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THE CISCO DAILY PRESS

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BILL GIVES CITIES RATE AUTHORITY

Through the Editor's Spectacles
By GEORGE

Clarence Tune has been having a lovely time of it. Clarence has been wrestling with the mumps. Mrs. Tune told me that his jaws were swelled out so that his ears had been pushed up to the top of his head, giving him a very funny look.

The mumps may be funny to the folks that don't have them, but they are anything but funny for them that does. For the victims they are extremely aggravating.

Every once in so often our attention is called to the magnitude of the tourist industry. Several years ago it was said to have been conservatively figured that tourists in the United States spent a matter of three billions of dollars a year. This sum of money was not spread evenly over the country, of course, but the most of it was spent at attractive places and along main-travelled routes.

The suggestion of Lieut. Gov. Woodul here last Saturday that Texas should invest a million dollars a year in advertising its resources and opportunities, recalls these facts. Mr. Woodul and others supporting the program believe that the increase in tourist traffic into Texas will more than pay the cost of the advertising in larger gasoline tax revenues.

The experience of other sections which have used advertising generously and effectively to draw attention to themselves proves this point. New England, for instance, is spending \$400,000 a year advertising its tourist attractions and the gross income of this section from tourist trade as a result is \$500,000,000 a year. This, you will admit, is quite a nice return on the investment. I imagine it would be hard to dissuade the New Englanders from their advertising. And the Yankees are said to have passion for economy.

TRYOUTS FOR HS DEBATERS ON TOMORROW

5 Boy, 3 Girl Teams to Try For Chance Against Breck

Tryouts to decide two boy teams and one girl team will begin tomorrow morning at 7:50 it was learned today. The teams picked will represent Cisco high school against the Breckenridge debaters when the two schools meet Wednesday night at 7 o'clock at the Cisco high school.


At a special meeting held this morning the group of local debaters drew and found what team they will meet in the first round of the tryouts tomorrow.

Already five boy and two girl teams have entered to try for a chance to meet the Breck debaters and all the contests will be debated tomorrow.

The matches Wednesday night are for the purpose of giving the competitors useful practice for the county meet.

Saturday the Ciscoans will participate in the Cross Plains invitation tournament. Each town is allowed to enter only one team from the girl and boy division for this meet.

Washington's Birthday
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G. Washington

MISSISSIPPI WATERS 'PILE UP' IN SOUTH

Many More Louisiana and Mississippi People Flee

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 22 (AP)—Muddy Mississippi waters continued to "pile up" in the vicinity of Vicksburg today as the lower valley waited to empty the flood into the gulf. Tributary backwaters drove additional hundreds of Louisianians and Mississippians from their homes. Rains aggravated the spread of backwaters from the Red, Old, Atchafalaya, Black, Yazoo, Coldwater and Tallahatchie rivers.

Would Abolish 11th Court

AUSTIN, Feb. 22 (AP)—Representative Penrose Metcalfe of San Angelo offered today a constitutional amendment to abolish the eleventh court of civil appeals and increase the supreme court membership from three to nine.

Representative Sam Hanna of Dallas headed 43 house members in introducing a bill today to abolish the liquor control board.

The bill would place enforcement in the hands of local officials and provide issuance of permits by the comptroller.

WOULD LIMIT PROFITS TO 8 PER CENT

Measure Is Passed by House of Representatives

AUSTIN, Feb. 22 (AP)—The house passed a bill today giving all incorporated cities the right to regulate public utilities, including telephone companies.

The bill provided the rate return allowed utilities would not exceed eight per cent.

The house declined to suspend the regular order and ratify the child labor amendment to the federal constitution. Representative Ross Hardin of Prairie Hill introduced a resolution declaring the house wanted a genuinely liberal old age assistance act and would pass a revenue bill for no other purpose.

Flag Program Honors Washington Birthday

The 205th birthday of George Washington was celebrated in Cisco this afternoon with a demonstration of the use of the American flag on all occasions. The ceremonies were to begin at 3 o'clock at the grammar school.

Bohannon Offers to Become Human "Guinea Pig" Says

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 22 (AP)—Paul Colvert, board of affairs member, said today that Julius Bohannon, former Texas convict and leader of the bloody prison break at McAlester last May, had offered to become a "human guinea pig."

He quoted Bohannon as saying he would submit to any experiment. Bohannon is under two life sentences.

Fiercest Fights of Months Rage in Spanish War

BULLETIN

MADRID, Feb. 22 (AP)—Commanders reported government militia had regained control of the vital Madrid-Valencia highway after fierce fighting in the Jarama sector.

Packing Prickly Pear Kills It, Says Ranchman

BAIRD, Feb. 22—When killing prickly pear on pasture land, stack the piles of cut pear compactly to insure certain destruction of the cacti, advises R. D. Williams, Putnam ranchman.

Williams has proved that prickly pear can be eradicated at one operation by completing the job at the right season and by proper piling, and claims that he got a 100 per cent kill on 400 acres which he worked.

When labor was cheaper than at present, Williams let a contract with Mexican workmen to clear his land for 40 cents per acre. He stressed that prickly pear should be cut and piled in compact piles during May and June when water and heat are abundant in the plants and on the land, and emphasized that the most important thing to do was to pack the piles compactly.

Packed Cacti Dies

"The size has little to do with the effectiveness," he pointed out, naming another Putnam ranchman who piled pears loosely. The loose cacti lived instead of taking diseases and dying.

Pears, when piled in compact form, develop a fungus disease that destroys the entire stack. Any diseased pear that touches another gives it the disease, too, thus causing a decay of the whole pile.

J. F. Dyer, Baird ranchman, also stated that May and June are preferable months for killing prickly pear, said he eradicated a heavy infestation on his ranch at a cost of about \$1 per acre.

Ace Hickman, another Baird ranchman, has had a similar experience with pears, and urges the piling of stacks compactly.

Mesquite Killed

Williams has eradicated mesquite on his ranch by application of kerosene, and says that a better kill is obtained if the oil is put on in May when sap is flowing freely. Old trees with rough bark were killed 100 per cent, said Williams, but young mesquites with slick bark have been harder to destroy.

Williams used only an atomizer type spray gun, although pressure spraying is recommended. Dyer painted kerosene on trees on his ranch, and also used crude oil, direct from wells. The latter showed a better kill than kerosene.

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Senate Group OKs Bill to Retire Justices at 70

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—The senate judiciary committee voted today to report out the Summers bill providing voluntary retirement for supreme court justices at the age of 70.

The group fixed March 9 to start hearings on the president's broader court reorganization program.

The retirement bill was reported out without a change after several amendments were rejected.

Shortly before the committee action it was announced that Roosevelt conferred with eleven farm leaders endeavoring to win their support on the court proposals.

Specimens of five hundred plant varieties were collected in the Bastrop (Tex.) state park by CCC enrollees working under supervision of federal wildlife technicians.

Abilene Man Is New President of Oil and Gas Ass'n

BRECKENRIDGE, Feb. 22.—J. C. Hunter of the firm of Grisham and Hunter, Abilene, Saturday night was named president of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas association for 1937.

Art Frazier of Abilene and Ralph A. Fleming of Albany were named first and second vice presidents, respectively. Secretary-treasurer for the association will be chosen later by the president.

The retiring officers are: Paul W. Pitzer of Pitzer & West, president; Ellis A. Hall and Dillard Henson, first and second vice presidents. G. R. Whitney will continue to serve as secretary-treasurer until a successor is named.

New directors included Drew Beams, C. M. Caldwell, Geo. Callahan, N. G. Cheney, M. E. Daniel, James B. Dunigan, E. A. Ungren, Paul Deats, Lee C. Heltzel, Louis Green, W. D. Gulley, C. W. Hoffman, J. C. Hunter, Charlie Kleiner, W. L. Knight, George Lamb, E. T. Merry, L. A. Warren, E. W. Moutray, W. F. Nelson, Karl F. Page, H. L. Pinkerton, R. L. Ponsler, A. H. Rhodes, W. J. Rhodes, Jack E. Robert, J. D. Sandefer, Jr., John W. Sedwick, E. C. Stovall, W. E. Tyler, W. W. Wallace, John Ward, Joe Weaver, C. K. West, Bob Windfehr, Marshall Young, P. W. Pitzer, Ellis A. Hall, Dillard Henson, Joe Clark, A. V. Jones, J. A. Bearman, Lee Heltzel, R. M. Wagstaff, Malcolm M. Meek, J. H. Reynolds and H. O. Wooten.

Many members of the state house of representatives and senate were among the 350 guests present at the fifth annual banquet of the association.

Lieutenant Governor Woodul will be the principal speaker. Other

Extension School Being Taught Here

An extension school from Howard Payne college meets each Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at the grammar school here with A. F. Fielder as instructor in the two courses taught, it was announced today. Advanced English and advanced sociology are taught. These courses will allow six hours on degrees from the college, it was explained.

Fire Sunday Burns Garage and Contents

The garage at the home of Leon Cagle, 104 West Eleventh street, was destroyed by fire about 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The building and its contents, including several hundred dollars worth of auto accessories, was completely destroyed. The building was insured but the contents were not, it was learned.

The cause of the fire was not determined. Fire Marshal O. Gustafson said today.

Two Trustees Escape Harlem Prison Farm

HUNTSVILLE, Feb. 22 (AP)—Officials announced today that Jerry Doyle, 20, of Bowie and Henry Boyd, 21, of New Castle, had escaped the Harlem prison farm near Richmond Saturday. Both were trustees.

Woman Is Beaten Senseless at Club

FORT WORTH, Feb. 22 (AP)—Miss Florence Roberts, 19, was beaten and stomped into unconsciousness at a night club today, allegedly the victim of several jealous women.

Police arrested 20 women and 10 men and all were released but 19.


3 Negro Children Burned to Death

CORSICANA, Feb. 22 (AP)—Three negro children were burned to death when fire destroyed their home near Malakoff at midnight. Passersby rescued their parents.

Weather

EAST TEXAS
—Partly cloudy and slightly warmer in the southeast tonight; slightly colder in the northwest Tuesday.

WEST TEXAS
—Warmer in the Rio Grande valley tonight; somewhat colder in the north Tuesday.



Ranger Bank Made County Depository

EASTLAND, Feb. 22 (Spc)—The Commercial State bank of Ranger has been accepted as depository of county school funds and county funds for the 1937-1938 period, Judge W. S. Adamson announced Saturday.

The Ranger bank's bid to act as the depository was accepted by Judge Adamson and other members of the commissioners court—H. V. Davenport of Ranger, N. C. Cravley of Gorman, S. N. Sneareley of Rising Star and Arch Birt of Cisco.

It has been the county depository continuously since 1932.

East Ward Students Give Program Today

High school students were entertained this morning at the assembly period by a group of youngsters from the east ward school.

The program included a piano solo, a tap dance, a song, and a short play by several of the East Ward pupils.

Death for Rebel Ethiopians Ordered

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 22 (AP)—Premier Mussolini ordered colonial officers today to have firing squads execute Ethiopians connected with the attempted assassination of Viceroy Rodolfo Graziani.

The instructions decreed death for chiefs continuing their opposition to the Italian government officials and said the reprisals would be "extensive and summary."

Dry Forces to Meet at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday

United Dry Forces of Cisco will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Nazarene church in regular session, it was announced. All interest in prohibition are invited to attend.

BABY BURIED HERE

Donald Boyd, week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boyd of Rule, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd, died at a hospital in Stamford, Sunday, was brought here this morning. Funeral was held from Boyd home on Seventh street, Rev. Bowen, presiding elder of Stamford, accompanied Mr. Boyd here and conducted funeral.

STILL HAS TWO ARMS

Ansel Tagle, formerly of Cisco and now living at Corpus Christi, arrived Saturday for a visit with friends here. Ansel said a number have told him it was reported he had lost one of his arms. He requested the Daily Press to say this is a mistake, that he still has two perfectly good arms, and can still play a fair game of golf.

Lobo Band to Play at Breck Hi School

The Cisco Lobo band will play a courtesy concert at the Breckenridge high school auditorium Wednesday at noon, it was announced today by Bandmaster R. L. Maddox. The Buckaroo band will return the concert at Cisco soon.

The band director warned today that all members who expect to play in Breckenridge must be at band practice tonight at 7 o'clock.

TOO MANY CLOTHES

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 22 (AP)—Paul Whiteman, orchestra leader, reported to police Saturday that thieves broke into his motor car Friday night and made off with clothing valued at \$3,500.

Cleon Cogswell of Big Spring was in Cisco, Sunday.

Increase in Deficit of State Reported

AUSTIN, Feb. 22—An increase in the general fund deficit to \$14,019,783 was reported Saturday by Treasurer Charley Lockhart in calling for payment of \$464,456 in warrants, including No. 192,494, issued Aug. 16, 1936. The deficit Feb. 5 was \$13,156,395.

A deficit of \$5,014,467 was reported in the Confederate pension fund, for which warrants issued through February, 1936, were called for purchase if not discounted through February, 1935, regardless of discount.

Free Fishing in Red River Is Proposed

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 22 (AP)—William Coe, Oklahoma county representative, indicated today that opening of the Red river to free fishing would finally solve the present controversy between Oklahoma and Texas.

Coe said that a group of Texas officials would arrive tomorrow to discuss fishing rights with a house and senate committee.

Mrs. W. A. Harder and Miss Susie Haynes visited friends in Strawn Saturday.

Growing of Soybeans in This Part of State Advocated by Land Owner

RISING STAR, Feb. 22.—H. F. Massman, owner of a fine farm on Sabanno creek seven miles northeast of Rising Star, but who has been making his home in California for the past several years, in a letter to Frank Robertson of this city suggests the growing of soy-beans as a money crop in this section. We write: Orange, Calif., Feb. 8, 1937.

Mr. Frank Robertson, Rising Star, Texas, Dear Sir and Friend:

It is evident that our section of country is doomed, as to profitable growing of cotton. I believe the boll weevil and cotton flea prove it.

You may remember that I have

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

O Lord my God, in Thee do I put my trust. They that love Thy name shall in Three. And they shall seek peace.—Ps. vii. 1; Eph. vi. 25.

Trustingly, trustingly, Jesus to Thee, Come I, Lord, lovingly, Come Thou to me! Thus shall I lovingly, Thus shall I joyfully, Walk home with Thee.—Bonar.

When thou art come to that pass that thou canst with pleasure and joy endure adversity for Christ's sake, thank thyself happy, for thou hast found Heaven here on earth.—Thomas A. Kempis.

The "Child Labor" Amendment

THOSE citizens who are favorable to or unconcerned about the proposed child labor amendment to the constitution of the United

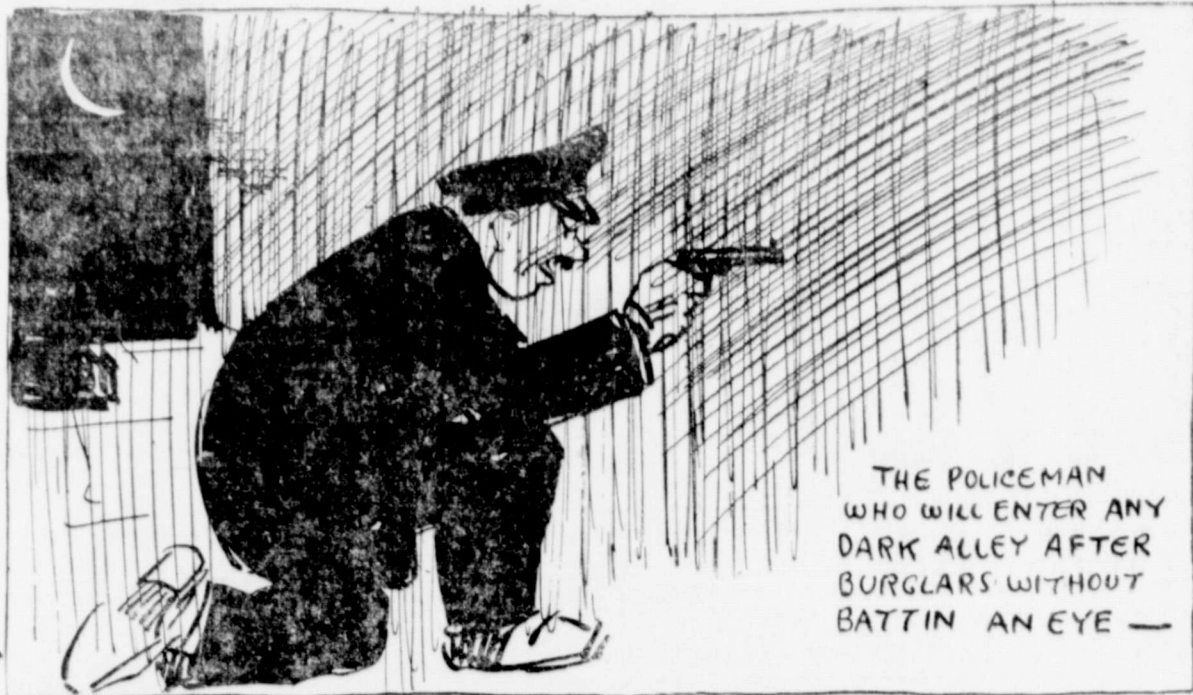
States—an amendment whose ratification is again urged upon the Texas legislature after reported refusals of preceding legislatures to ratify—ought to read the wording of that amendment. Here it is:

"The congress shall have the power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age."

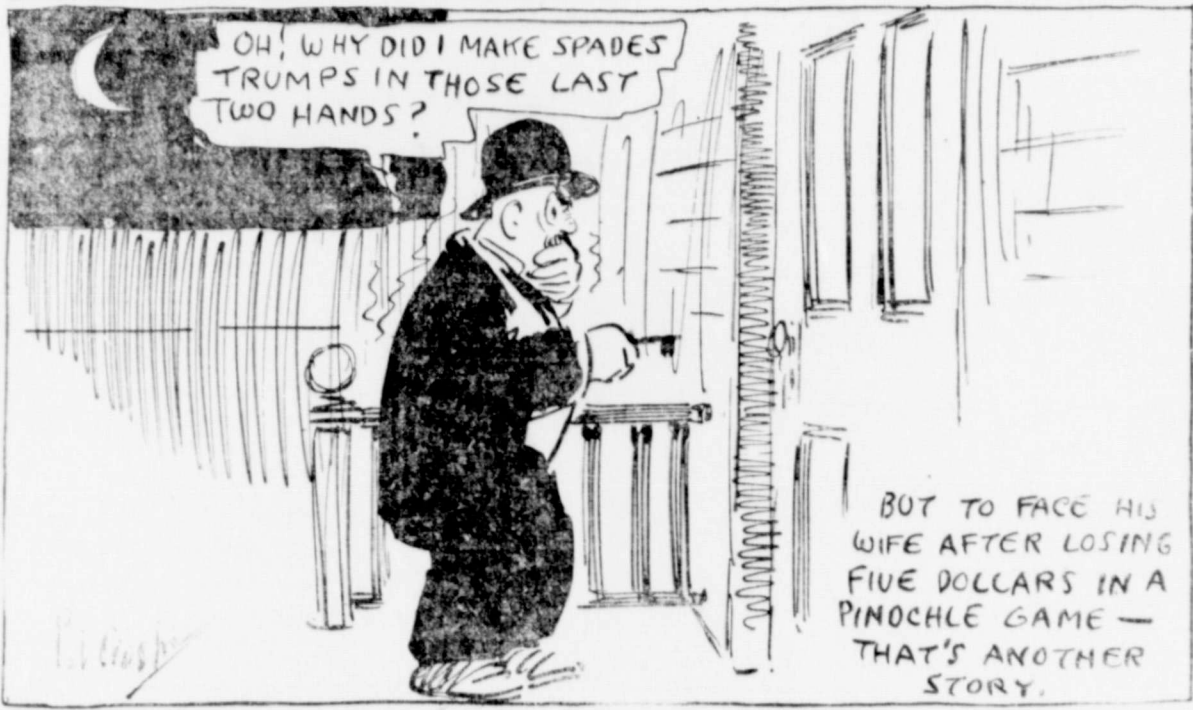
It requires no particular acuteness of mind, no strength of imagination to realize what a future congress could do with the authority of that amendment. Once in the constitution of the United States the power it confers could not be abrogated by any court. It will have become the mandate of the people, the express endowment of their will upon a legislative body, and all on earth a federal court could do would be to determine whether or not the laws enacted by the congress were within the purview of the amendment. And one can readily see that the powers conferred by the proposed amendment are sufficiently broad to enable congress to go into the homes and tell parents what they may do and may not do with their children, into the schools and elsewhere with the same authority. It makes no difference what Madame Perkins may declare to be the intentions of the administration to do with the authority so conferred. Neither she nor anybody else can say what a future congress or administration will do with the powers. If the purpose of the amendment is to prevent child labor in sweatshops, the authority conferred should be limited.

FORTY-SEVEN of the 48 states have laws prohibiting child labor in factories. A federal measure prohibiting interstate commerce goods produced in violation of such laws would be a sufficient curb. Our American trouble seems to be that we have too many reformers.

It Makes All the Difference in the World.



THE POLICEMAN WHO WILL ENTER ANY DARK ALLEY AFTER BURGLARS WITHOUT BATTIN AN EYE —



OH, WHY DID I MAKE SPADES TRUMPS IN THOSE LAST TWO HANDS?

BUT TO FACE HIS WIFE AFTER LOSING FIVE DOLLARS IN A PINOCHLE GAME — THAT'S ANOTHER STORY.

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

Better Water—Than Seeds

By IRVIN S. COBB A SMALL negro boy went to a physician in Natchez to be treated for a painful sensation in one of his ears. The doctor examined and found the ear full of water.



"How did this happen," he asked after he drained the ear—"been going in swimming?" "Naw suh," said the little darkey. "Well, my little man," replied the doctor in a jovial way, "you better go home and tell your mother you have a bad case of 'water on the ear'."

A Washington Daybook

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Senator Barkley of Kentucky and Bulky of Ohio, scooped the president's nation-wide power authority program by shoving ahead a bill to stress flood control and minimize power.

Senator Norris of Nebraska, to whom the power industry and business skulduggery are almost synonymous terms, went to the White House a few days ago to talk power with the president. Sweeney of Breckenridge in the old Curry pool from which production has been obtained over 10 years ago in the Caddo lime at 3,400 feet. The new test, No. 12 G. P. Jones, seeking the Ellenberg at 4,200, is southwest of Breckenridge, 960 feet from the south and west of the northwest quarter, section 33, T&PRR survey, block 8.

Work was scheduled to have started in an adjoining county, Palo Pinto, according to Railroad Commission records at Eastland, by Hickok Producing & Development Co. on No. 3 Guy U. Robinson and J. D. Collett, section 68, T&PRR survey, five miles northwest of Strawn. The well, to be drilled to 1,600 feet, is 1,737 feet north of south section line and 987 feet from the west line and 620 feet southeast of the No. 1 location. The No. 2, north of No. 1, was a water well.

Suit to Collect Insurance Is Filed

EASTLAND, Feb. 22. (Sp.)—Winnie Tichenor has filed in 88th district court a suit for collection of \$1,000 insurance from Maryland Casualty company on Nov. 12, 1936, death of Henry Langford Mobley, whom she claimed named her as the beneficiary in a policy.

Red Rider

There is an interesting sidelight on the "red rider," now in process of repeal or sharp modification. The red rider prohibited teaching of communism in the District of Columbia. Before a teacher could receive pay, he had to sign a slip saying that during the month covered by his pay check he had not taught communism.

All that rignarole affecting hundreds of teachers gummed up the works in the District disbursing office. To get around it, the red rider slips were circulated among the teachers early each

Political Announcements

The Cisco Daily Press has been authorized to announce the following as candidates for the offices under which their names appear, subject to the action of the electors of Cisco in general election April 6, 1937.

For Mayor: J. T. BERRY (Re-election) For City Commissioners: (Two to Be Elected) H. A. BIBLE (Re-election) W. J. FOXWORTH (Re-election)

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Cisco Daily Press and Rural Edition Every Day Except Saturday. All classified advertising received before 2:30 p. m. will appear in the evening Press of that date unless otherwise ordered.

Minimum charge 25 cents. Three insertions will be allowed for the price of two. Insertions must be consecutive.

WANTED—Laundry work by first class laundress. Mary Coleman, rear of Depot Cafe. 162-1f

FOR RENT—Modern six-room house on paved street, one block from high school. Cisco Mortgage and Loan Company. 69-6tc.

WANTED—To buy used piano, must be cheap for cash. E. E. Ray, Eastland. 167-3tp.

FOR SALE—25-35 Rumley tractor. Good condition. Box X Daily Press. 167-3t

\$1000 Offered For Student Essays on Advertising

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—"How Advertising Benefits the Consumer" is the title of a \$1,000 prize essay competition for high school and college students announced today by Advertising Age, national advertising newspaper.

The purpose of the contest is to foster more intelligent thought among students on the functions and value of advertising in the social and economic life of the American people, and to induce them to discover for themselves the many ways in which newspaper and other advertising benefits those who buy as well as those who sell.

The contest is divided into two classes, one for high school students, and the other for college undergraduates. Identical prizes are given in each group, and consist of first prizes of \$250, second prizes of \$100, third prizes of \$50, and ten honorable mentions

Today's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1. Hard tough wood 2. Starvelled 3. Short for n. Brazilian city 3. Sea-weeds 4. Salt 5. Recompense 17. Imperfect paper 19. Knave or 20. Cloth or 21. Civil injury 22. To a higher point 23. Ovine animal 24. Minute particle name 30. Feminine name 31. Pronoun 32. Vary 33. Mystical Hindu ejaculation: 34. Arifant 35. Roman tyrant 37. Outbuilding 38. Swedish coin 39. Implement 41. Article 42. Instituted legal proceedings 43. Last 44. Corrode 45. Disease 46. Peculiarly 47. Unity 48. Wear away 49. Denoting the maiden name 55. Tablet 56. Postpone 57. Aeriform fluid

Solution of Saturday's Puzzle I T I C H L A T H A F A R N O R A P E L E E W A R E C R I M S O N A S I N I N E H E N P U T S I T I N O D G R I T D E T E C T C L E A N S E R A R R E S T R E D Y E L E F T R O D E S A D D Y T A M A L E S T I A B U D S S O M E A R M O R S M E A R S E D I T I O N S F R I E N D R I O T I A T A Y S T R E W O N T R A E R N S E D I L E B E D E W A G S D Y A D I D E A

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ESCAPE IF YOU CAN

BY FREDERICK JACKSON

SYNOPSIS: Count Vronski, who was blackmailing Anne Phelps with love letters, is shot dead in Anne's studio. Bigelow, the American from Paris, finds Anne and persuades her to escape with him. They start at the party, then Bigelow and Dr. Austrelitz, the psychologist, move it to Vronski's rooms. Police arrest Thorne Dryden, a wealthy chap who hated Vronski, and his wife, Lorna, then Bigelow and Anne seek help at Topsy Kane's big vacant house in Westchester. Bigelow has to climb the wall to get in.

Chapter 22
Penetrating Lorna's Hideout

Topsy was dressed in tweed slippers, woolen stockings and stout boots; a leather jacket that had a slide fastener in front was strained to span her ample hips; a canary colored scarf was knotted at her throat and she had on gilded woolen gloves. She looked enormous in her strange apparel—a truly awesome sight. But if Bigelow was astonished when he recognized her, Topsy was speechless as she recognized him.

"Oh," said Bigelow dismally, "I hope I didn't startle you. I rang the bell ever so many times, but nothing happened."

"It doesn't ring," growled Topsy. "Where in God's name did you come from, anyway, and what brings you here?"

"I came with Anne. She's waiting outside the gates in the car."

"But how did you get in?"

"Climbed the wall." He smiled at her pleasantly.

"But why, for God's sake?"

"Anne will tell you all about it if you'll let me have the key. I'll go and unlock the gates and she can drive in."

"Oh, can she?" repeated Topsy grimly. "You're most polite but I am sure quite plainly I have no choice in the matter, now that you know I am here. Laugh if you like, I've seen myself in the glass, and I know how I look. But I had this very practical costume or bringing in wood for the fire and other necessary chores. It belonged to the recent owner—Mr. Cornelius Hewitt—who, by the grace of God, bulged in all the right places. Right for me, I mean, of course. . . . Just a minute and I'll go out with you and speak to Anne. You've got to know how to handle that gate."

She crossed to the table, opened a drawer and after fishing about for a moment, found the key.

"Come along," she said, closing the door carefully behind her. They crunched along the driveway side by side. Topsy was silent, brooding, deep in thought, and Bigelow did not interrupt her meditations. Anne saw them through the gate and called and waved excitedly.

"How in the name of God," asked Topsy, "did you get the idea of looking for me, here? I've never stayed here before in my life and with ordinary luck I'll never stay here again! And why were you so anxious to find me?"

"To reach Lorna," explained Anne, through the gate.

"Lorna?" repeated Topsy vaguely.

"Lorna Dryden. Isn't she here with you?" cried Anne.

"No, of course not. Whatever is that in your head? Isn't she a town?" asked Topsy curiously.

Anne stared at her in dismay. "Open the gates," she begged. "We can't go on talking like this!"

Topsy unlocked them, Bigelow opened them, and Anne drove in.

"Close them again, please," ordered Topsy. "It probably hasn't occurred to you, but I came here to be undisturbed." And she locked the gates again decisively.

"It's a Kind of Soap"

"But why, Topsy, if it wasn't to hide Lorna?" asked Anne.

"Why?" repeated Topsy vaguely. "I don't know. It was a sudden impulse. I wanted to get away by myself somewhere and think something out—and suddenly I thought of this place. . . . But why should I want to hide Lorna? What's she done?"

"Nobody knows. But she's disappeared. Is she really not here with you, Topsy? We've got to find her."

"You can search the house if you like," said Topsy.

Anne sighed. "But where else can she be? I was sure we'd find her here with you."

"No one can guess where that one might be," said Topsy. "Have you told anyone else your suspicions? Am I to expect a procession of visitors, now?"

"No," said Anne reassuringly. "We told nobody. Nobody knows where he is. So—if you'll give us a warm drink—we'll go away again and you can continue to enjoy your solitude in peace. Though why on earth you should want to stay here by yourself—?"

"Don't ask indiscreet questions," said Topsy. "When a girl who isn't married at the moment decides to seek solitude, don't ask why."

She unlocked the front door and ushered them into a vast hall.

"Better come into the kitchen," she said, looking about her. "I haven't bothered dusting here, but the kitchen is clean and warm."

They followed her into the kitchen, obediently. There was a fire going in the stove there, and the air was fragrant with the aroma of something delicious cooking.

"What is it that smells so divine?" asked Anne, going straight to the stove to sniff.

"Soup. That is—a kind of soup," explained Topsy as she began to get down glasses and pour out the drinks. "I invented it years ago in Kansas to save trouble when I had to cook for myself. You put everything in—meat, vegetables, everything—and have them all together."

"It sounds marvelous," said Bigelow, mischievously. "We'd stay to luncheon, if we were urged. There seems to be plenty."

"I don't think you'd like it," responded Topsy discouragingly.

"I'm sure we would," Anne assured her.

Topsy turned to look at them witheringly. And at that instant the door opened and a girl came in—a very pretty dark girl in a mink coat.

Topsy Lamented Her Lot
Bigelow turned in astonishment

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to stare as the girl advanced rather uncertainly. Anne cried, "Lorna!" and went to meet her and they kissed. Meanwhile, Topsy was crying out wrathfully:

"Well, I'm a so and so! You make me swear myself red in the face that you're not here and I know nothing whatever about you, and then walk in quite calmly and make a liar out of me!"

"Sorry, darling," cried Lorna penitently, advancing to perch on the edge of the kitchen table. "Naturally, I didn't mean for you to lie to Anne! I'd no idea she'd come looking for me. But when the banging came at the door and you peeped out between the slats, you said all you could see was a strange young man." Her eyes flashed to Bigelow.

"Mr. Bigelow—Mrs. Dryden," said Topsy with a wave of the big wooden spoon. "I didn't recognize you through the slit in the shutter—that's all I meant when I called you strange!"

"I hope so," murmured Bigelow, smiling.

"So of course I said 'Say I'm not here!'" added Lorna, after nodding at Bigelow to acknowledge the introduction. "Give me a cigarette."

Anne held out her case, and Topsy continued pouring and serving the drinks. As Bigelow struck a match, Topsy went on grumblingly, "I may be wrong, but it seems to me other people's friends aren't always letting them in for things! This is the first time she's deigned to get out of bed since we arrived here! I've had to carry her meals up to her. She finds the house cold—which is only to be expected when you stop to think it's been shut up for years. But she would come here! I'd never have dreamed of it! And she wouldn't wear Cornelius's clothes. Betty, I assure you, didn't leave anything of hers behind her."

"Now Topsy—" put in Lorna, grinning. But Topsy was not to be so easily silenced.

"And mind you, I foresaw all this. I'm not an idiot! I tried to reason with her before we left town, but no—we mustn't stop to pack anything! I did manage to throw in a hot-water bottle, thank God, and this liquor! And by a

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miracle, my cook had just ordered in a supply of food stuffs so we just dumped the lot into the back of the car. Otherwise, I suppose we'd have starved. Do I or don't I have the damndest friends?"

"Do stop raving, there's a dear," drawled Lorna. "Anne and I have got really important things to say to each other."

Topsy snorted and, having distributed the drinks, sat down and lighted a cigarette.

"Now," said Lorna, turning to Anne and crossing her legs to be more comfortable. As the mink coat parted, Bigelow observed that she was wearing a flame colored evening-wrap and slippers to match. She was a pretty little thing, with dark eyes that had a way of opening wide, a three-cornered mouth that never quite closed, and distracting dimples. Her nails were the same shade as her lip rouge and her frock.

"Tell me," she breathed, "how you came to think of looking here for me? I thought no one would ever dream of this place! I suppose you missed Topsy—?"

"Yes," nodded Anne, "and Madge said she'd gone to Kansas and I knew nothing would ever

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persuade her to go back there."

"Nothing," declared Topsy grimly, and with finality.

"But you don't think anyone else will think of looking here, do you?" asked Lorna. "Because if you do, we can't stay here, and I don't know where else I can go."
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Lorna tells why she is in hiding, tomorrow.

Tobacco Specialist E. Y. Floyd of North Carolina State college says a hundred square yards of bed, or a bed 10 yards long and 10 yards wide, will produce from 10,000 to 15,000 seedling tobacco plants.

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RANGER, Feb. 22 (Spc)—Word was received in Ranger Saturday that the 15 per cent penalty for a bad fire record would be continued on Ranger fire insurance premiums, it was announced by C. E. May, insurance agent.

"For the past two years Ranger has had an exceptionally good fire loss record," it was pointed out by May, "but the fire penalties and credits are now based on a five-year period. The new year for fire insurance penalties and

credits begins on March 1. May explained that it was the bad record of three years ago that was keeping the penalty on the Ranger insurance premiums.

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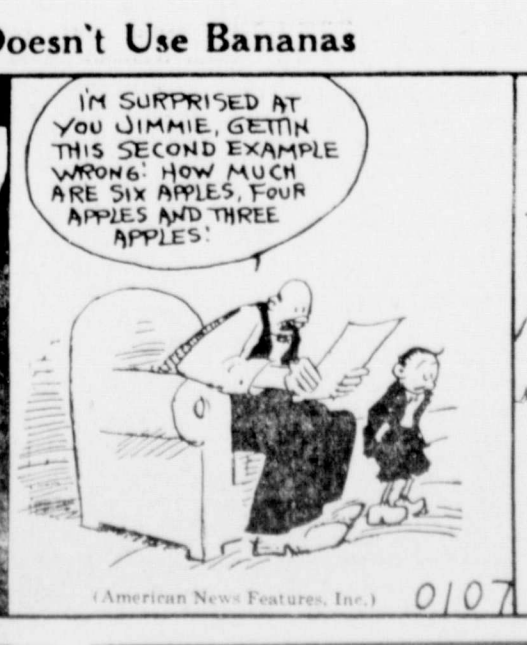
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Abilene Man--

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addresses were made by C. V. Terrell, chairman of the railroad commission, Senator Clint Small of Amarillo and Joe S. Bridwell.

Bridwell, Wichita Falls independent oil operator, in an unexpected statement, attacked the state old age pension program.

He struck at plans to assess increased gross production taxes against the State's oil industry and denied the need of an old age pension program in the state. Bridwell asserted the agitation for such a program was more of a political situation than a reality, and that in its present lack of discrimination between the needy and those who did not need the payment served only as an excuse to levy more taxes against the already over-burdened oil industry.

Senator Frank S. Rawlings of Fort Worth was a guest at the banquet. A party from Austin headed by Railroad Commissioner Thompson, was forced down at Waco by the dust storm and returned to Austin.

Notice was served on legislators present from the west central division by J. D. Sandefor Jr., toastmaster, that further burdening of the industry with taxes would be retaliated at the next election.

CISCO MEN DIRECTORS OF O. AND G. ASS'N.

Cisco members of the board of directors of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas association elected at the annual meeting of the organization at Breckenridge Saturday night, are Chas. J. Kleiner, J. H. Reynolds, J. A. Bearman, R. L. Ponsler, L. A. Warren, W. W. Wallace and Lee Heitzel.

These, with the exception of R. Reynolds who is in south Texas, were present at the meeting. Frank Bond of Cisco was also present.

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The Notebook

Tuesday

The Methodist W. M. S. will meet at the church at 3 p. m. for Bible study. Mrs. J. T. Fields will be leader.

Group Three of the Women's council of the First Christian church will meet at 1 p. m. with Mrs. M. R. Groce, 1200 F Ave.

The Women's auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church will meet at the church at 3 p. m. Mrs. J. E. Caffrey, secretary of foreign missions, will conduct the program.

Circles of Baptist W. M. S. will meet at 3 p. m. as follows: Circle One, Mrs. O. L. Mason, East 10th street.

Circle Two, Mrs. Otis Skiles, 808 West 9th street.

Circle Three, Mrs. Adrian Swindle, 1504 E avenue.

Circle Four, Mrs. Paul Poe, 902 Front street.

Circle Five, Mrs. H. J. McArdle, Humboldt.

Circle Six, Mrs. C. S. Surles, 904 West 6th street.

Groups One and Two of the Women's council of the First Christian church will have a joint social meeting at the church at 3 p. m.

Wednesday

The Cecilia Singers will meet at the First Methodist church at 4:45 p. m.

The G. A. will meet at the church at 4 p. m.

Thursday

The Friendly Twelve Forty-Two club will meet with Mrs. C. E. Moore 906 West 6th street, at 7:30 p. m.

Friday

The Twentieth Century club will have a fine arts program at the First Baptist church Friday, Feb. 26 at 3 p. m. A book review by Mrs. C. C. Deaton of Wichita Falls, will be an added feature. The public is cordially invited.

Saturday

The Junior Choristers will meet at the First Methodist church at 10:30 a. m.

McMurray-Van Horn Nuptials Saturday

Mrs. Gladys Hughes McMurray and Mr. Charles Van Horn were married Saturday afternoon in Eastland with the Rev. Carlidge, pastor of the First Baptist church, performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. George Loudermilk, George Van Horn and Sidney Muller were present for the wedding. They will make their home in Cisco for the present.

Personals

Mrs. J. W. Mancill is visiting her daughter, Miss Maurine Mancill in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will St. John left this morning for a visit in Tullia.

John Q. Clark is spending the week-end in Austin with Mr. and Mrs. J. Hollis Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Jack LaRue.

Miss Eula Denman and Quincey Lee of Austin are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee. They will return home Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Pearce of Baird was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lucile Gragg over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace M. Condeley has as guests over the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Chappel Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kazee, of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Erwin, of Sabanno, were guests of their daughter, Miss Lorena Erwin, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Yancey McCrea spent today in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Berry and son Charles and daughter, Miss Helen Clair, of San Angelo were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harrell and Mrs. W. L. Harrell.

Miss Lurline Poe and room mate, Miss Jean Strickland of Big Spring, who have been visiting

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Poe left today for Brownwood where they are students at Howard Payne college.

Mr. and Mrs. Ikey Parma have returned from a visit in Ennis and Dallas.

Mrs. William Reagan left this morning on the Sunshine for Dallas to visit her son, Frank Vernon and Mrs. Vernon for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ferguson have returned from a visit in Haskell and Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. McCharren have returned from a visit in Comanche.

Miss Bessie Rae Coates returned to Brownwood today where she attends Howard Payne college after a week-end visit with her parents.

CLUB TO MEET

The recently organized Band Parents club will meet at the high school tonight at 7:35 it was announced this afternoon. Very important business will be taken up and all parents of the band members were urged to be there.

Packing--

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According to County Agent Ross B. Jenkins, best results are obtained when kerosene is applied with pressure of 200 to 300 pounds. This can be obtained from a barrel spray, or from mechanical power sprays such as is used by J. Frank Browning of Baird in spraying his apple orchard.

Agent Jenkins has announced that he will furnish NYA boys in applying eradication methods to mesquite, the rancher furnishing kerosene and providing dinner and transportation for the boys.

A survey to determine the best voltage for electrical fences for cows showed that five volts impressed the animal's nerves, seven dried up her milk and thirteen were fatal.

Mrs. Rachel Macarthur of Edinburg, said to be Scotland's oldest woman, is 109. She underwent an appendectomy at 96 and has been in good health ever since.

For nearly thirty years William A. Forbes of Peoria, Ill., has made Indian head-dresses and costumes as a hobby.

Sunday School Attendance Yesterday

Table with 2 columns: Church Name and Attendance Statistics. Includes Methodist Church, Twelfth Street Methodist, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, and East Cisco Baptist S. S.

Soybeans--

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that they will grow and make good crops in Eastland county. Iowa farmers that spend their winters here in California tell me that they plant them there a little later than corn not too late as the frosts might catch them before matured. There would not be much danger of this in our section. These Iowa farmers tell me that it is no trick to grow them; they plant them in rows like corn and cultivate them as any other row crop. They say that they make excellent feed, and also good returns when you sell them ripe or matured. They harvest them with grain or row binder, some harvest them with a combine where raised for feed.

Whether they have a special peculiarity as to planting time, I do not know; that could be experimented on. While farming on Sabano I accidentally found that kaffir wants to be planted in latter April, having it up not later than the 10th of May, or not plant at all till about the 1st of July; it will make very poor crop if planted about the 1st of June. That is my experience with kaffir.

Now don't think that I want to dictate to you as to what to do or plant. I feel that Eastland county has too good a soil to

let lay out and blow or wash away; we used to grow prize stuff. Proposed Ross county even got third in San Antonio in 1910. Why should we not be able to grow soybeans? I feel sure that they will grow, if we only try and study about them as much as has been studied and tried as to cotton.

Soybeans make excellent feed; yes, they even have soybean bread at a bakery here in Orange, and I am sure people would rather try a piece of soybean bread, than take a dose of castor oil.

But jokes aside, get together, co-operate, get some money back to the farmers, and don't feed the boll weevil any longer. It is a well known fact that when the farmer has money, he will spend it, and business flourishes.

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