmuch as they are vitally important to the whole subject of the income tax.

Gross income includes in general all income from any source whatever, unless exempt from tax by law.

Bakeries Use Butter Sprayer

TOLEDO, O. (U.P.) — A new way to grease pans before they receive dough en route to the oven—spray the butter on with paint-spraying equipment. Large Toledo bakeries use locally-made paint-spraying apparatus for their pan-greasing and report that an advantage of the method is accurate control.

Ferry Ends Long Service

NEWJORT, R. I. (U.P.) — For 42 years the steamer Ecavertall ferried passengers, automobiles and merchandise between Jamestown and Newport. Then came the September, 1938, hurricane. The company had to sell the vessel for junk.

The gross income of the usual business consists of the gross profits on sales, plus any income from investments and incidental or outside operations or sources. The return must show the gross sales, purchases, and cost of goods sold. To reflect income correctly, inventories are necessary at the beginning and end of each taxable year.

A lawyer, doctor, architect, physician, dentist, clergyman, author, or other professional man must include in gross income all fees, salaries, and compensation of any kind for professional services.

Net income upon which the tax is assessed is gross income less the deductions allowed by law. Such deductions include business and professional expenses, such as salaries, pensions, and bonuses to employees, taxes, losses, interest, bad debts, depreciation, depletion, contributions, etc. Failure to understand deductions against gross income and credits against net income has resulted in numerous errors on the part of taxpayers.

An earned-income credit is provided in addition to the personal exemption and credit for dependents, etc., for the purpose of computing the normal tax. Having arrived at the net income, the next step is to deduct the personal exemption and credit for dependents. The balance represents the surtax net income. The next step is to deduct from such balance the earned-income credit and other credits to which the taxpayer is entitled. The remainder represents the amount of net income subject to the normal tax of 4 per cent. Any amount of surtax net income which is in excess of \$4,000 is subject to the surtax. The surtax is to be computed in accordance with the rates provided for in the various so-called surtax brackets.



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Miss Margaret Scott Becomes Bride of Melvin Haney in Saturday Ceremony

Miss Margaret Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Scott of Midland, and Melvin Haney of Cross Plains, Texas, were married at the home of Rev. W. J. Coleman, Presbyterian pastor, Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Mr. Coleman read the single ring ceremony.

Announcements

TUESDAY.

Chez les Amies club will meet with Mrs. W. P. Thurmon, 11 N. Marlenfeld, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for dessert-bridge.

Midland county museum in the courthouse will be open Tuesday afternoon from 2:30 o'clock until 5. The public is invited.

Fine Arts club will present Miss Evelyn Oppenheimer in a review of "The Nightingale" at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Tickets are 50 cents each. The public is invited.

North Ward PTA will meet at North Ward school Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Founders' Day will be observed.

Beta Sigma Phi will meet in the private dining room of Hotel

Gas Gas All Time. Midland Drug and City Drug Store.

Biggs, former club member. Each visitor will carry a dish for luncheon.

SATURDAY.

Story Hour will be held at the children's library in the courthouse Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Midland county museum in the courthouse will be open Saturday afternoon from 2:30 o'clock until 5. The public is invited.

WEDNESDAY.

Fine Arts club will meet with Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, 408 N. Marlenfeld, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Crescendo Junior Music club will have an open meeting at the Cornelius studio, 706 W. Ohio, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

Slam club will meet with Mrs. J. C. Moore, hostess at the home of Mrs. J. C. Webb Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock for a covered-dish luncheon.

THURSDAY.

Needlecraft club will meet with Mrs. Geo. Phillips, 200 South L street, Thursday afternoon at the usual hour.

Bien Amigos club will meet with Mrs. J. M. Haygood, 708 W. Kansas, Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for dessert-bridge.

Midland county museum in the courthouse will be open Thursday afternoon from 2:30 o'clock until 5. The public is invited to attend.

FRIDAY.

The World Day of Prayer will be observed with a program presented by members of the women's organizations of the various churches at an open meeting for all women of the town at the First Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Butler Hurley, president of the Presbyterian auxiliary, is in charge of arrangements.

Lucky Thirteen club will meet Friday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Pearl Blair, 1009 W. Louisiana.

Belmont Bible class will meet with Mrs. C. O. Fredregill, 806 S. Colorado, with Mrs. H. R. Braezeale as cohostess, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Memory verses will be St. John 14:1-4 and the lesson will be on chapters 18-19-20 of Revelations.

Child Study club will meet with Mrs. R. W. Patteson, 904 W. Louisiana, Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Members of the Stitch and Chatter club will meet at the home of Mrs. L. M. Hedges at 9 o'clock Friday morning and go to Big Spring for an all-day visit with Mrs. Ben

Patriotic Colors Featured in Supper Appointments at Club

The second spaghetti supper for members of the Country Club and their guests was held Saturday night and reported a success with those attending having a "marvelous time" as one member enthusiastically said.

The approaching holiday of February 22 dominated the decorations which were arranged by Mrs. W. B. Harkrider and Mrs. Dalas Dale, hostesses.

White and red flowers and blue candles on the service table carried out the patriotic colors in keeping with George Washington's Birthday. Tulips and red candles were used on the piano and red pot plants were ranged at vantage points in the rooms. Small tables for supper were covered with red, white, and blue cloths.

After dinner dancing to the music of the club nickelodeon and games of ping-pong furnished diversion for the group. About 85 people were present.

Midweek Club, Guests Entertained at Washington Bridge

Mrs. John House, 910 W. Kansas, entertained the Midweek club and a group of guests with a "George Washington" bridge party at her home Friday afternoon.

Playing appointments featured the Washington motif and prizes wrapped in patriotic colors were awarded to Mrs. H. A. Hemphill for guest high, to Mrs. Fred Wright for club high, and to Mrs. Elliott Cowden for cut.

The party plate repeated the decorative theme. Club guests were: Mesdames W. W. LaForce, H. A. Hemphill, W. G. Henderson, William Y. Penn, P. H. Liberty.

Members were: Mesdames Hugh Corrigan, Elliott Cowden, E. A. Culbertson, I. E. Daniel, Allan Hargrave, W. E. Wallace, Fred Wright, and the hostess.

Midland League Wins Banner at Monthly Meeting

Midland Senior League won the banner for the highest point-ranking among Leagues represented at the monthly meeting of the Signal Mount Union at Garden City Sunday.

Miss Ruth Gilliam, district director, was chief speaker. Stress was laid on the Youth's Crusade to be held at Big Spring on Thursday night of this week.

An estimated crowd of 50 to 60 persons attended the Garden City meeting. Going from here were Mr. and Mrs. Alvon Patterson, Miss Martha Tidmore and Charles Patterson.

Social Hour Club Meets With Mrs. W. P. Bodine

Social Hour club held its monthly meeting with Mrs. W. P. Bodine hostess at her home north of town. The afternoon was spent in sewing and refreshments were served at tea time.

Among those present were: Mesdames S. H. Gwyn, R. O. Brooks, O. M. Tyner, P. P. Barber, A. C. Francis, G. C. Driver, a guest, and the hostess.

Mrs. Griffin Teaches Lesson For Naomi Class

Mrs. Earl Griffin of Odessa, formerly of Midland, taught the lesson at the meeting of the Naomi class at Hotel Scharbauer Sunday morning. Subject of the lesson was "Beverage Alcohol and Its Social Evils."

Miss Drotha Johnson led the lesson reading. Mrs. Clyde Howard sang a solo accompanied by Miss Jean Farnham.

Offerory was played by Miss Frances Farnham. Eighteen members were present. There were no visitors.

Crime Bill 15 Billion

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (U.P.)—Crime costs the people of the United States \$15,000,000,000 a year, according to W. H. D. Lester, Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent. "Do a little simple division," he said, "and you learn that the nation's crime bill is about \$120 per capita per year."

Fate Strikes Strangely

YOUNGSTOWN, O. (U.P.)—Bud Seidner, pilot, asked two friends to "take a spin," but they refused his invitation, saying that they considered flying too dangerous. A few weeks later, both died from natural causes. Seidner still is flying.

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Good Ticket Sales Reported for Book Review

Ticket sales for the book review to be sponsored by the Fine Arts club Tuesday evening are progressing satisfactorily, it was reported today.

Miss Evelyn Oppenheimer of Dallas, well-known to Midland audiences, will review Edith Wharton's novel, "The Buccaneers."

All Forgotten Over Comics

SALINAS, Cal. (U.P.)—Roy Avlin, 14, on his hands and knees in an alley, was so avidly scanning a comic strip supplement that he did not notice an automobile that was backing up behind him till the car passed over his legs. His injuries were not as serious as the comics were funny.

Paul Harrison in Hollywood

By PAUL HARRISON NEA Service Staff Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD. — Short takes: There's a panic among the quickie makers, and at least 80 cheap features have been struck from production schedules this season. One producer said, "Times are so tough we can't afford a door mat outside the office. I'm gonna have the word 'Welcome' painted on the wall."

Clark Gable and Carole Lombard will play a serious, romantic scene on March 17 — before a preacher. Those cuties air-touring the country to hollywood "Tailspin" are wearing long woolen underwear beneath their trim white flying suits. Your keyhole reporter Lamarr keeps up her stocking with adhesive tape.

And speaking of the heady Hedy, they're saying that the set of her picture is like a WPA project—lots of people standing around but not much being done.

WINGS OVER HOLLYWOOD Metro is having stock trouble:

Maureen O'Sullivan is expecting a baby and they're racing to finish the Tarzan picture in time. The studio also planned to borrow Wendy Miller (of "Pygmalion") for a lead in "Maiden Voyage." She couldn't accept it though, on account of a recent eight-point event.

You can get an idea of the low ebb of the musicians from the list of song writers under contract in Hollywood. Only half a dozen tunesmiths have regular jobs now; a year ago there were 52. Only Metro will continue to film a few big song-and-dance pictures; 20th-Fox has one, for Sonja Henie. It will have Don Ameche, Rudy Vallee and an Irvin Berlin score with five new numbers. Miss Henie, incidentally, pocketed about \$400,000 from her skating tour of 13 cities.

GABLE'S FLAT FEET FLUTTER "Idiot's Delight" is very elegant

film fare. I'd have walked miles just to see Gable dancing. "Gunga Din" is \$2,000,000 worth of sustained excitement. You'll like "Made for Each Other," with Carole Lombard and Jimmy Stewart are going romantic sans stapsies. As an aviatrix in "Tail Spin," Alice Faye seems to have a miss in her emote.

Betty Grable, who has changed her head color and is a brunet now, also has changed her mind about the Jackie Coogan separation. They're together often. Marlene Dietrich wanted too much money to play in "Confessions of a Nazi Spy." The Dead End kids are supposed to be comedians from now on; no more gangster roles because of complications by women's organizations.

REFORMED VILLIAN AT IT AGAIN

Brian Donley, the heaviest of a number of heavies in "Beau Geste," is the actor who left 20th-Fox because he was getting too many villain roles. John Carradine is a chiller-diller in "Captain Fury"; goes around killing people with a knife while reciting poetry. Bob Hope always has played opposite Martha Raye or Shirley Ross in his Paramount flickers, and he told the studio he'd like a little more variety. So for the next picture, he will appear with Shirley Ross AND Martha Raye.

Popular simile. As non-chalant as Martha Raye eating a double-decker sandwich.

"Gone With the Wind" isn't the only picture that will profit from the selection of Vivien Leigh as Scarlett. There has been so much interest and speculation on how an English girl, little known in this country, got the job that nearly all of her English films are to be re-released or re-released in America. United Artists is issuing "Fire Over England," "Dark Journey" and "Storm in a Teacup." St. Martin's Lane, with Charles Laughton, is being shown in London now but must have some of the cogency dialog taken out before being brought here. Another is "21 Days," with Miss Leigh and Laurence Olivier. A cheap little quota picture sponsored by Columbia, it hasn't even been widely distributed abroad.

Garden Forethoughts

It's not too early for the garden lover, experienced or amateur, to start planning his 1939 masterpiece. In his mind's eye, or perhaps with rough pencil sketches, he blocks it out well in advance of actual planting. He analyzes the soil, plans to furnish the elements lacking; shops around for new watering or irrigating methods; figures out probable exposures, sunlit and shaded areas and which plants grow best here and there; what tools will do from last year, which need replacing and what new gadgets can be added. Newest ideas on pruning or spraying come in for their rightful attention, too. All this before the pleasure of actual selection of seeds and plants and shrubs begins.

Father Divine's Sway Wide

FORT WORTH, Tex. (U.P.) — A New York City follower of Father

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She Honeymooners in Quarantine



Newlywed Mrs. Donald Farley of Hutchinson, Kan., meant it when she pledged to stick by hubby "in sickness and in health." The 19-year-old bride went through the ceremony while the bridegroom was coming down with scarlet fever, settled down to a three-week honeymoon in quarantine.

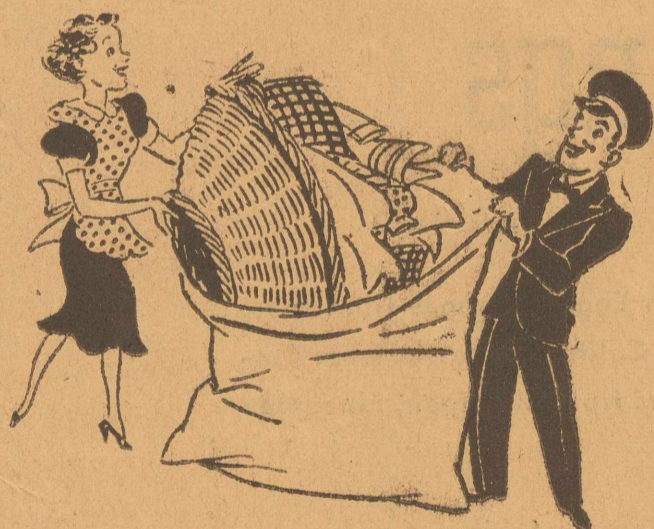
Divine, noted Harlem religiousist, has eased a guilty conscience by paying the Texas Electric Service Company "her" a light bill, seven years overdue, asked that the preacher be no field of the payment.

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TINY BEFLOWERED HATS, LOTS OF LACE AND TRAILING VEILS



The 1939 version of the canotier as seen by Molyneux is expressed in purple straw and trimmed with a bunch of parma violets in the center of which nestles a modernistic feather fantasy complete with antennae.

All-American Hoop Selectors Not Handicapped by Lack of Talent

By JERRY BRONFELD
NEA Service Sports Writer

NEW YORK—A year ago this time, pickers of All-American basketball team were very much aware that any honor team worthy of the name had to include Hank Luisetti of Stanford and Jewell Young of Purdue.

This season there isn't a single name that stands head and shoulders above the pack, but all concerned agree that star-studded ranks of collegiate cagers has enough material for a half dozen All-Americans which could hold their own with any previous selections.

What possibly is most significant in 1939 is the bid being made by stars from the smaller schools. Just off hand, a quintet consisting of Irving Torgoff of Long Island, and Chuck Chuckovits of Toledo at the forwards, Banks McFadden of Clemson at center, and Wibs Kautz of Loyola of Chicago, and Duth Garinkle of St. John's would be devastating.

Torgoff, leading scorer of the New York Metropolitan district and spark plug of Clair Bee's undefeated Blackbirds, is rated at the top in the east.

The west coast believes it has a match for him in 6-foot, 4-inch Laddie Gale of Oregon.

The Golden Slope also offers Ralph Vaughn of Southern California, who this season set a Pacific Coast Conference single game scoring record by dumping in 36 points against U. C. L. A.

HULL, DEHNER RACE FOR SCORING LEAD

Gus Broberg, the big Dartmouth blond, appears headed for a new Eastern League point mark, but the Swede is a sophomore not quite up to the All-American grade.

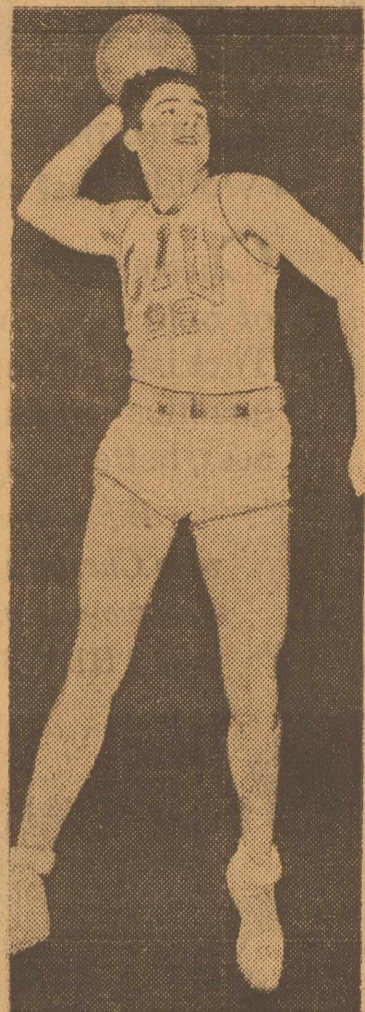
Midwest critics are singing the praises of Chuckovits, Jim Hull of Ohio State, Bobby Neu of DePaul, and Carl Schunk, chief getter of Bradley Tech's amazing Famous Five.

Hoyt Brawner, Denver ace, has been averaging 13 points a game, and Maurice Watts of Utah isn't far behind.

Walter Brinker, reputedly the slickest in Army history, and Moe Becker, Duquesne sophomore, are other eastern hopefuls.

Texas has a right to be proud of Thurman Hull and Baylor has a candidate in Pate Cressy. Arkansas has a hot sophomore in John Adams.

Picking a center isn't going to be a simple task. Nat Holman, celebrated coach of City College of New York, calls Mike Nowak



Irving Torgoff

of Loyola of Chicago the best he has ever seen in collegiate ranks.

Illinois' Lewis (Pick) Dehner has been unstopable all season. He is battling Jim Hull, Ohio State Captain for the Western Conference point lead.

Banks McFadden of Clemson and George Prather, Alabama sophomore, are two of the most polished floor-men to grace Dixie courts in years.

KAUTZ AND ANDRES GREATEST GUARDS

Pershing Blake of Colorado Aggies and Merlin Ahlquist of Utah have been averaging close to 12 points a contest.

Dar Hutchins of Bradley Tech and Gene Anderson of Purdue don't ring the bell quite so often but have few peers as floormen.

Plenty of consideration must be given Slim Wintermute, 6-foot, 9-inch pivot man who is only slightly behind his Oregon teammate, Laddie Gale, as a scoring threat.

If the experts find any part of their task easy it will be that of choosing guards, where Wibs Kautz of Loyola of Chicago and Ernie Andres of Indiana are receiving more rave notices than other back court men.

Kautz is the nation's highest-scoring guard, with an average of 17 points.

Andres, Hoosier captain, holds the Big Ten single game scoring mark with 31 against Illinois last winter.

He is the lone senior among four sophomores who are favored



Pick Dehner

to bring the Big Ten title to Bloomington.

Chief competition will come from Jack Wilcox of Colorado, Dutch Garfinkle of St. John's, Bernie Oppen of Kentucky, Grady Vaughn of Baylor, and Lyman Corliss of Kansas. Wilcox is a scoring demon. Garfinkle is a sophomore.

Basketball has more men in uniform than any other game. The All-American selector can't miss slighting a number of high-powered stars.

O'Daniel Confident Solons Will Pass His Pension Plan

AUSTIN, Feb. 20 (P)—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel expressed confidence yesterday, in his regular Sunday broadcast from the governor's mansion, that the Legislature would approve his old age pension program or a better one.

He devoted very little time to political matters, pointing out he had emphasized that when the Legislature began to consider his proposals he did not intend to discuss them or "interfere" in any way with the Legislature's deliberations.

There was no answer or reference in any way to the bitter criticism by a group of senators in the Senate last week of his appointment of J. C. Hunter, a West Texan, to the chairmanship of the Highway Commission.

About 25 persons, including Secretary of State Tom Beauchamp and several state representatives, were in the north drawing rooms of the mansion as the broadcast was delivered.

The governor said things had been rather quiet in the last week but "the big question of the hour" was under way. He was referring to the fact committees of the House of Representatives began consideration of his recommendations for a age pensions.

"The legislature started consideration of the pension plans," he said, "and I have emphasized the fact many times that when the legislature once got my pension plan under consideration I did not intend to discuss same while they were considering it."

"I submitted my plan in the minutest detail. It is a very comprehensive plan, and the members of the legislature have been carefully studying same, and they are now discussing it."

"No doubt they will bring out many points, controversial points, and I do not intend to interfere while they are discussing it pro and con, because I confidently expect the legislature to pass this pension bill."

"Or, as I have invited them to do, pass a better plan to provide for the financing of old age pensions, care for dependent children,

First Game of Football in West Texas Recalled by Player Who Participated

ABILENE.—The first football in West Texas was played in 1897, Judge E. J. Miller, of Brownwood, judge of the 35th judicial district court, who was a member of the participating Simmons College team, recalled today.

Judge Miller played right guard on the Simmons College team. The pioneer college, founded in 1891, is now Hardin-Simmons University.

The first game of record was played on November 2, 1897, at the annual West Texas Fair in Abilene, with the Simmons eleven winning over an Abilene town team, 12 to 0. Herr Krauss, a German teacher from Chicago University, organized and coached both teams, Judge Miller recalls.

"During the fall of 1897, Herr Krauss organized, trained, and was coach and captain of the first football team Simmons College ever had. I am sure we played the first game in West Texas. Prior to that time there had been some character of kicking, or rugby ball, in the nature of 'shinny,' but never before had a team of eleven men been pitted against eleven men," said Judge Miller.

"Professor Krauss trained us in line bucking, running interference, blocking, and other fundamentals. He also had us out before breakfast and late in the evening, trotting or running one to four miles.

"The first game played at the fair caused lots of interest and excitement, as two or three men had to be taken from the field, and doctors called. We had no passes at that time, and our only plays were line bucking plays, and by means of blocking interference, running the ends.

"Our uniforms were white duck-

ing pants, padded and quilted in front, and ordinary sweaters. We had no head gear of any kind," Judge Miller reminisced.

"There was no intercollegiate football at the time, so our doughty professor worked off his enthusiasm for the game by organizing and coaching a town team to play his college eleven.

Members of the team whom Judge Miller recalls were Bob Williamson, now of Midland; Temple Lewis, of Sweetwater, who played left guard; John Lewis, brother of Temp; Victor H. Anderson, brother of George S. Anderson, Abilene publisher; Harris V. Walthall, El Paso attorney;

and Will Lewis, both of Abilene. E. D. Lotspeich, for many years an Abilene cotton buyer, now deceased, played center.

Almost continuously since that pioneer era for the grid sport, the game has been played at Hardin-Simmons. For eight years, 1900 to 1907, trustees banned the sport following the fatal injury in action to Captain Johnny Aihart, quarterback of the 1900 eleven.

Judge Miller, reminiscing on his grid career, recalled that the winter of 1897 was the severest in many seasons in West Texas. "All the ponds were frozen over and Herr Krauss taught his footballers the art of ice skating, something he could have done on only a handful of occasions since."

The Abilene Reporter of the next day described the first game in one brief paragraph. "A large and interested crowd witnessed the game. One of the best judges in the city says that the college team plays fine ball and are hard to down," the newspaper account said.

Oil News--

ped Yates sand at 2,200 feet, is drilling below 2,400 in anhydrite. Great Western No. 1-B University is preparing to run 7-inch pipe at 3,215 feet in lime. Driller called top of lime at 3,172. Phillips No. 1 University is drilling past 3,275 feet in lime topped at 3,200. Magnolia No. 1-18 University, southwest of the pool, had drilled to 3,047 feet in lime.

New Shearer Oiler

Childress Royalty Company No. 6 Masterson, in the Shearer pool of Peecos, flowed 553.39 barrels of 35.4-gravity oil on 24-hour final gauge after shooting with 25 quarts from 1,460 to bottom at 1,485. It has gas-oil ratio of 400-1. South of the Masterson pool in Peecos, J. L. Greene et al. No. 1 Iowa Realty Company is drilling below 1,220 feet in lime. Showing of gas was logged at 1,025.

Ben Dansby No. 1 Lessenich, Peecos wildcat, is drilling at 286 feet in shale and is drilling stringers. 3,275 Ja-Chel Oil Company No. 1 Buckner Orphan Home, in the Payton pool of Ward-Pecos, was completed for daily flow of 187.89 barrels of 31.9-gravity oil, with gas in the ratio of 860-1. It was given 100-quart shot in pay sand between 2,055 and 2,080, total depth.

Yoakum Pool Extension Test

Shell No. 1 Waples-Platter Company, closely-watched Yoakum wildcat two miles northeast of Bennett pool production, this morning was teachers retirement and other social security functions.

Continuing that he did not have much to say "in a political way," he voiced thanks to the "good friends" who had sent him post-cards, telegrams, petitions and letters "by the thousands," saying it was uncanny the way you folks sense the true situation.

He said these were the happiest days of his life "fighting for the right of the common citizen, the poor down-trodden people and the underdog," and he was willing to be split in the face or suffer any humiliation and criticism if he could "win the battle" and make life a little easier and happier for common citizens.

The governor told of a reception in the mansion for members of the legislature last week noted that this week the birthday of George Washington will be commemorated and then paid tribute to the memory of Ferdinand C. Weinert of Seguin, one-time state senator and secretary of state who died last week.

If Washington could see "all the fun that we have now" and then "hear some of us complaining about hard times," the governor said, "could he understand us?"

"We think George Washington was great and had so much to enjoy," he said. "What about us? What are we not so bad off as we thought we were."

President Arrives At War Games Scene

MIAMI, Feb. 20 (P).—The cruiser Houston with President Roosevelt aboard arrived off Guantanamo Cuba, today as contending "black" and "white" naval forces assumed positions for one of the most significant war games in the history of the fleet.

A radio message said the Houston would visit Guantanamo bay but that the President would not go ashore.

Former Film Star To Seek Divorce

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 20 (P).—Doris Kenyon, former film star, announced today she will seek a Nevada divorce from Albert D. Lasker, wealthy advertising executive, whom she married less than four months ago.

"Mr. Lasker and I found our hasty marriage incompatible," she said in a prepared statement.

ATTEND SERVICE.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tucker and Mrs. John E. Pickering went to Big Spring Sunday night to attend a service of the meeting Rev. John E. Pickering is conducting there.

HEAR NELSON EDDY.

Mrs. De Lo Douglas and Miss Jessie Scott Price went to Dallas for the week-end, where they heard Nelson Eddy sing.

RETURNS FROM MERKEL.

Mrs. B. A. Wall returned Sunday night from Merkel where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Yates Brown, and family.

TRANSFERRED TO LOUISIANA.

Myrl Mannschreck, scout at Midland for the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation for the past several years, left this morning for Louisiana, where he has been transferred. Mrs. Mannschreck and her two daughters have gone to Claremore, Okla., and will join Mr. Mannschreck later.

Couple Honored at Anniversary Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cook were honored with a surprise dinner party given by their children at the couple's home near the Magnolia Tank Farm Saturday evening on the occasion of their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary.

A pink and white decorated wedding cake was a feature of the dinner.

Numerous gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

Present were: The honoree, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Harms and daughter of Bakersfield, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Cook and baby daughter of Big Spring; Mrs. Zona Ward and three children of Midland and Lee-ell Cook, Dorothy Cook and Lona Mae Cook of Midland.

Polo Player Back After Season With West Coast Club

Jay H. Floyd returned during the week-end from a season of polo at Del Monte, Calif., having played No. 2 position on the Del Monte Hotel team. The foursome was a sixteen-pool aggregation, with Buddy Rogers, movie and radio star and orchestra director, playing the No. 1 post, Floyd at No. 2, Bob Smith, four goals, at No. 3 and the outstanding British star, Eric Tyrell Martin, eight goals, at No. 4. Floyd was handicapped at three goals.

Matches were played with teams from San Mateo, Santa Barbara and Oelinas. Del Monte team reached the finals in two tournaments but was beaten finally in each by the fast Celinas team.

Floyd had six of his own ponies on the trip, selling out to West Coast players before returning home. Buddy Rogers had his orchestra at San Francisco, filling a lengthy engagement, and made trips there by plane three times a week.

FROM THE VALLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Crump have returned from a visit to the Rio Grande Valley.

RETURNS FROM WEST.

Hugh Corrigan has returned from a trip to Arizona and California.

TO DALLAS.

Mrs. J. R. Norris and Miss Alpha Lynn spent the week-end in Dallas.

IS DOING WELL.

Paul Caswell is reported doing well. He is in a Midland hospital convalescing from an appendectomy.

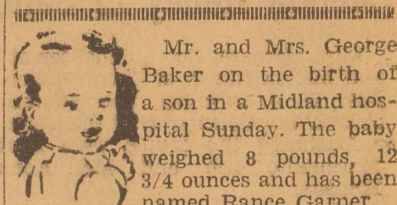
RETURN HOME.

Mrs. Wm. E. Nance and baby have returned to their home from a Midland hospital.

Hearse Is Family Car

PERRY, Okla. (U.P.)—Jess Treadwell needed a pickup truck and he decided that a used hearse was just the thing. He planned to convert it into a truck. But, after

Congratulations to:



Mr. and Mrs. George Baker on the birth of a son in a Midland hospital Sunday. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 12 3/4 ounces and has been named Rance Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Dupuy on the birth of a daughter in a Midland hospital this morning. The baby has been named Cynthia Ann. She weighed seven pounds, 4 ounces.

1940 Vote, Wish at 100

BYFIELD, Mass. (U.P.)—Mrs. Eliza Rogers, 100, says her fondest wish is to vote for the Republican candidate in the 1940 presidential election. The centenarian, who occupies herself with needlework and reading despite her advanced years, has never missed a national election since women were granted the ballot.

the purchase was made, motorists treated him with such courtesy that he now uses the hearse for a family car.

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0—Wanted

WANTED to buy a small farm near Midland. R. O. Walker, phone 1236-W. (298-6)

1—Lost & Found

LOST: Wedding ring in celluloid box; lost in December; liberal reward. Melvin Lauson, Box 1500. (298-3)

LOST: Black and white female cocker spaniel; underslung jaw. Call 703. (299-3)

2—For Sale

FOR immediate sale, sacrifice price, popcorn, peanut stand. Watkins, 112-A South Main. (294-6)

FOR SALE: 5-room tile stucco; modern; completely refinished. 1706 West Missouri, phone 118 or 1105. (295-6)

FOR SALE: 6-room house; 5-room house; 70-acre farm; 20 acres land; other acreage; close in; building space on highway for lease. Phone 553-J. (297-6)

WOULD like to get someone to take up the balance of the payments on Baby Grand Piano stored near Midland. For information write M. C. Smith, P. O. Box 861, Dallas, Texas. (297-6)

FOR SALE: Upright piano; good condition; reasonable. 1500 South Loraine. (298-3)

WE have some attractive prices in houses, lots, farms, ranches; have 3 houses for sale; can give immediate possession; we collect rentals. McClintic Bros., or Coleman, 310 West Texas, phone 175 or 303-J. (298-3)

FOR SALE until Wednesday morning: 1937 Plymouth Tudor; Indiana driven; good tires and condition. Phone 215-J, Pagoda Pool. (299-3)

FOR SALE: Ice box; used mattress; will sell at a bargain. 309 North D Street, phone 749-J, A. C. Woods. (299-3)

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SMALL garage apartment; nicely furnished. 901 West Indiana. (297-3)

ONE and 2-room apartments; utilities paid; \$5.00 and \$6.00. 209 E. Texas. (296-6)

TWO clean warm well-furnished apartments; priced right. 1201 North Main, phone 1386-R. (299-3)

5—Furnished Houses

TWO-ROOM furnished or unfurnished. 511 East Illinois. Inquire at first house west. (297-3)

7—Houses for Sale

MODERN house for sale; 100-foot corner lot; practically new. Write P. O. Box 77, Midland. (296-6)

FOR SALE: Small modern house. 508 South Dallas. (298-4)

9—Automobiles

FOR better used cars see Casey Jones at Mackey Motor Co., phone 245. (298-3)

10—Bedrooms

COMFORTABLE bedroom for gentlemen only; close in; reasonable. Phone 235. (297-3)

FRONT bedroom; convenient to bath. 710 North Main. (298-3)

FRONT bedroom; private entrance; adjoining bath. Phone 877, 404 West Ohio St. (298-3)

NICE bedroom; adjoining bath; 2 blocks north Petroleum Building. 217 West Tennessee, phone 271. (299-2)

10-a—Room & Board

ROOM and board with balanced meals; reasonable; close in. Shady Lawn Cottage. (2-17-39)

11—Employment

WANTED: Part time or full time salesmen or sales ladies. Apply 5 p. m. to 6 p. m., 204 Thomas Building. (293-6)

MAN for coffee route; up to \$45 first week; automobile given as bonus. Write Mills, 7081 Monmouth, Cincinnati, O. (299-1)

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Italy Will Tap 4 Lakes to Get Added Wealth

ROME, (U.P.)—Italy's four major lakes soon will do their share in the materialization of Premier Benito Mussolini's ambitious program to make the country completely self-supporting in the shortest possible time.

Under the Duce's plans, the waters of these lakes (Maggiore, Como, Garda and Iseo) will be used for a triple purpose—to improve the pastures of Piedmont, Lombardy and Venetia so that a much larger quantity of livestock may be raised, to help increase the output of the ricefields and finally to augment the already considerable number of hydro-electric power plants in the three foregoing regions.

In regard to the first purpose it may be recalled that Mussolini early in November, in summing up what had been done in the production of foodstuffs from the agricultural point of view, lamented the fact that the nation's agriculture was still behind in meeting the domestic needs for meats and fats. He added that this deficit was to be met by improving pastures and cattle breeding by creating a network of irrigation canals in the sub-Alpine regions. The Duce had in mind the exploitation of the four lakes.

Five-Year Deadline

The whole program has to be completed within five years, a time limit set by Mussolini himself. It will be done in accordance with the Duce's orders, as has occurred in similar undertakings in the past.

To achieve the three foregoing purposes the construction of huge works has been started, with additional undertakings to follow soon.

These works will consist principally of locks and canals. The former are destined to regulate the inflow and outflow of the lakes' waters so that the situations created by dry seasons or by excessive rains or snow melting may be faced rationally.

The canals will function as con-

vectors of the waters so regulated for irrigation purposes. The lakes will thus become controlled reservoirs, a thing so far attempted only on an insignificant scale, and only as far as Lake Maggiore is concerned through the building of the Cavour Canal. The latter was constructed shortly after the unification of Italy, but has proved to be wholly insufficient.

Canal to Be Queen Helen

The first work on the program involves Lake Maggiore. The project calls for the construction of a canal named after Queen Helen and the building of a lock to bridle the course of the Ticino river,

which branches out of the lake. The canal will be about 15 miles long and entirely of concrete. It will convey the waters of both the lake and the river to the Cavour Canal, starting its course in the vicinity of the lock.

The new canal will have, in turn, eight minor trunks which, together with the major course, will aggregate 100 miles in length.

Three thousand workers are engaged in this undertaking, which must be finished within three years. Its cost is estimated at \$10,000,000. The expenses are to be borne partly by the government and partly by various public and private bodies.

To Irrigate 16,187 Acres

The canal will irrigate 40,000 hectares (16,187 acres) of land included in a huge quadrilateral having the Cavour Canal and the Ticino, Sesia and Po rivers as its sides. The lock, a sort of reversible dam, will regulate at the same time the supply of water to three hydroelectric plants, one of which is in course of construction and another to be built. The plants will produce motive power aggregating 265,000 kilowatt-hours yearly.

The same engineering criteria are to be more or less applied in the construction of works for regulating the waters of the other three

lakes. Companies, one for each lake have been constituted for the execution of the financial and technical sides of the program. These companies include representatives of the government and of the agricultural and industrial bodies interested in the execution of the irrigation and hydro-electric aspects of the scheme.

The regulation of the Como and Garda lakes is expected to supply water for irrigation of areas aggregating 240,000 hectares (94,127 acres). It also provides for the linking of Lake Garda to the Adriatic Sea by a navigable canal, a section of which is in course of construction.

Pie Peddler Pied in Court

EL CENTRO, Cal. (U.P.)—A charge of driving a pie wagon pie-eyed constituted a complexity in the administration of traffic laws that Judge John E. Simpson decided that the pie peddler should have the benefit of a higher court for trial and he was bound over to the Superior court.

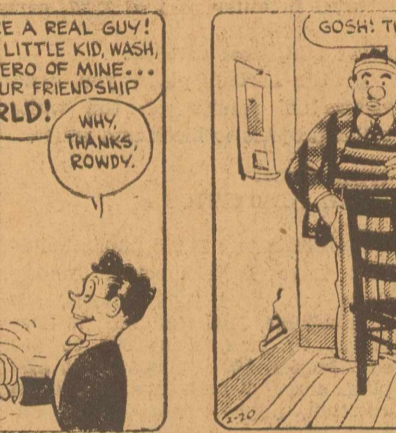
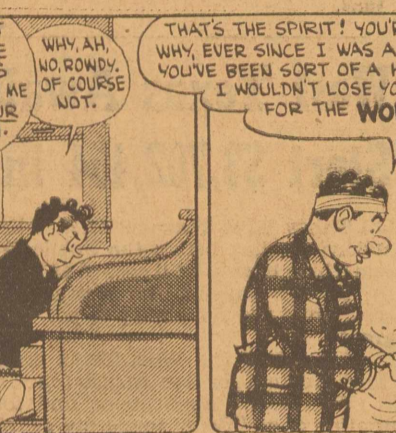
MANSFIELD, O. (U.P.)—Someone's guilty conscience added \$4 to the cash register in a store here. The money accompanied an anonymous letter stating that the \$4 was for payment of goods stolen from the store several years ago.

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



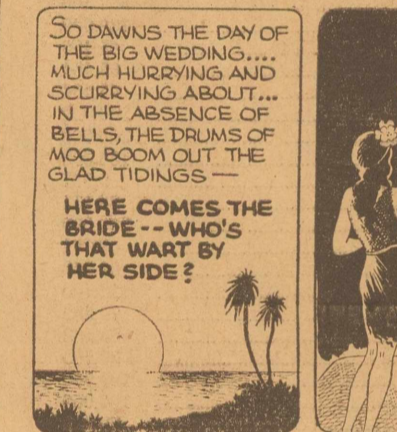
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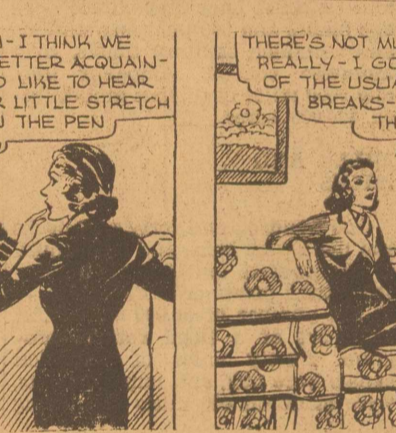
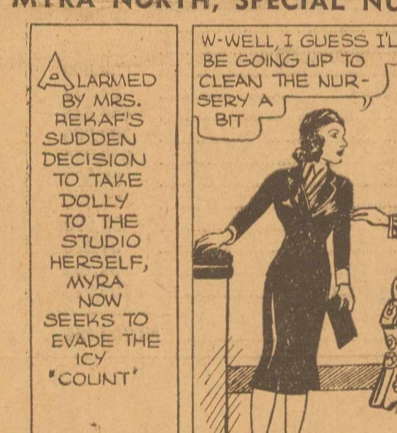
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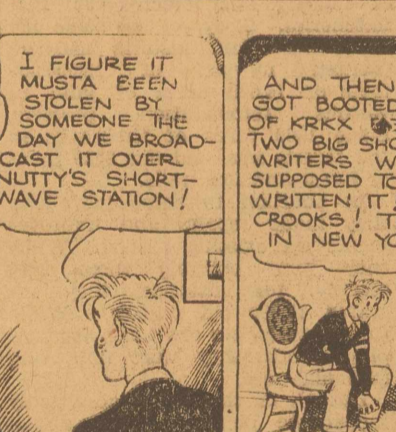
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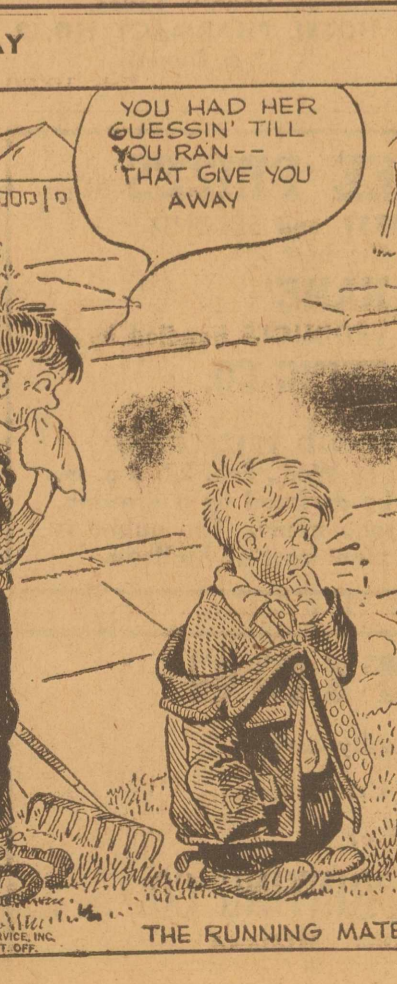
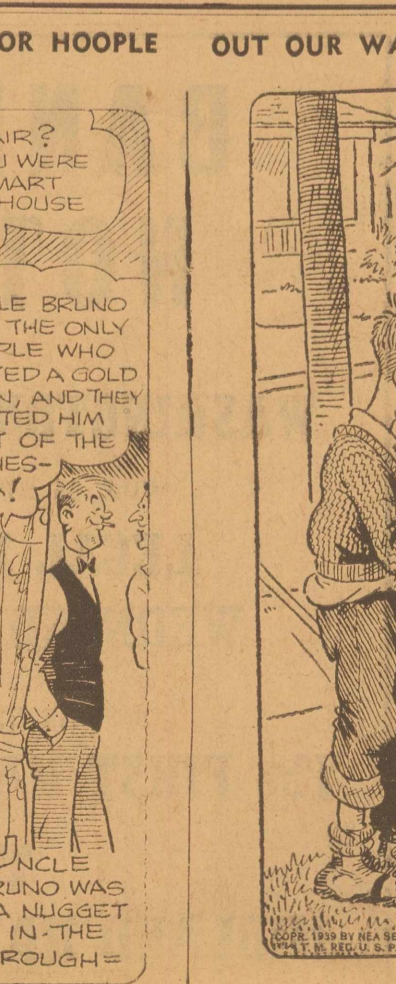
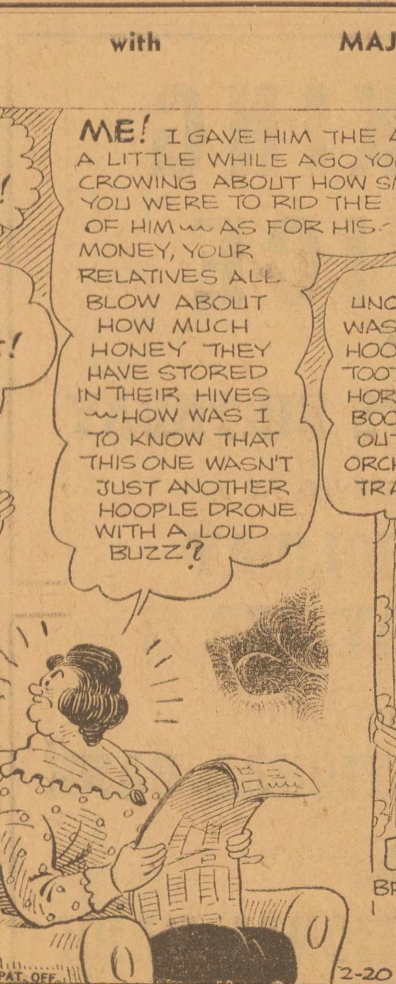
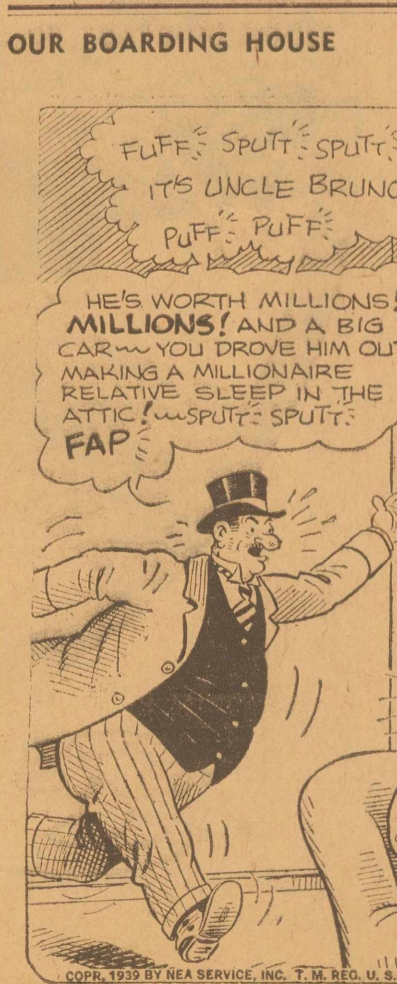
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A LOOK AT THESE FIGURES GIVES PICTURE OF WHAT WPA HAS DONE

By BRUCE CATTON

WASHINGTON. — Uncle Sam's WPA job stands out as one of the biggest undertakings the government ever shouldered.

From its beginning in mid-1935 down to the first of January, 1938, the WPA has cost a grand total of \$6,854,545,463.

Of this cities, counties and states made a direct contribution of \$1,034,546,000. The balance was contributed from the federal treasury, and includes approximately \$184,750,000 spent on the National Youth Administration — which, while not technically a branch of WPA, is supported from WPA funds.

Wages accounted for \$5,105,402,000. Administrative expense came to \$231,343,000. The balance of \$1,517,800,463 went for materials and equipment, one billion of which came from localities.

So much for the cost. What did the country get out of it?

FLUCTUATING FIGURES

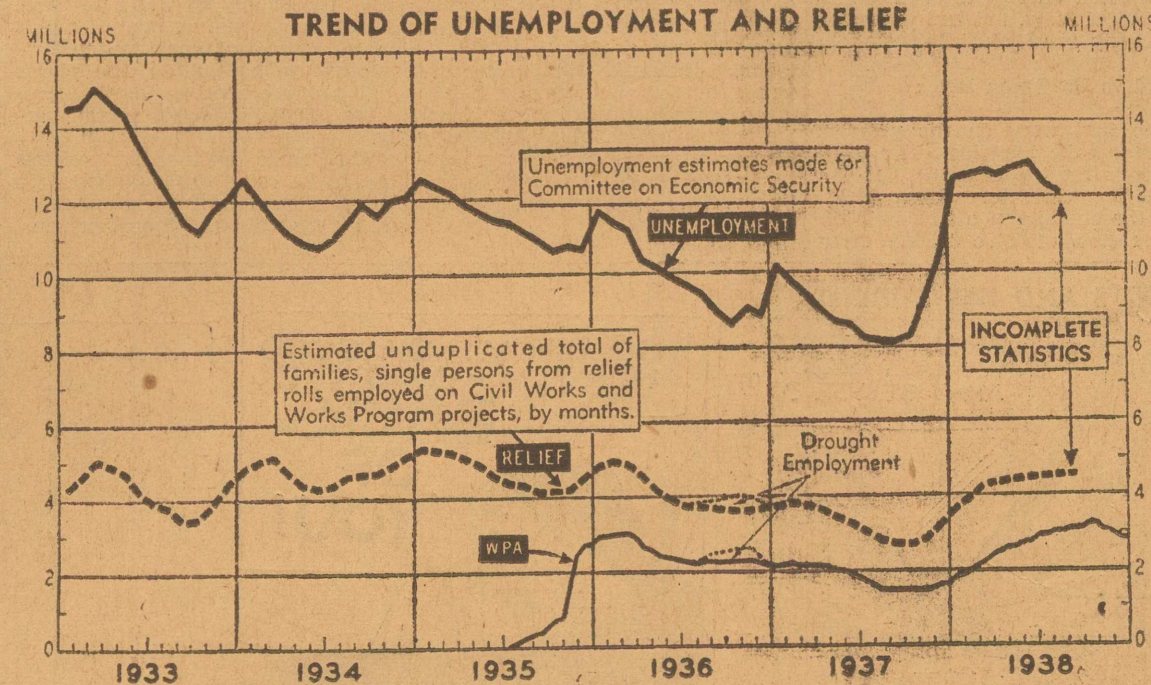
According to the best official estimate, approximately 5,700,000 persons held WPA jobs at one time or another. Nobody knows for sure, but WPA authorities estimate that perhaps 600,000 of these stayed on the job from the start; the rest came and went as private employment fluctuated.

The level of WPA employment has swung up and down. When the program began in August 1935, there were 252,000 workers. By the end of November WPA had 2,445,951 people on its rolls. Low point came in September, 1937, with 1,151,112 workers on the rolls, and the high was reached in October, 1938, when—counting some 90,000 workers who were paid out of WPA funds but were employed on other federal projects—it touched 3,337,578.

During its lifetime WPA has put through at least 250,000 projects. At any given time there are usually about 40,000 projects under way.

What do these projects include? What has this army of workers turned out in the way of finished products?

It is a hard question. In the first place, WPA is now in the process of making a tabulation. The figures are not complete, and the best the writer can offer is a set of estimates which he worked out after extended consultation with the



Above graph shows comparative trends of unemployment, relief, and WPA over six-year period. Low level of relief compared to unemployment in 1933 was result of general inadequacy of relief at the time. Sharp restriction of WPA in summer of 1937 and transfer of many unemployables from direct relief rolls to Social Security Board's public assistance program accounts for low relief level in latter part of 1937, early 1938.

WPA STATISTICAL DIVISION

In the second place, you can't reduce the results of the white collar projects to black and white.

WHEREIN—SOME STATISTICS

Approximately 14,600 public buildings have been erected. Among them are some 2400 schools, 570 gymnasiums, 1100 stadiums, 70 hospitals, 70 jails, from 800 to 900 courthouses, 140 firehouses, 110 airplane hangers and 80 armories. In addition, improvements or repairs were made on 39,000 other public buildings, and 39,000 acres of ground around public buildings were landscaped.

The WPA men built some 32,000 bridges and 400,000 culverts, 10,000 miles of country roads and 7600 miles of city highways—not counting 1600 miles of roads in parks and cemeteries. They built 6160 miles of sidewalks and paths, 28,000 miles of roadside ditches and 1000 parks. They laid out 100 airports, and made improvements on 160 old ones. They built 1600 athletic fields, 700 playgrounds, 400 swimming pools, 120 golf courses, 5000 tennis courts, upwards of 800 horseshoe courts, 60 skating rinks and some two dozen ski jumps.

They put up 120 outdoor theaters and 80 band shells. They laid 4800 miles of water mains, aqueducts, distribution lines and the like and built 900 storage tanks, reservoirs and cisterns. They erected 400 sewage plants and 300 pumping stations and a million sanitary toilets. In a mosquito control campaign they dug 9000 miles of ditches and drained 400,000 acres.

MILES AND MILES

One hundred and forty new docks and piers were built, and eight miles of breakwaters and jetties. Dams—other than power or storage dams—to the number of 30,000 were built as part of a flood control program. Ninety miles of irrigation canals were dug, and improvements, were made on 400 miles of existing canals.

They dug 320 tunnels of one sort and another, built 7000 miles of fencing and erected 96 fish hatcheries. They put up some 120 monuments and historic markers planted upward of 12,000,000 trees on 14,000 acres of land in various reforestation projects, made 1900 miles of firebreaks in the forests and laid out 2340 miles of forest and fire trails.

In addition to these new jobs, they made repairs and improvements on existing assets. While they were building these 2400 schools, for instance, they repaired 17,000 old schools. While they were laying out those 700 new playgrounds, they were improving 8000 old ones.

But all of this is an admittedly incomplete picture of the actual physical results of the WPA program from its beginning.

West Texas Awaits Grants to Start \$3,702,454 in PWA Jobs

Thirty West Texas cities, counties and school districts have 38 applications pending before the Public Works Administration, involving projects which have a total cost of \$3,702,454.

Of this amount, the sponsoring unit would pay 55 per cent of the cost, while the remaining 45 per cent would be in the form of a federal grant.

Largest of the West Texas projects is the \$454,545 school improvement program for San Angelo schools. West Texas applications and total estimated cost, awaiting appropriation of additional funds, are as follows:

Andrews County, courthouse.....	\$ 108,347
Andrews, school improvements.....	1,387
Brownwood, school improvements.....	327,100
Robert Lee, courthouse and jail.....	132,000
Valera, high school building.....	45,455
Eden, waterworks improvements.....	65,454
Eden, school improvements.....	45,454
Odessa, school building.....	220,000
Big Spring, courthouse.....	300,000
Kerville, paving improvements.....	156,333
Kerville, waterworks improvements.....	9,937
Lohn, school addition.....	25,111
Brady, courthouse and jail.....	260,000
Rochelle, school building.....	43,781
Stanton, school improvements.....	63,686
Menard, waterworks improvements.....	12,100
Midland, park improvements.....	70,909
Goldthwaite, electric plant.....	58,182
Loraine, gymnasium.....	29,785
Colorado, waterworks and sewer.....	100,000
Sweetwater, paving program.....	180,000
Sweetwater, nurses' home.....	23,223
Tran, school improvements.....	63,686
Marfa, school buildings.....	91,000
Big Lake, gas distribution.....	28,182
Pecos, municipal auditorium.....	50,900
Pecos, paving program.....	8,102
Miles, stadium.....	23,000
Richland Springs, school additions.....	24,273
San Angelo, school improvements.....	454,545
Ablene, school improvements.....	100,000
Ablene, waterworks improvements.....	359,000
San Angelo, bridge project.....	35,555
Rankin, park improvement.....	17,500
Uvalde, street improvements.....	52,900
Uvalde, sanitary sewer.....	37,400
Grandfalls, waterworks improvements.....	38,181
Monahans, waterworks and sewer program.....	109,973
Total.....	\$3,702,454

PERSONALS

Miss Joyce Holman, Miss Jewel Coleman, Miss Orpha Zingery, and Joe Fasy spent the weekend at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kelley went to Pecos Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ramsey. They were accompanied as far as Wickett by Mrs. Georgia Bumpers who visited her brother and his family there.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prager of Big Spring were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Prager Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Osborne of Mattoon, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. John Cornwall. She formerly lived here.

Dick Crawford of Roswell, N. M., spent the week-end here as guest of this sister, Mrs. Jay Jorgensen. He is in the internal revenue service.

Miss Redding and Mr. Barnhill Are Married Saturday

The first wedding to be held in the new Baptist parsonage was that of Miss Mayme Redding of Midland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Redding of Hubbard, Texas, and N. W. Barnhill, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Barnhill of Cisco.

Rev. H. D. Bruce read the single ring ceremony uniting the couple Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Friends accompanying the bride and groom were Miss Dorothy Hines, Miss Genevieve Conner, and Martin Neill.

The bride wore a gold crepe dress and her accessories were in Japanese.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnhill went to Carlsbad, New Mexico, for a week-end wedding trip and are now at home at 407 N. Marienfeld.

Mrs. Barnhill is a graduate of the Hubbard high school. She came to Midland last September and is now employed at Perry Bros. store.

Mr. Barnhill graduated from the Cisco high school and attended Randolph Junior College at that place. He has lived in Midland since last June and is employed at Big Ed's Sandwich shop. He was a member of the Wink and Midland baseball clubs last season.

Another by merely saying "We're going to incorporate and take over." I don't know, or care, just what interest your paper would have in this "group" of "organizers," but I feel that they are overstepping their authority. I feel sure that the group mentioned in your columns as "organizers" of the "new club" was not sanctioned or endorsed by the majority of the good fans of Midland. In fact I can't seem to understand where this group could obtain authority to "take over," when it was my understanding that a different group was organized last September and I, as franchise owner, met with that group. My plans and suggestions for 1939 were accepted and endorsed and I was promised fullest co-operation toward a successful 1939 season and this group also promised to underwrite or raise sufficient funds to defray a deficit, which would be certain to accumulate because of the small population of Midland.

What privilege has your paper to seemingly come forth with articles that seem to indicate that I be ignored in favor of some group that do as they please with the rights of another? Where was all this brave group of "financiers" and where was all this seeming "wonderful" publicity, when I was making every possible, honest effort to place a successful team in Midland? Who spent his time and knowledge assisting in placing the Midland Baseball Park in the efficient condition of today and without pay? Why was I denied the co-operation of the City Council in placing grass in the park along with other improvements and now it seems that this will be done? To whom did the City Council promise a one year lease in February 1938 with an option of two more years? Why did the City of Midland fail in baseball in 1937? Why was the team a success in 1938? Why didn't some group or clique become enthused after 1937 and decide to "take over" like it seems to be

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ing attempted in 1939, after the 1938 success? Your paper states that Midland was one of the teams that made money (and with a minimum of newspaper support) in 1938, yet Midland is lowest in population among the league cities. Why did the team make money, if any, under difficult circumstances? It surely wasn't the attendance that made the club a 1938 success, because had I not placed some of the finances derived by me from the sale of my own players, "failure" would have been the answer. Who came to your city after the 1937 failure and showed to the world that baseball could be made "to pay" in Midland? There have been articles appearing in your paper that seem to try to prove to the fans of Midland that I have ALREADY moved my franchise and club elsewhere. Have I ever written to this effect? Have you ever seen my signature attached to any nature of document that would verify this? Have you ever heard me make any such statement? Possibly I am experienced and wise enough to be prepared for the actions of some cliques that have ambitions to take from others without making a legitimate purchase, but because I take such precautions doesn't indicate that I am insinuating such things will be done. The fact that a man buys fire insurance doesn't indicate that someone is going to set fire to his house, and don't you feel that many times judgment is passed before all the evidence is heard? Now, just suppose that I don't move my franchise, or suppose that I don't decide to move it till a few days before the season opens? Believe me that's the real food for thought, if I am supposed to be just ignored by a FEW in Midland. Every man has certain rights and, I don't care to boast, but I believe I know mine. Now, it is my sincere wish that the GOOD, DESERVING baseball fans of Midland have a professional baseball team. There are many good, clean, sports in Midland, who deserve a square deal and I hope that they realize their wishes. I don't have any intentions of attempting to place any obstacle in the path of their wishes for such. It seemed to be their opinion that I continue in 1939 as in 1938 and I assure you that I don't intend to be merely pushed aside by a mere few who don't seem to have the nerve to say in my presence the same things that I understand is insinuated in my absence. I suffered and withstood a financial "whipping" in Midland about the middle of the 1938 season, which was due to my lack of honesty or ability on my part. And I am most emphatically advising that I positively do not intend to act the part of a coward at this late hour. And I am most ready to advise that I think there is much more to be done to insure Midland of a professional baseball team and franchise in 1939 than holding meetings and begging for money. I have respected the rights of others and intend to continue in this respect, but I intend to see that my rights are also respected.

In conclusion, allow me to em-

Methodist Young People to Attend Rally Thursday

With an expected attendance of 1000 young people, the Methodist Youth District rally of the Sweetwater District will be held at the First Methodist church at Big Spring Thursday evening. Efforts are being put forth to assure an attendance of 100 or more young people from Midland at the rally.

Dr. J. O. Haymes will preside as master of ceremonies at the rally which opens at 7:30 o'clock.

Midland young people will be ushers at the meeting.

The following program will be presented:

Orchestra Prelude, Midland Young People.

Medley of Hymns, Led by Rev. C. R. Hooten.

Welcome Address, Ruth Gilliam.

Prayer, Rev. Howard Hollowell.

Anthem, Mass Choir, Directed by Mrs. J. I. Payne.

Scripture, Ray Gwyn.

Offertory, Collectors—Big Spring Seniors.

Hymn, "Are Ye Able."

Address, "Youth Is Ready," Reta Mae Bigony.

Hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Talk, "The Youth Crusade," Rev. Alsie H. Carleton.

Hymn, "March On, O Soul of Strength."

Address, "Christian Individualism," Dr. Edmund Heinsohn.

Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Benediction, Rev. W. E. Hamilton.

IS ADMITTED.

Eddie Paul, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Charles, has been admitted to a Midland hospital for medical treatment and observation.

phatically state that I have no intentions of injuring the fair name of anyone and have written you only in the sense of fair-play and self defense. With this thought in mind, I feel it only fair to me that you use the same means of correcting some statements appearing in your columns.

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