

Notice of Public Hearing on UCRA

A public hearing will be held by the undersigned in the Court House, at San Angelo, Texas, beginning at 10:00 A. M., January 26, 1938, for the purpose of enabling all interested parties to present their views concerning flood control from the standpoint of run-off and waterflow retardation, and soil erosion prevention on the watershed of the Colorado River.

The hearing will be held in connection with the preparation of a report on a preliminary examination of this river and will cover the west-central portion of the watershed, including the counties of Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton Taylor, Tom Green and Upton. The preliminary examination will be made under the authorization of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1936, entitled "An Act authorizing the construction of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood control, and other purposes." The pertinent sections of the Act are as follows:

SEC. 6. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to cause preliminary examinations and surveys for flood control at the following-named localities, and the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to cause preliminary examinations and surveys for run-off and waterflow retardation and soil erosion preventions on the watersheds of such localities the cost thereof to be paid from appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for such purpose PROVIDED, that no preliminary examination survey, project, or

estimate for new works other than those designed in this or some prior Act or joint resolution shall be made: PROVIDED FURTHER, That after the regular or formal reports made as hereby authorized on any examination, survey, project, or work under way or proposed are submitted to Congress, no supplemental or additional report or estimate shall be made unless authorized by law or by resolution of the Committee on Flood Control of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Commerce of the Senate: And Provided Further, That the Government shall not be deemed to have entered upon any project for the proposed work shall have been adopted by law:

The U. S. Department of Agriculture will be in charge of the hearing and will consider the question of run-off and waterflow retardation and soil erosion prevention. Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of record all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing. All written briefs and statements concerning run-off and waterflow retardation and soil erosion prevention must be submitted in quintuplicate.

All interested parties are invited to be present or to be present or to be represented at the above time and place, particularly those interested in flood control from the standpoint of run-off and waterflow retardation, and soil erosion prevention, and the officials of any county, city, town, or local association whose interests may be affected. They will be given an opportunity to express their views.

H. C. Varnadore For Re-election as Commissioner

Henry C. Varnadore, our present commissioner of Precinct 1, is seeking re-election for another term.

Mr. Varnadore has served two terms as commissioner and in asking for a third term he is anxious to complete the program he has under way and which will mean so much for the county in lowering the bonded indebtedness and carry out the road work that is mapped out.

Henry has worked hard in the interest of his precinct, and he has left nothing undone that would benefit his people.

He solicits your support in the coming campaign, assuring you the same good service if returned.

Jack Cowley is said to be recovering satisfactorily from a recent operation and is expected home within two weeks. He is a patient in a San Angelo hospital.

Roy Brey Announces for County Judge

As you notice, my name appears in the political announcement columns of the papers this week as a candidate of County Judge and ex-officio School Superintendent. I am making the race entirely upon my qualifications for the office, and it is my one wish that each voter investigate my claims and act in the way that he thinks best.

Many of you know that it has been my intention for more than a year to make the race at this time. To a large percent of the voters of the county, I need no introduction.

I was reared in North-East Texas. I received my education in the best State Colleges of Texas. I received my Bachelor of Science Degree from Teachers' College at Commerce.

I have taught twenty one years in the Schools of Texas. The last ten years I have taught in the schools of Bronte and Robert Lee. I am familiar with all phases of the Department of Education, have a good knowledge of the law, and I have kept posted on the relations of County, State and Federal Government.

It is my intention to make a thorough canvass of the county, and to talk personally with each voter concerning my qualifications for the office. If I have met you and dealt with you in a fair business-like manner, I earnestly solicit your support and vote.

Sincerely,
Roy Brey.

80th Birthday

To honor their father, B. W. Bilbo on his 80th birthday anniversary, part of his children gathered at the ranch home north of Sanco for a family dinner Sunday, Mrs. Turney furnishing the birthday cake. Those who attended were Mrs. F. K. Turney and Bessie May Bilbo of San Angelo; Mrs. Charley Bessent and family, Allie Bilbo and family and John Bilbo and family of Robert Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Randle of Lamesa and his step-son, Shelton Anderson. Children not present were Mrs. J. O. Creighton of Pep, N. M.; Raymond Bilbo of Roswell, N. M.; Vernon Bilbo of Deming, Otho Bilbo of Monument and Miss Catherine Bilbo of Hobbs.

Mr. Bilbo is one of the few remaining early settlers of this country. Born in Mississippi, Jan. 8, 1858, he came to Texas with his family in 1875 and he says he walked the entire distance, he and another boy hunting along the road and often half a day behind the party.

In 1889 he and his second wife and their six-months-old daughter, Lillian, moved in a wagon to Coke County where he has made his home on the same land for 48 years.

Many Local People Take Part in "Coast to Coast"

Irvan H. Brunson Asks Re-election as Treasurer

I thank the people for the courtesies shown me in my office since I have been your county treasurer. I realize the fact that I am handicapped to a certain extent in carrying out the duties of the office, and the small favors and words of kindness, that you have shown me under this condition is appreciated more than I can express.

Realizing the necessity of accuracy in connection with the office, I deemed it best to have efficient help. I have had this help continuously since being in the office, and will continue to keep efficient help in my office as long as it is necessary.

I am asking for this office for another term, and if reelected, I pledge my office to cooperate with the other county officials, and to give efficient service to the public.

I will appreciate your consideration of me for this office for another term.

Thanking you,
Irvan H. Brunson,
County Treasurer.

Robert Lee State Bank Enters Another Year

On Tuesday of this week the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Robert Lee State Bank was held. This marks the first anniversary of the bank, having opened for business, December 10, 1936. At the meeting very little change was made in the board of directors, which were elected as follows: D. R. Campbell, Marvin Simpson, W. M. Simpson, J. S. Gardner and T. A. Richardson. Mr. Richardson having been chosen succeeding J. S. Craddock. Mr. Campbell was again elected President of the bank by the board of directors. Marvin Simpson was elected Vice-President and T. A. Richardson, Cashier. On account of ill health Mr. Campbell intends to retire from active manager of the bank, which duties will be left to Mr. Richardson, the Cashier. Mr. Campbell will remain as President of the bank and chairman of the Board of Directors. Miss Charline Morrow and Miss Vivian Roane were retained as bookkeepers.

The business of the bank for the first year of operation has been very satisfactory, as is reflected in the statement of condition made to the Department of Banking on December 31, 1937, showing deposits of \$149,000.00 and Loans and Discounts of \$117,000.00. This represents an increase of almost 100 per cent in deposits during the year. The Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits accounts showed an increase during the year from \$27,000.00.

Bert Brantley was injured while on the highway just below Abilene Wednesday. From what could be learned, he was struck by a car breaking a leg and injuring his back and otherwise bruising his body. He is in an Abilene hospital.

"Coast to Coast," the laugh sensation, sponsored by the Baptist Missionary Society, which is to be presented at the Robert Lee High School Auditorium Thursday and Friday nights January 20th and 21st to help pay for the new church building, contain many featured choruses and numbers.

One of the outstanding groups and the one featured above the others in the play is the Farmerette Chorus. These girls according to reports, have been imported from the surrounding farms to entertain with steps that are rustic and at the same time full of pep and life.

Another chorus of outstanding merit is the Swing Chorus. "Swing Mr. Palmer" is their tune and they sing and do a routine that would be a credit to any professional stage. "Sing Its Good For You" says the opening enorus and they really mean it with their attractive costumes and the peppy song.

"It's No Fun," "Imagination," "A Thousand Dollars and You" are other choruses in the play and they add to the entertainment with snappy costumes and artful steps.

The costumes are all new. The songs are original and written especially for "Coast to Coast." Everything about the play is new and different.

Of course all the music and choruses is in addition to the play proper which, according to various reports, is one of the most sensational dramas ever presented in Robert Lee.

The popularity contest which is being staged in connection with the showing of "Coast to Coast" promises to be full of thrills and excitement. One cast a vote, and who will be the two most popular children in Robert Lee? The contestants are under 8 years of age and are sponsored by the leading merchants.

There are prizes, honors and plenty of fun connected with this unusual contest. Everyone is enthusiastic. The winners are to be present on Friday night at the showing of "Coast to Coast."

Sponsors for Babies

"M" System--Ronnie Baker, Shirley McDonald, Joan Rambin, Thelma Joe Bryan.

Roe Drug Store--Jonnie Beth Snead.

W. J. Cumbie--Douglas Truett McCabe.

Landers Variety Store--Stanley Adams.

H. D. Fish Grocery--Robert Lewis Jay.

Roberts Beauty Parlor--Freddie Bilbo.

W. K. Simpson Co.--Crackie Simpson.

City Drug Store--Martha Sue Richardson, Mariam Gartman.

Club Cafe--Maxine Brey.

Watch the jars. Cast your votes for our favorite today.

News Review of Current Events

"WON'T LET PEOPLE DOWN"

No Retreat from New Deal Objectives, Says the President . . . Attitude Toward Business



Silk to feed anti-Japanese bonfire flames is being gathered from the shapely limbs of girls at Vassar college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where the delegates to the third annual convention of the American Student Union staged a demonstration for a boycott against Japanese goods. Silk stockings, shirts and neckties were burned.

Edward W. Pickard
SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

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No New Deal Retreat

READING his annual message on the state of the nation before the senate and house at the opening of congress, President Roosevelt declared his purpose to advance upon the same fundamentals of the New Deal that have hitherto been proposed. He said: "I do not propose to let the people down. I am sure the congress of the United States will not let the people down. We hold our principles and our objectives to be sound. We will never go back on them."



President Roosevelt

The President again urged congress to enact legislation for control of wages and hours of work. He asked that all segments of the nation co-operate with the government to achieve better economic balance. The budget for 1939 which he was preparing, he said, would show a further decrease in the deficit, though not an actual balance.

Reasserting his approval of proposed changes in tax laws, he said: "Three things should be kept in mind. First the total sum to be derived by the federal treasury must not be decreased as a result of any changes in schedules. Second, abuses by individuals or corporations designed to escape taxpaying by using various methods of doing business corporate and otherwise—abuses which we have sought, with great success, to end—must not be restored. Third, we should rightly change certain provisions where they are proven to work definite hardship, especially on the small business men of the nation."

"But speculative income should not be favored over earned income." Speaking of his attitude toward the nation's business as a whole, Mr. Roosevelt declared: "The overwhelming majority of business men and bankers intend to be good citizens. Only a small minority have displaced poor citizenship by engaging in practices which are dishonest or definitely harmful to society. This statement is straightforward and true."

"No person in any responsible place in the government of the United States has ever taken any position contrary to it."

Mr. Roosevelt declared that when attention was called to specific misuses of capital "there has been a deliberate purpose on the part of the condemned minority to distort the criticism into an attack on all capital. That is a willful deception but it does not long deceive."

He called for prompt agreements on a farm program—now in conference between the house and senate—and asked specifically that congress "keep the cost of its administration within the figure of current government expenditures in aid of agriculture."

Power Loans O.K.

THE Supreme court ruled the government could make loans and grants for publicly owned electric plants.

Secretary Ickes, the public works administrator, said the decision would affect construction of 52 power projects costing \$84,026,288 for which his agency had allotted \$30,191,944 as loans to be repaid and \$21,674,408 as federal grants.

The constitutionality of the government's activity was challenged by the Alabama Power company and the Duke Power company. They sought to enjoin federal financing of projects in four Alabama municipalities and at Buzzard Roost in Greenwood county, South Carolina.

Justice Sutherland delivered the opinion of the court.

Farley Finds a Surplus

JIM FARLEY, in his annual report as postmaster general, was able to show a surplus of more than 12 millions for his department. To do this, however, he deducted an expense item of about 60 million dollars, calling it a "nonpostal" item. He charged off the air and ocean mail subsidies and all free mail.

Dealing with the activities of the postal inspection service, Farley said the traffic in spurious lottery tickets is believed to have been broken up with the arrest and conviction of a band of racketeers in the East who disposed of more than 10 million dollars' worth of such tickets in the last few years.

Dies Wants Investigation

MARTIN DIES, Democratic congressman from Texas, wants congress to investigate the charges made by administration spokesmen that big business brought about the current economic recession in an effort to discredit the New Deal. Dies referred specifically to what he called astounding charges by Robert H. Jackson, assistant attorney general, and Secretary of the Interior Ickes.



R. H. Jackson

The Texan asked for appointment of a committee of seven house members to determine "who are the monopolies or monopolists engaged in the sitdown strike to produce economic chaos" and to afford Ickes and Jackson an opportunity to "vindicate themselves from the grave charges that they are demagoging to arouse the hatred of the majority against the minority."

Worst Year for Strikes

ACCORDING to the national labor relations board, the United States passed through the worst labor strike period in its history in 1937, but the board believes the prospects for 1938 are much better.

The board revealed in a secret report that there were 4,017 strikes during the first ten months of 1937, more than ever recorded during any entire previous year, and that 56 per cent, another all-time peak, were caused through efforts by employees to organize for collective bargaining.

It blamed the situation on refusal of employers to recognize rights of workers to organize under the Wagner labor relations act.

What Irwin S. Cobb Thinks about

Personal Indorsements.

HOUSTON, TEXAS.—I used to be a pretty fair hand at indorsing things. But I realize now what a piker I was. I indorsed only one thing at a time.

For the present champions, I offer a suggestion. When that distinguished world traveler ("Bringing Testimonials Back Alive") and that eminent movie star, who lives in Hollywood right next to Live Reading Matter and is authoress of "Miss Colddeck Recommends," get through indorsing practically everything else, let them then club in and attain the very highest peak of indorsementology by jointly indorsing the famous society queen who has indorsed more products than they even, or anybody.



Irwin S. Cobb

Noted Ancestors.

ON THE little Hogg-Dickson ranch at Casa Blanca, Mexico—only 300,000 acres—I met the caporal, or head man, of the cow herd and one famous as a rifle-shot, an upstanding, clear-eyed Mexican, but, I fancied, with some faint indefinable suggestion of the Anglo-Saxon in his facial contours. However, his name, as I caught it, was pronounced "Ernesto Boo-na," which, to my alien ears, sounded Latinesque enough for all purposes.

He knew no English, yet, when I mentioned Kentucky—a thing I've been known to do before—he poured out a rippling flood of Spanish. Louis Kresdorn, the Texas-born manager, translated:

"Ernesto says he has heard of a far-away place called Kentucky. According to a legend in his family, his great-great-grandfather once lived there—was muy valiente, muy vivo, and was the nephew of an even greater Gringo warrior who drove the savages before him like tumbleweeds before a wind."

So I saw a light and I inquired how Ernesto spelled his last name—he spelled it the orthodox way. So, as members of the same stock, a pioneer ancestress of mine having married a kinsman of the great pathfinder, I held a reunion with this mighty huntsman.

Dachshunds.

I LIKE dachshunds. They've more sense of humor than anything I ever saw that came out of Prussia. I always figured the breed was produced by crossing a rat terrier on a German compound verb, and—I still believe you could combine usefulness with their natural comedy by training them to retrieve collar buttons from under low bureaus.

I indorse the phrase of the mathematical sharp who said a dachshund was half a dog high and a dog and a half long, but I claim Captain Mike Hogg's chauffeur, Mose, coined the best description yet. When Mrs. Hogg brought home the first one Mose ever beheld, his eyes bulged out like twin push-buttons.

"Lawdy, Miss Alice!" he exclaimed, "what is this here thing?" "It's a dog."

"Wellum," said Mose, "if you hadn't told me, I'd 'a' said it was a snake on roller skates."

Hunting in Texas.

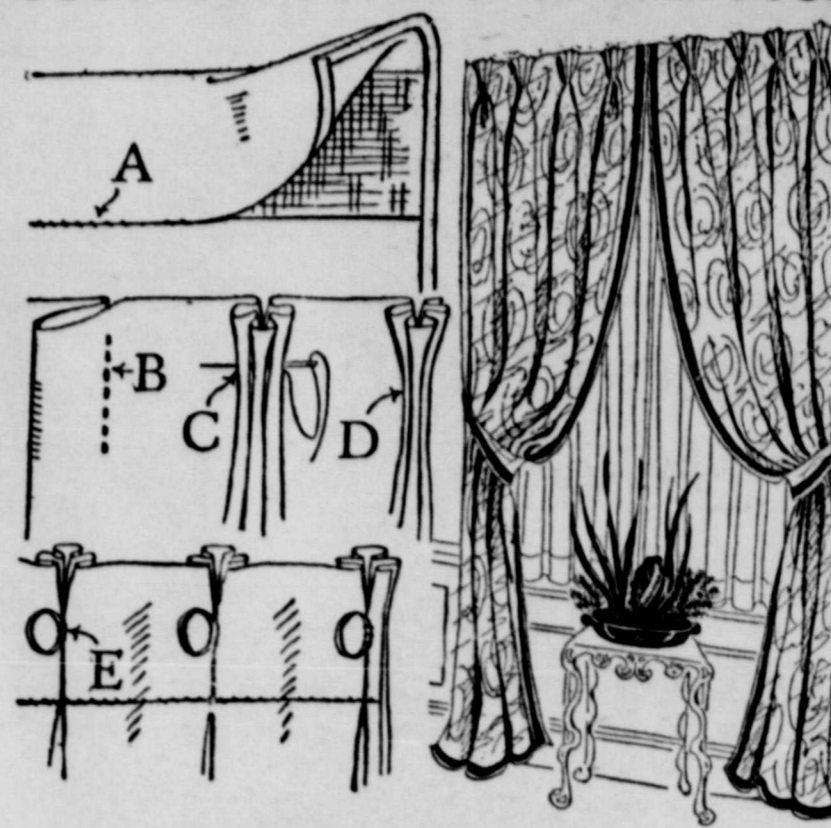
IT WAS raining so hard even the seagulls were trying to get in the clubhouse. So the ducks went away somewhere, out of the weather. So the hunters, who were less intelligent than the ducks, came back from the blinds dripping like so many leaky hot water bottles.

After being bailed out, we sat down to vittles—nothing unusual, just the customary club dinner. All we found on the menu was beef hash, duck stew, liver and onions, country smoked sausage and homemade headcheese, also hot biscuits, corn pones and rice cakes; likewise turnip greens, rice, sweet potatoes, squash, snapbeans and eye hominy; moreover, six kinds of pickles, preserves, jellies and jams; besides stewed pears, apple pie, papershell pecans and various fruits. Then Mrs. Jacob Smothers, the club hostess, came in to say that, if anybody in the future craved anything special, she'd try to fix it up—and wondered why such of her gorged guests as weren't too far gone uttered feeble laughter.

IRVIN S. COBB.

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HOW to SEW By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



A French Heading for Your Draperies.

WHETHER you line your new draperies or not will depend on how heavy the material is. It is important, however, that the top of draperies be stiffened when a French heading is used. A soft canvas which may be purchased in drapery departments is generally used for this purpose. From four to six inches is a good depth to cut the heading canvas. Turn the top of the curtain material over it and sew as at A.

Now measure the width of your curtain and plan the plaits to take up half this width. In heavy material, four or five inches will be enough. It is a good plan to let the space between the plaits be the same as the amount of material the plaits take up. The first plait may come just inside the finish of the outside edge of the drapery or it may be placed two or three inches in.

Start to sew the plait about an inch down from the top of the drapery and sew it the depth of the stiffening, as shown here at B. Pinch this plait into three small plaits and, starting two inches down from the top, sew through as at C. Sew these plaits the depth of the stiffening, so that they appear as shown here at D. Now turn to the wrong side and sew a ring to the back of each plait as at E.

Every Homemaker should have a copy of Mrs. Spears' new book, SEWING. Forty-eight pages of

step-by-step directions for making slipcovers and dressing tables; restoring and upholstering chairs, couches; making curtains for every type of room and purpose. Making lampshades, rugs, ottomans and other useful articles for the home. Readers wishing a copy should send name and address, enclosing 25 cents, to Mrs. Spears, 210 South Desplaines St., Chicago, Illinois.



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FAVORITE OF THE SOUTH

Breath of Praise

Sweet is the breath of praise when given by those whose own merit claims the praise they give.—Hannah More.

STOMACH UPSETS?

Fort Worth, Texas — A. J. Williams, 1201 Lee Ave., says: "I suffered from acid indigestion and sour stomach, had no appetite and felt out-of-sorts. After using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery I had more pep, slept better at night, my stomach no longer troubled me and I felt fit as a fiddle." Get it in tablets or liquid from your druggist today. See how much better you feel after using this tonic.

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Sentinels of Health

Don't Neglect Them!

Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of an excess of toxic impurities. The act of living—life itself—is constantly producing waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure. When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel tired, nervous, all worn out. Frequent, scanty or burning passages may be further evidence of kidney or bladder disturbance.

The recognized and proper treatment is a diuretic medicine to help the kidneys get rid of excess poisonous body waste. Use Doan's Pills. They have had more than forty years of public approval. Are endorsed the country over. Insist on Doan's. Sold at all drug stores.



Favorite Recipe of the Week

Shrimp Creole for Sunday Night Supper.

SHRIMP Creole is an excellent dish to serve for Sunday night supper, not just because it is especially good to eat, but because it can be made the day before or in the morning and reheated when ready to serve. That is a real convenience for the housewife who does her own work.

Shrimp Creole.

- 2 medium size onions sliced
- 2 cups canned tomatoes
- 3/4 cup sliced celery
- 2 cups canned peas
- 2 tsp shortening
- 1 tsp vinegar
- 1 tsp flour
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 cups canned shrimp
- 1 to 2 tsp chili powder
- 3 cups hot boiled rice
- 1 cup water

Cook the onions and celery in the fat until a delicate brown. Add the flour, salt and chili powder and blend until smooth. Add the water (use the liquid drained from the peas as part of the water). Cook until thick and smooth, stirring constantly. Add the tomatoes, peas, vinegar, sugar and shrimp and heat thoroughly. Serve with the hot rice.

If the shrimp creole is made before serving time, you will find a double boiler, or casserole convenient to use for reheating it.

The amount of chili powder to use depends upon personal taste. It would be a good idea to add just one tablespoonful and after the finished product has been sampled more can be added if desired.

Chilled canned peas served with a custard sauce would make a pleasing dessert for the supper.

MARJORIE H. BLACK.

Disturbance Checked

The serenity of the wise is merely the art of imprisoning their agitation in the heart.—La Rochefoucauld.

Under Pressure

By George Agnew Chamberlain

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He glanced into Joyce's boudoir and passed the open door of the drawing room. Then he retraced his steps and strolled to the opposite corner only to behold more emptiness. Abruptly he knew the truth as certainly as if he had watched Joyce lead Adan down the narrow passage toward a certain spiral stair. His heart contracted with such violence it caused him to halt in his tracks in more senses than one. Where was he headed? Where had he already arrived?

His deduction had been correct; Joyce had taken Adan to the roof. As they emerged into a transluence which would have been blinding had it not been dimmed by the impalpable golden dust of the night she turned toward her companion with caught breath. His face was amiable and alive but apparently his open eyes were blind. She felt dismay and then an impulse to laugh aloud at herself. She restrained it, aided by a feeling of sadness. The impassivity of his expression dumfounded her. Was it credible he saw neither moon nor stars nor that distant double torch of snow rising against the pale blue of heaven?

Rather hopelessly she led the way to the parapet and sat down, sensing a drag as if he followed unwillingly. Last night she had shivered and Dirk had put his coat around her shoulders; tonight it was Adan who quivered to the cold but she had no wrap to lend him. Since he was far more warmly dressed than she it seeped the cold which affected him must come from within himself. He was silent; not morose—just silent and suffering. If he saw the moon, the stars and the Nevada at all, it was with a calculating and compressing eye that strove to diminish grandeur to the size of a stage backdrop for future reference. He was theater, he was city, and he was Latin; furthermore such nights as this, with snow-capped Popo added to the Sleeping Woman for extra measure, were the everyday chilli-con-carne of his existence. He made a movement toward his breast pocket. At least they could talk, thought Joyce; she must say something—must, must! She turned her head and felt her jaw drop loose. Adan was knotting his silk handkerchief at the back of his neck, arranging it in such a manner as to mask nose and mouth against the perils of the night air.

Joyce almost choked. "You don't like it here, do you?" she managed to murmur.

"Oh, yes, I do," replied Adan in muffled tones. "Much better than when Pepe ran the place."

Again Joyce caught her breath. "That's so," she said presently, "you visited him, didn't you?"

"Once."

"What was it? A shooting party?"

"Oh, no—a roughhouse. We brought down a carload of girls and two carloads of men. Don't let's talk about it." Abruptly his voice turned pleading. "Let's go down to the piano. I want to play for you—play for you like last night."

She rose with a sense of relief and escape to which were added several more poignant emotions—chagrin, self-pity, disappointment, to name only three, and a sort of confused dismay composed of anger at herself, and at the world in general and Dirk in particular. What had he to do with it? Nothing. That was why she was angry at him and somehow it seemed a perfectly good reason. As she hurried along the balcony, heading for the drawing room, she saw him leaning on the rail, his face lifted toward the visible patch of sky.

"Adan is going to play," she said crisply. "Want to come along?"

"No, thanks," said Dirk even more curtly. "I'm going to bed."

Under her urging Adan played only boisterous music—rollicking marches, rumbas and a galloping passo libre—and when he tried to slip into a languorous tango or a dreamy waltz she broke in with a cry: "No, no! something fast, faster—something jolly." She was studying him, measuring him by his own standard, yet giving him no chance to practice the whole alchemy of his art. He could have his piano but nothing more. Sitting there, with his agile fingers flying over the keys, he became readable, clear to her eyes. He was handsome, good-natured, shrewd, kind-hearted and fearless—an ideal master of ceremonies. Quite suddenly

he rose from the piano and faced her, his eyes hard.

"You don't like me tonight," he stated.

"Why, yes, I do, Adan," stammered Joyce, "of course I do. What makes you say that?"

"No, no," said Adan, somewhat bewildered at finding himself in a role whose lines and cues he had totally forgotten if he had ever known them—the role of the undesired. He couldn't yet quite believe it. Much less could he conceive he might soon find himself cast as a pursuer if he didn't take his eyes off the flushed face before him. But some inkling of danger may have stirred his senses as he continued. "It's different tonight. You ask for silly meaningless music—music with no soul. You don't come with me. You stand to one side to see how fast I can run up and down the piano without losing my breath. No; I won't play any more. I'm a man, not a whippet chasing an electric rabbit for you to laugh. Good-night, senorita. You are very beautiful, but this evening you happen not to be a woman."

CHAPTER XII

The bullet which passed through Dorado's leg and traversed the heart of his horse was steel-jacketed; had it been soft-nosed the wound would have been serious, possibly fatal. The heavy-set general suffered far more from the shock of his fall than by reason of the hole through his thigh, nevertheless he considered his condition grave enough to appeal to Blackadder for advice and aid. He released him from the batea and installed him as nurse—a change equivalent to a transfer from one galley bench to another since, needless to say, Pepe was in the vilest of tempers.

Blackadder had often been called upon to act as surgeon in far more desperate cases amid surroundings fully as primitive. He procured a couple of cotton jumpers, soft and ragged with wear, requisitioned a precious bar of soap and washed them out with his own hands. Then he boiled a kettle of water, tossed in a handful of salt and was ready. With a mighty grip he pressed the wound both ways from the inside out until the blood showed bright and clear of impurities. He took surly satisfaction in Dorado's howls of pain and a subsequent torrent of imprecations as the outlets were bathed with hot brine and then bandaged. Almost hourly thereafter the patient would insist on having the dressing removed. With plenty of salt water on hand Blackadder felt no fear of infection but resented such frequent interruption since he was busy with affairs of his own.

Keeping his ears and eyes wide open, a single day sufficed to give him an accurate idea of the layout of the camp; since nobody thought he knew Spanish all talked freely in his presence. It was situated at the northeastern extremity of the barranca where the chasm pinched out against sheer cliffs at whose feet burbled the spring which supplied the brook with water. At night all the so-called miners—nothing but enslaved peons picked up at random—were herded into the depths of the two drifts opposite the one occupied by Dorado and himself. The riders then spread their petates in the airy entrances, forming a solid layer of bodies over which a fugitive would have to fly like a bat to escape. In addition two men with shotguns stood guard day and night at the right-angle turn downstream.

So much for the exterior; by night, when sleep seemed to have a fair hold on his patient, Blackadder would slip away for subterranean exploration. Darkness was his greatest handicap. Matches were scarce, candles there were none nor any lantern. Again inventiveness backed by experience—to say nothing of a knowledge of capillary attraction—came to his aid. Luxuriant castor oil shrubs grew in the shadow cast by the southern wall. He gathered a quantity of the berries, crushed out their oil into a discarded tomato can and rolled a strip off a bandage into a wick. Coiling it in the tin he let one end hang over the side, lighted it and found himself provided with a tiny but lasting beam of light.

By its aid he was able to explore the cavernous reaches behind Dorado's dwelling. There were three inner rooms besides his own. In one, sealed with a locked door of

hewn timbers, he knew the daily washings of gold were stored. The other two were open to such air as was available and matted heaps of hay showed they had been used as habitations. What interested him most, however, was the shaft he had surmised must exist. He found it on his third excursion and to his delight discovered it was not vertical but ascended at a slant, showing whoever had sunk it had lacked a mechanical hoist. No doubt it was cluttered with debris, but where men had once passed a man could pass again. Here was a road to freedom, ready-made, but reflection forced him to admit it could lead only to recapture or starvation in the desert; without a horse waiting at the exit it was useless.

He reverted to the idea which had developed in a flash to the size of a full-grown oak—trade La Barranca for possession of Joyce. He had no illusions as to the cash value of the hacienda. Discovery of the bootleg gold diggings might have impressed a novice, but not an old-timer who happened to know Mexican law establishes the subsoil as the inalienable property of the state. Aware of the general situation as well, he was convinced tragic trouble and



"That's it," said Blackadder.

no conceivable gain would be Joyce's inevitable lot should he fail in his intention to rescue her, willing or unwilling. Dorado himself gave an opening.

"Bueno, cabron, it is now the third day and you write no letter. Tomorrow I think perhaps I send one finger."

"Listen, Dorado," said Blackadder, "you and I have seen a lot of each other and we ought to be able to talk straight from the shoulder. You occupied La Barranca for several years. Wouldn't you like to lay your hands on it again?"

Dorado straightened too suddenly, groaned and settled back.

"Go on," he ordered. "You talk, I listen, then I tell you."

"You know who threw you out, don't you?"

"That Pancho Buenaventura," cried Dorado, turning purple, "and his butcher-boss, General Onelia."

"No, no," said Blackadder impatiently. "Didn't you see a girl? Don't you know anything about her?"

"Girl?" repeated Dorado, his eyes suddenly wide. "Yes, I see one girl. Very nice girl. Who is she?"

"The daughter of Cutler Sewell, the man from whom you stole the hacienda. He's dead and she owns it."

"Me, steal!" cried Dorado, enraged. "Pepe Dorado steal! No, no. That gringo, he abandon La Barranca."

"Just so," said Blackadder, "exactly the way you abandoned it five or six days ago, exactly the way the present tenant might be urged into abandoning it again. Get it, or do you want half an hour to think the thing out?"

"Si, si," murmured Dorado thoughtfully. "You tell me some more now."

"Here it is—the whole thing in a nutshell. I lied when I said I don't speak Spanish and again about be-

ing a prospector. I'm Miss Joyce Sewell's guardian acting for her stepmother. We don't want her to stay at La Barranca at any price. When you held me up you did yourself a bad turn because I was on my way to drag her out. If you want the place, help me do it now."

"How?"

"Give me a horse. Send guards to watch me all the way into the hacienda."

"Then what?"

"Sooner or later I'll snake the girl out and La Barranca will be once more abandoned and at your mercy. The only thing that stumps me is how to get away to Toluca and from there to Mexico City." He paused. "Of course, if you should try any double-crossing in the way of holding us both for ransom you'd lose the hacienda in the end and perhaps your life."

Dorado thought for a long time, his eyes half closed lest Blackadder read his mind. What fools these gringos were—they still believed in honor among thieves! He pictured first La Barranca, most desirable of all haciendas as far as he was concerned, then Joyce whom two flashes had revealed to be as lovely a girl as he had ever seen. At the moment he honestly believed he could be happy with either as long as he lived—but with both? Mere anticipation caused moisture to gather at the corners of his loose mouth.

"In exchange for freedom and the senorita," he announced finally, "you make offer of La Barranca. So?"

"That's it," said Blackadder.

"I accept. The matter of your escape to Mexico City is not difficult to arrange. Near the hacienda there is a rope bridge which saves many miles. I have a car in Toluca; I shall send for it and hide it by night in an arroyo. I'll have horses at the bridge when you arrive with the senorita and I myself will be there to wish you both godspeed. It remains only to agree on a signal announcing you are ready."

"That's the trouble," said Blackadder, scowling. "How do I know just when I'll be ready since I may have to carry the girl out against her will?"

"So?" murmured Dorado curiously. "But let's not worry over such small difficulties. The moon is in its third quarter; before it rises there are two hours of darkness. When do you wish to start?"

"Today. Now."

"Bueno. Tomorrow night, and the next, and the night after that, I shall spend the two hours immediately preceding the rising of the moon at the bridge—on the north side. Be careful how you cross it."

"I know all about rope bridges," said Blackadder. "What about your leg?"

"You are a good doctor. It is quite nearly well. Today I can walk. I will show you; I shall go now to choose your horse and give orders."

Blackadder took advantage of his absence to descend to the brook as though to wash his hands but in reality to recover his passport and wallet. Half an hour later, accompanied by three guards armed with carbines, he was riding downstream toward the switchback path which had caused him such agony a few days before. Since it was the only exit from the barranca through all its length they were obliged, once the level of the prairie was reached, to ride all the way back around the camp before starting down the other side. Before they made the turn, however, he noticed a peculiar depression masked by a patch of thorny acacias. Deliberately he passed to windward of it and caught a faint odor of smoke; so, he thought, had he risked the shaft here is where he would have come out.

But that was not to be his only discovery. An hour later, chancing to glance across the barranca, he saw a sight that first puzzled, then amazed him. Three lorries were wending their way over the plain from the general direction of Toluca. That in itself was not surprising; what astonished him was their freight—each was loaded with a howitzer. At first he had thought they were boilers; but no, there was no doubt about it, they were howitzers. He questioned the men but got only shrugs for his pains and a little farther on they came to a halt.

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What Causes 'Em

Motorists who wonder what causes the greatest number of accidents might try listening to Chief Flynn, for 30 years a traffic officer on the Chicago police department. He lists the causes in this order: First, speed; second, booze; third, horns, and fourth, darelessness. It probably will not surprise the average motorists to learn that most mishaps are the result of speed, though many had come to believe that booze had edged into first place within the past year or so. But few can realize that the horn-held by many experts to be an almost unnecessary part of the car--is responsible for so many deaths. Flynn explains that horns confuse both the very young and the very old, and they rush in front of a car instead of away from it. His entire list is interesting and worthy of study, and that part referring to the horn especially. Every motorists should think that over.

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COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

For County Judge

McNEIL WYLIE
(re-election)
J. C. JORDAN
ROY BREY

For County & District Clerk,

WILLIS SMITH
(re-election)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector.

FRANK PERCIFULL
(re-election)

For County Treasurer,

Mrs. B. M. GRAMLING
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IRVAN H. BRUNSON
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For Commissioner Pct. No. 1

H. C. VARNADORE
(re-election)

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Notice to Delinquent Tax Payers of the Robert Lee Independent School District

I have been employed by the Board of Trustees of the Robert Lee Independent School District to collect the delinquent school taxes due such district, and have been empowered and directed to use all the means afforded by law to effect such collection.

All parties knowing themselves to be delinquent for such taxes please see me at once and make payment. These taxes are a lien against your property and must be paid to clear your title. Some tax payers are delinquent for all taxes since the district was organized, and each year is adding penalties and interest against their property. The time has come when the School District must take legal action if some effort is not made to pay them.

If you cannot pay all of these taxes at this time, if you will see me perhaps I can suggest some way out of difficulties. See me anyway and let me know whether you intend to pay these taxes or not.

If suit should be filed for the collection of these taxes, under the new law the city, state and county will be compelled to come in and set up their claim for delinquent taxes, thus increasing the demand to that extent in the suit. It will be to your interest to give this matter your prompt attention.

G. S. ARNOLD,
Tax Attorney for Robert Lee Independent School District

Methodist W. M. S.

Approximately a hundred and fifty registered at the quarterly zone meeting of Methodist W. M. S. Tuesday in Robert Lee. These included representatives from Miles, Paint Rock, Bronte, San Angelo, Sterling City, Eldorado, Water Valley. Pastors attending were Rev. Earl Hoggard, Robert Lee; Rev. J. W. Leggett, Eldorado; Rev. Wheeler, Miles; Rev. Olin W. Nail, Sterling; and Rev. Joe H. Thompson, Bronte.

The session continued throughout the day and members of the local W. M. S. served luncheon in the church dining room at noon.

Vital Statistics

The bureau of vital statistics in Coke County for 1937 show the highest birth record and lowest number of deaths in the past four years. These figures, however, are not exact since a number of

Charter No. 1684 Reserve District No 11.
OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE ROBERT LEE STATE BANK
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published in the Robert Lee Observer, a newspaper printed and published at Robert Lee, State of Texas, on the 14th day of January, 1938.

RESOURCES	Dollars.-Cts.
Loans and discounts	\$117,649.37
Loans secured by real estate	
Overdrafts	431.67
Securities of U.S., any State or pol. subdiv. thereof 12,885.49	
Banking House,	3,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures,	1,350.00
Cash and due from approved reserve agents.....	37,946.14
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check demand	6,250.00
Stock and-or assessment Fed. Dep. Ins. Corp, ...	85.60
Total	180,098.27

LIABILITIES	Dollars.-Cts.
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Total Capital Structure	25,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,500.00
Undivided profits--net	2,610.91
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days ..	141,934.89
State Funds on Deposit	7,641.18
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	411.29
Total	\$ 180,098.27

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF COKE, ss:

We, D. R. Campbell, as President and T. A. Richardson, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

D. R. Campbell, President
T. A. Richardson, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, A. D. 1938, W. B. Clift, Notary Public, Coke County, Texas.

CORRECT-ATTEST: Marvin Simpson,
(SEAL) J. S. Gardner,
J. S. Craddock, Directors.

deaths and a few births of Coke Countians occurred in San Angelo and were recorded in Tom Green County.

Births recorded for the past year totaled seventy-five against twenty-three deaths.

Marriages gained one over the best record in the past four years while divorces dropped only one short of the greatest number for the same time. The record shows

for 1937, 57 marriages and ten divorces; for 1936, 41 marriages and 8 divorces; 1935, 35 marriages and 6 divorces and for 1934, 56 marriages and 11 divorces.

To Jan. 12, 1938, no marriage licenses had been issued and no births had been reported.

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City Commission.

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NEW YORK--Sixty million dollars will be spent to make the mile-long Central Mall of the New York World's Fair 1939 the greatest artistic project in the history of expositions. The middle section of the mall is shown above in a scale model. The tree-lined esplanade will contain (left to right) the largest ball and tallest triangular spire ever built by man-

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Silver News

Mr. and Mrs. Lennie D. Evans and son Dale, of Winston, Arizona, are visiting Mrs. Evans' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen.

Misses Chrystelle Mathers, Alberta and Nita Allen, C. E. Mathers and Upton Mathers attended the singing at Robert Lee Sunday.

The party at Mrs. Loyd Phelan's Saturday night was enjoyed by several.

Oscar Phelan and son, Leo, of Lamesa, are visiting Mr. Phelan's son, Loyd.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Odom have moved into the house recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Loyd and family. Mr. and Mrs. T. Z. Philips are living in the house which the Odom family vacated.

A group of people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers Sunday night to practice songs for the convention.

Silver Peak School News

Mrs. C. B. Underwood has purchased some new vocal music to be used in the Choral Class.

Upton has quit worrying and wondering why Mr. Underwood moved his desk to the front and he and Arthur have resumed their "conversations" across the room.

Chrystelle and Mildred haven't been able to study all week for worrying about a certain truck. If I were them I'd worry about the truck owners sons instead of the truck.

Louise has been with us a week and the only thing we've learned from her is that she is awful secretive. They've never been able to learn which boy is her weakness.

Eighth Birthday

Joe Long Snead, Jr. was honoree on his eighth birthday at a party given Saturday afternoon by his mother. Games were played, pictures were made of the party group and the honoree was run through the belt line.

Cake and cocoa were served to Bill Rial Denman, Billie Mack McDonald, Willis Wayne Smith, Bennoe D. Snead, Eddie Paul Good, Billie Allen, Jack Snead, Royce Smith, Shirley McDonald, Mattie Jane Snead, Jerrie Snead, Memory Gramling and Bobbie Arnold.

Blue Bonnet Bridge Club

Mrs. S. E. Adams was hostess at her home last week for the first meeting of the Blue Bonnet Bridge Club in the new year. Mrs. Roy Brey and Mrs. G. L. Taylor were guests.

Since Mrs. Adams' school duties will prevent her meeting with the club for some time, Mrs. Brey was appointed to substitute for her until the close of school.

Mrs. Taylor scored high for guests and Mrs. Chism Brown took high for members.

The hostess served a salad course with coffee.

Baptist W. M. S.

The president, Mrs. Fred Delashaw, outlined plans for the coming year's work when the Baptist W. M. S. met in the Paul Good home Monday afternoon. Provision was made for sending a box of clothing to Buckner's Orphan's Home and plans were discussed for a study course to be held on the last Monday in January.

Those present were Mesdames Delashaw, Roy Brey, W. J. Cum-

Robert Lee High School

Senior Reporter, Bob L. Davis,

Junior Rep., Gail McCutchen

Soph. Rep., Prudie Creech

Freshmen Rep., Geraldine Davis

General News

About eight teams have accepted the invitation to the basketball tournament here tomorrow.

It is expected that Grammar school will be moved into the new building after mid-term.

Mid-term exams come next week and everyone is catching up on their "back work."

Pay your water bill by 10th of each month or have your service discontinued.

City Commission.

Census report shows that 5,287 bales of cotton were ginned in Coke County from the crop of 1937 prior to Dec. 13 as compared with 3,555 bales for the crop of 1936.

bie, G. C. Allen, J. C. Snead, Jr., H. E. Smith, Paul Good.

Mrs. J. C. Snead will be hostess to the group next week.

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STEERLINE

News of the week

Junior News

The Juniors didn't make a single New Year's resolution, that is, none that they care to tell.

We really are proud of ourselves. For instance, our Geometry class. There are now none of us, eight girls and one boy. Last week M. L., Bert and Orval deserted us for, perhaps, some other subject that would not require so much of their attention. They are just learning that "there is no royal roads to Geometry," but they found it out too late.

Maxine: Say Daddy.
Mr. Brey: What.
Maxine: Why do they have Father's Day in the middle of the month?
Mr. Brey: So he can enjoy the present before he gets the bill.

Sophomore News

We are all feeling pretty down-hearted because "Mid Term Examinations" are almost here, and we regret to say that we really haven't studied hard as we should and would have if there were not so many other important things to occupy our

minds.

We are indeed disappointed to know the true facts of Jessie Fay's resolution. You remember she resolved not to run around in a car with "For Sale" on the back glass, well they rubbed the "For Sale" off. Could you beat that!

I wonder why Fay is looking forward to the Basketball Tournament. There's no mystery in there Fay?

Janice, do you want to read that letter from the boy in California at the next Chapel Program? Oh, why not, Janice?

Campus Chatter

I wonder if the dances and late hours are what affect Mr. Bowman's disposition?

Katherine, how do you like red hair?

Joyce, what makes you so blue Mondays? Or are they blue?

Instead of hiring a nurse-maid for taking care of her step-children, Gail should hire a nurse-maid for herself.

Gene, someone should take pity on you and warn you against the table of girls, in the study hall, at noon and the 11:15 period. Maybe a sign "Danger! Curves ahead!" would serve the purpose.

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HELLO EVERYBODY:

Well, sir, the Vikings of old used to sail the seas in oared galleys that were hardly bigger than the motor cruisers in which we plough through our lakes and rivers today. I'll give them a lot of credit for their nerve. But they had oars to row with and sails to carry them along. They knew where they were going and they had a pretty good chance of getting there. I'm betting a lot that there wasn't a Viking in any age who would have put himself in the spot Pete Gear of Sunnyside, L. I., found himself in. Not for any amount of money.

It happened in September, 1927—and here's how. Pete got a job on a coal barge. And one of the first trips that barge was sent on after Pete joined the crew, was a tow out to sea with a load of coal for a ship that was to meet them a hundred and ninety-five miles out in the Atlantic.

The rendezvous at which they were to meet was southeast of Block island. A tug was to take the barge out. Five men composed the barge's crew. Four of those fellows—Pete included—had never been out to sea before. The fifth man was a regular sea-going bargeman.

They Couldn't Find the Boat.

On the afternoon of the day appointed, the tug came along and the barge was hooked on behind it. Pete says the trip up Long Island sound was like a moonlight excursion. But after they passed Montauk point, the sea was mighty rough. The four landlubbers immediately got seasick.

It was a hard night for those lads—but it was going to be a lot harder before they got back. The next day, when they arrived at the appointed spot, there was no sign of the boat they had come to meet. The tugboat captain told the bargeman to drop anchor and he would circle around and see if he could find the other boat. He cast off the tow line and the tug steamed away. Soon it was out of sight. There was nothing in sight, as a matter of fact, but water and more water. They were nearly two hundred miles from the nearest land. Then, half an hour later, a thick fog settled down over the anchored barge.

Anchored in the Shipping Lane.

Says Pete: "We were lying in our bunks, too sick to move, when the regular bargeman came in and told us about the fog. He explained that we were anchored in the shipping lane, and that was a dangerous posi-



Pete Yanked Away On That Bell.

tion. We would have to keep the fog bell ringing as long as the fog lasted. Otherwise we would most likely be run down by one of the liners which were continually passing through that part of the ocean."

And that was only the beginning. The troubles crowded thick and fast after that. It was night now, and the bargeman went aloft to hang a riding light. He was hardly up there when he fell to the deck and lay still, his leg broken. "Then," says Pete, "the nightmare began."

Pete picked him up and carried him to his bunk. The other three men were still lying in their bunks, the ghastly pallor of seasickness on their faces. When he had done what little he could for the injured man, Pete went out and started ringing the fog bell.

The night wore on, and the fog showed no sign of lifting. Pete yanked away rhythmically on that bell, tolling a monotonous dirge. His arm was getting tired. His hand was chafing from its constant contact with the bell rope. Every minute he expected to see the bow of an ocean liner looming over the barge. Every minute he expected to hear a thud and a crash of splintering timbers as some huge craft cut them in two.

Pete Had to Keep Ringing the Bell.

Pete began to feel that he couldn't hold his arm up to pull that bell rope any longer. He went into the cabin and tried to rouse one of the seasick men. Not one of them would get up. Pete was seasick himself, but these fellows felt a lot worse. In vain he told them of the dangers of leaving that bell unmanned. They didn't care whether the barge went down or not. In fact, one or two of them hoped it would.

Pete dragged himself back to the bell. He was sick—sleepy—aching. But he couldn't quit. His life depended on it. And so did the lives of those other four men in their bunks. Dawn came, and still he was jerking away on that rope. Still the fog hadn't lifted. All morning long—all afternoon—he stuck to his post. Both his hands were so raw now that he had to hook his elbow through the bell rope and pull it with his arm.

Night came—and still Pete was at it. His whole body was stiff now. He ached in every muscle and joint and bone. His arm was working mechanically now. He scarcely realized that he was pulling that cord.

And for TWO NIGHTS AND A DAY Peter rang that bell. Never will he forget the nightmare of that experience. On the morning of the third day he couldn't take it any longer. He didn't quit. He just fell asleep—right where he was—from sheer exhaustion.

Found by an Airplane.

When Pete awoke again the sun was just disappearing over the western horizon. But the fog had lifted. There was no sign of the tug. When the fog came down it had been unable to find the barge—and it still hadn't found it.

All that third night they waited. On the fourth day Pete sighted a plane. It circled around in the skies and then headed back toward land again. "When it turned around," says Pete, "I thought that pilot hadn't seen us." But the plane had spotted the barge. It had been sent out from New London for that very purpose. And on the fifth day the tug boat came out and reclaimed its lost tow.

It didn't take Pete long to get over the effects of his adventure. Now he looks back on it as quite an exciting experience. There's one thing, though, that makes Pete mad. He worked himself to exhaustion, trying to keep some vessel from sending that barge to the bottom. "But in all that time," he says, "I didn't see a single one of those big liners that I was in such fear of."

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AROUND the HOUSE Items of Interest to the Housewife

Growing House Plants.—When soil in which house plants are potted becomes more like clay than loam it may be lightened by adding sand to it. Plants grow best in this kind of soil.

Washing Walls.—When washing dirty painted walls with soapy water containing a cleaning powder, the job is made easier if a little flour is added to the water to make a paste. The paste will hold the mixture to the wall long enough for the powder to dissolve the dirt.

Non-Skid Clocks.—When an ornament or clock slips on a polished mantelpiece or sideboard, try cutting four small squares of felt from an old hat and sticking one to each corner of the base of

the article. It doesn't show and it's quite "non-skid."

Grouping Furniture.—Groupings of furniture, including pictures and lamps, should generally balance each other in height, width and effect of lightness or heaviness, housing experts say.

Unrolling Tape.—Scoring the sides of friction tape with an old razor blade, or sharp pocket knife will enable you to unroll it without tearing the edges.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a tonic which has been helping women of all ages for nearly 70 years. Adv.

Stoop to Rise
Soar not too high to fall, but stoop to rise.—Massinger.

Punctuality Essential

The individual who is always a little late in appointments reveals a weakness of character that punctual people are quick to observe, and it is interesting to note that successful men are almost always punctual. It is a hard thing to hold a man's confidence while he waits for you to keep an appointment.—V. A.



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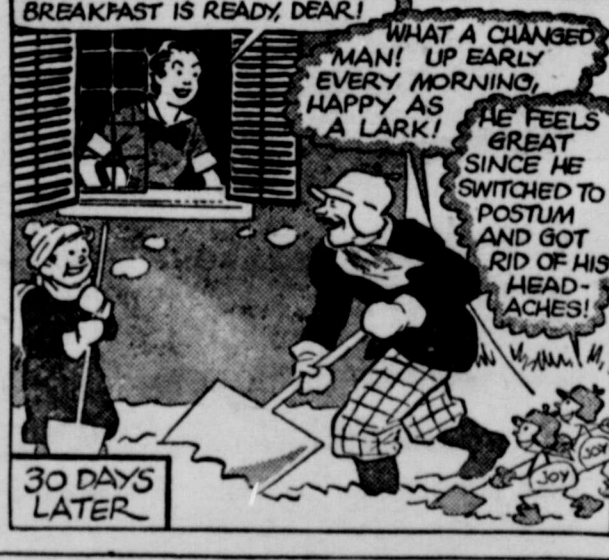
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Greatest Ornament
The modern majesty consists in work. What a man can do is his greatest ornament, and he always consults his dignity by doing it.—Carlyle.

One Right Way
If it is right there is no other way.—Theodore Roosevelt.

JOYS and GLOOMS



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MANY people can safely drink coffee. But many others—and all children—should never drink it. If you suspect that the caffeine in coffee disagrees with you... try Postum's 30-day test. Buy some Postum and drink it instead of coffee for a full month.

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Postum contains no caffeine. It is simply whole wheat and bran, roasted and slightly sweetened. It comes in two forms... Postum Cereal, the kind you boil or percolate... and Instant Postum, made instantly in the cup. Economical, easy to make, delicious, hot or iced. You may miss coffee at first, but you'll soon love flavor. A product of General Foods. (This offer expires July 1, 1938.)

DON'T BE A GLOOM... DRINK POSTUM!

STAR DUST

Movie • Radio

By VIRGINIA VALE

THE day of the handsome hero with soulful eyes and long lashes is definitely over according to theater managers throughout the country. William Powell, Clark Gable, Paul Muni and Spencer Tracy are the current idols of audiences everywhere, and the most up and coming young actor is James Stewart.

Certainly if the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer story department continues to do as well by young Stewart as they have in "Navy Blue and Gold" he will soar to the very crest of the wave of success. Lanky and homely, Jimmy Stewart has naturalness and shy sincerity that endear him.

Almost every company has had a try at making a picture about midshipmen at Annapolis, and all of them have been pretty stirring with their martial music, their Navy spirit, their campus romances. But Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have taken all the old ingredients and made them seem fresh.

When Mervyn Le Roy finishes the last picture under his contract with Warner Brothers and moves to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer as a producer, he and Clark Gable will both start arguing with executives that they simply must make a picture together. Clark has not forgotten how hard Le Roy tried to give him a start in pictures years ago.



Clark Gable

When Clark was a stage actor and trying to get into pictures, Le Roy recommended him to Warner Brothers.

Nowadays Shirley Temple rarely romps around the Twentieth Century-Fox lot visiting sets where pictures are being made. She stays in her dressing room bungalow and strange are the sounds that come out of there. It seems that Alan Dwan who is to direct her next picture thought it would be very cute for Shirley to beat a drum, so he sent her a whole set of trap drums and hired a teacher to give her lessons. No one, least of all Mr. Dwan, realized that Shirley would take to drumming with such enthusiasm.

Studying box-office reports for the past few months, R-K-O have decided not to renew the contracts of Lily Pons and Nino Martini. Too hard to find stories for singers. Paramount has notified Marlene Dietrich that she can make pictures elsewhere; they are in no hurry to make another with her. Joan Blondell has decided she would rather free-lance than stay with Warner Brothers, and Rosalind Russell has decided to go back to the stage when her contract expires next summer.

Among new air shows of 1938 is the return to radio of Bob Becker, nationally known sportsman, author, hunter and authority on dogs who broadcasts each Sunday in the interest of a popular brand of dog food. He is heard over NBC's red network coast-to-coast at 2 p. m. with a re-broadcast over WGN of the Mutual network at 2:45. Becker knows the woods and waters of North and South America as few men do. He has hunted bear, moose, and sheep in Alaska and made explorations in the little-known reaches of the Amazon.



Bob Becker

ODDS AND ENDS—Connie Boswell will be on the Paul Whiteman program again on January 25th. Robert Taylor asked to have Virginia Bruce play opposite him in "Northwest Passage" because she was leading woman in his first big screen success, and he counts on her to bring him luck. Ted Husing, ace sports director, has entered a knitting contest in New York and defies anyone to make a crack about it. When Grace Moore, Gladys Scarthout and many other famous singers attended a business meeting of the Metropolitan Opera Singers association, they insisted on calling a recess so as to listen to a Charlie McCarthy broadcast. Edward G. Robinson and Jean Hersholt are transporting their whole radio program companies to New York for a few weeks. Jean Hersholt will be the guest of Lauritz Melchior, Metropolitan opera singer and fellow Dane, while he is in the metropolis. © Western Newspaper Union.

Simple or Sophisticated?



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Start your day in an attractive morning frock if you would leave a bright all-day impression on the family. Sew-Your-Own suggests the new, young-looking dress at the left for creating a really lasting impression. The five pieces fit together so effortlessly and produce such shipshape style that you'll be not only pleased but thrilled. Gingham, percale, or seersucker is the material suggested for this popular frock.

A beautifully styled frock that will lend a festive feeling and a note of glamour to every occasion is the smart new piece, above center. It is modern in line, gracious of detail, and flattering beyond belief. The new tucked skirt is as easy to sew as any you've gone. Note the little button trim and youthful collar and cuffs to add that telling touch of good taste. Make a copy for now in satin or silk crepe.

Winter is here, but Spring is packaged up for an early delivery, which would behoove the fastidious young woman to now turn her gentle thoughts to the problem of what-to-wear. The slim-waisted model, above right, should set one straight, both in matters of thoughts and actions, for it has that come-and-get-me look that's so typical of the modern Sew-Your-Own. The "act" of sewing is most simplified in this little number, as the seven pieces and the cut-away diagram clearly illustrate.

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Ask Me Another

A General Quiz

1. Why do stars seem to be pointed?
2. When did the White House receive this name officially?
3. What is the curvature of the earth per mile?
4. What is the highest denomination of postage stamp issued by the United States?
5. Is water in a pail perfectly level at the top?

Answers

1. Their apparent points are due to the scintillation arising from inequalities of the earth's atmosphere.
2. The name "White House" became official during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt.
3. The earth's curvature per mile is approximately 8 inches.

"Quotations"

Instead of teaching my younger readers the conventions nowadays, I find I have to adapt the conventions to my young readers.—Emily Post.

It is not in intelligence that we lack for the overcoming of evil, but we lack in the unselfish responsible devotion of men.—Albert Einstein.

There is no compensation for living—not money—not power—not position—as great as the love of friends.—Vice President Garner.

It is character that determines the success of a man or a nation.—Irving T. Bush.

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How do Calotabs help nature throw off a cold? First, Calotabs are one of the most thorough and dependable of all intestinal eliminants, thus cleansing the intestinal tract of the virus-laden mucus and

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Unexpected Pleasure Pleasure that comes unlooked for is thrice welcome.—Rogers.

Today a Pupil Today is yesterday's pupil.—Franklin.

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JACK CLEM (right) is a salesman, and a good one too! He says: "I usually sell ideas to other people. But I'm the one who got sold on Prince Albert 'makin's' tobacco. Most of my customers smoke P. A. and it's everything they say—mild and mellow, yet with plenty of good, rich taste."

"Say," Murray Benton (left) comes back, "if everything in your sample case was as good as Prince Albert, you'd fill up your order book in no time. Look at the way these P. A. smokes roll up—fast and handsome. And they draw right. No wonder they smoke so mellow." (Prince Albert is great in a pipe, too!)

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Roll yourself 30 swell cigarettes from Prince Albert. If you don't find them the finest, tastiest roll-your-own cigarettes you ever smoked, return the pocket tin with the rest of the tobacco in it to us at any time within a month from this date, and we will refund full purchase price, plus postage. (Signed) R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.



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Dick Foran in

"PRAIRIE THUNDER"

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SUNDAY 1:30 Matinee, & MONDAY, JAN. 16 & 17

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with

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Also Comedy & News

WEDNESDAY ONLY, JANUARY 19th (?)

Barbara Stanwyck - Herbert Marshall
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"BREAKFAST FOR TWO"

Also "Should Wives Work"

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BRONTE, TEXAS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JAN. 14 & 15

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"HANDY ANDY"

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JANUARY 14 & 15

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R & W VANILLA EXTRACT, 1 1/2 oz bottle	19c
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Blu-Kross TOILET TISSUE, 3 roll carton	19c
Old Time SYRUP, gallon can	65c
R & W FLAV-R-JELL, 3 pkgs for	14c
Sun Spun SALAD DRESSING, Pt.	25c
R & W SOUP, Consecrated, add water, heat & serve, Beef, Tomato, Veg. Beef, Vegetable and assorted, 3 cans	25c
Fresh PRUNES, no 10 can	39c
R & W HOMINY GELTIS, package	9c
Sun Maid RAISINS, puffed, 15 oz pkg	10c
COCOANUTS, large size, each	9c
Winesap APPLES, 234 size, doz.	10c
Marsh Seedless GRAPEFRUIT, doz	18c

Spuds, 10 lb 15c

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Remember to call for Green Stamps

Basketball Tournament

The first invitational basketball tournament of Robert Lee will be held in the high school gymnasium Friday and Saturday the schedule to be as follows:

Friday Evening

7:00. Exhibition game, Robert Lee and Sanco, girls.

8:00. Robert Lee and Norton.

9:00. Bronte and Water Valley.

Saturday Morning

9:00. Mertzson and winner of Robert Lee-Norton game.

10:00. Sterling City and Millersview.

11:00. Lakeview and winners of Bronte-Water Valley game.

12:00. Blackwell and Divede.

Saturday Night

7:00. Bronte and Robert Lee all-star exhibition game.

8:00. Finals of tournament.

Suitable trophies will be presented to the winners and consolation to the losers.

Cord Wood For sale - Mrs. B. E. Davis

Mr. and Mrs. X. B. Cox, Sr., of San Angelo, visited their son, X. B. Jr. here Tuesday.

Miss Winnie Mae VanNort of Balinger is now employed in the office of the county agent. She replaced Miss Gwendolyn Higginbotham.

Miss christene Glenn, Miss Charlene Marrow, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Good and children, and Mr. Hyman Teague spent Tuesday evening in the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Walling.

Your water bill must be paid by 10th of each month or service will be discontinued. City Commission.

Young people of the Methodist church will go to San Angelo Friday night to attend a meeting of the Shepherds Union at the Trinity Methodist church there.

Twelve officers and teachers of the Baptist Sunday School met at the S. E. Adams home for the regular weekly session. Mrs. Fred DeLashaw gave a review of the lesson for the coming Sunday and Rev. DeLashaw led the study of the first in the Outline of Old Testament History. The group will meet next Tuesday night in the G. C. Allen home.

We are informed by N. C. Brown that services will be held at the Church of Christ Sunday morning, also a singing in the afternoon at 3.

The board of trustees of the Methodist church is having a new roof laid on the church building this week, the contract having been let to Ford & Ford of Sweetwater. The trustees are W. B. Clift J. S. Gardner and W. H. Bell.

Dog owners made a rush on the office of the county treasurer this week as zero hour for dogs' untaxed freedom drew near. To Wednesday of last week, 60 dog tags had been purchased against 143 to Tuesday afternoon of this week.

J. N. Adams butchered a hog last week that weighed about 500 pounds and he won't have to worry about meat and lard for a while. The fat rendered up made thirteen gallons of lard, and forty-eight cans of sausage have been put in safe keeping and now Mr. and Mrs. Adams are hoping for weather cold enough to cure the 42 pound hams.

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Texas GRAPEFRUIT, bu. 89c

SPUDS, 10 lbs 12c

CRANBERRIES, 2 lbs 19c

J.H.D. Fresh LIMA BEANS, No2 can 10c

Pure Gold BROOMS, with holder Free, for 79c

CRACKER JACKS, 2 for 5c

Phillip's PORK & BEANS, 3 for 14c

Bennett's SOUP MIX, 9c

Shelled Pecans, lb 27c

LaSalle VIENNA SAUSAGE, 5c

" FOTTED MEAT, 2 for 5c

BULK DATES, 2 lb 19c

Bulk RICE, 4 lbs 13c

Monarch Telephone PEAS, No 2, 2 for 25c
No 1, 3 for 25c

1 lb Staley's STARCH, 5c

RALSTON Cereal, pkg 19c

RITZ, 1 lb pkg 19c

Market Specials

STEAK, fore-quarter, 2 lbs 25c
ROAST, rib or brisket, lb 10c
PORK SAUSAGE, lb 20c
Sliced BACON, 1 lb 29c
STEAK, Loin or T-Bone lb 19c
PORK CHOPS, lb 19c

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