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BOARD FOR HOLDING CITY ELECTION NAMED

COUNTY GOAT AND SHEEP MEN ORGANIZE

Association Is Formed at Meeting at Eastland

Seventy-five or more sheep and goat raisers of Eastland county met at Eastland yesterday and organized an Eastland County Sheep and Goat Raisers association, with Bob Hodges of Ranger as president, Bob Henry of Rising Star as vice president and County Agent Elmo V. Cook as secretary and treasurer.

The group heard a discussion of the method of marketing wool and mohair through the Mid-West Wool Marketing association, which has established a state warehouse at Fort Worth, by W. E. Brannon, prominent Palo Pinto county producer and Texas director of the co-op.

The association, which handled around 90,000,000 pounds of wool and mohair last year, sells directly on the Boston market and remits to its members the average price paid for the wool and mohair sold. The wool and mohair are graded at the Fort Worth warehouse by expert graders and sold by grades. Cost of handling is about four cents per pound, which includes all charges, even of insurance. Members are not compelled to sell through the association, but may sell all or part of any year's crop as they wish, Mr. Brannon explained.

Average Market
"You are not riding a high market nor a low market," Mr. Brannon explained. "The association keeps selling at Boston as long as wool and mohair can be sold at a profit to the grower. When that can't be done, selling stops."

He explained that advances are made to members when their wool and mohair are graded at Fort Worth and the balance is paid at the end of the season. Freight rates to Fort Worth from the area are based on carload lots, making the rate very cheap. Growers can haul their hair to Fort Worth in trucks, if they wish, he explained, but the cheap freight rates make it unnecessary. Sacks are furnished by the association and instructions as to preparing the wool or mohair for market are provided.

Other Growers
The growers discussed lice eradication, shearing problems and the prospect of a regional sheep and goat show at Mineral Wells. They were unanimous in approval of the value of an annual sheep and goat demonstration, such as was carried out at the Terrell ranch south of Ranger last year, and requested the county agent and the newly formed association to make such a demonstration a foremost project.

Need of improving the quality of goats and sheep in the county was stressed. Northern market reports were cited showing that the quality of Texas wool and mohair has decreased the last ten years due to a grower tendency to choose coarse haired animals for the heavier weight fleece. This fact was largely responsible for starting the grading of hair, it was explained. Under the old system the buyers bought all mohair at the same price, without regard for fineness of texture, and the growers naturally turned to the coarser fleece for its greater weight. Insistence on better stock and finer hair is increasing, the growers were told. It was also pointed out that "kid hair" grows not only on young goats, but that many adult goats produce a fine grade of hair which is classed as "kid."

The association will meet quarterly, it was decided.

Mrs. L. L. Griffin, Sr., of Houston and Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Griffin, Jr., of Galveston spent the past few days in the home of Mrs. Griffin's sister, Mrs. F. E. Clark.

Holds Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the president, entertained Washington children at her annual Easter egg hunt on the White House lawn. She is shown above, admiring two-year-old Marsha Williams' basket. NEA Photo.

France and Russia Are at Parting

PARIS, March 27 (P)—Strained relations between Russia and France appeared early today to have reached the breaking point, with semi-official dispatches from Moscow stating that the soviet ambassador to France, Jakob Surits, had been "freed from his functions as soviet ambassador in France."

Cluck Tells Lions Junior College Vital

R. N. Cluck, superintendent of the Cisco public schools, was the speaker for the Lions club luncheon today noon. He told the club that unless Cisco was successful in organizing a junior college under the special statute enacted last summer, the Cisco public school system within two years would be drained of much of its enrollment and of its finances through the appeal of neighboring schools which have college facilities.

He said that the project is "up to the community." The time in which it can act to secure the progress that has already been made is short, he said. He urged that Cisco business men and citizens in general give their serious attention to what is likely to happen unless the local school program, and particularly the project for a first class junior college, is completed.

His address was received with much interest and the club pledged itself to assist in any way that it possibly can.

A musical program, featuring the Childers trio, was presented by Steve Nance. The trio is composed of Dorothy, Victor and Helton Childers, children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childers.

Droel Looney, chairman of the Lions committee which is cooperating with a Rotary committee on a joint "April Fool's" meeting, announced that Thursday, April 4, had been selected as the date for this meeting. It will take the place of both club's regular weekly luncheons.

Mrs. Alex Spears sent a request, through President A. G. Tuttle,

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SOIL DISTRICT VOTES SLATED FOR MAY 25

Landowners of County to Vote on Conservation Areas

All landowners living within Eastland county who are qualified voters under state laws will have opportunity on May 25 to vote for or against establishing soil conservation districts embracing all of Eastland county. Landowners living and owning land west of the Wichita Falls and Southern (Jake Hammond) railroad will vote "yes" or "no" to the question, "Do you want a soil conservation district established embracing all of Eastland county lying west of the W. F. & S. R. R. Comanche county, and the western half of Erath county?" This proposed district is known as the Dublin-Comanche-Eastland district.

Landowners living and owning land east of the Wichita Falls and Southern railroad will vote on a similar question concerning establishing a soil conservation district known as the Palo Pinto district and including all of Eastland county lying east of the W. F. & S. R. R.

The county soil conservation advisory committee, composed of I. S. Echols, Leslie H. Hagaman, N. C. Ramsey, and Pete M. Roach will meet with Elmo Cook, county agent, next Saturday morning to make final plans for polling places, boundaries of voting precincts, and a series of community educational meetings to explain the state soil conservation act, under the provisions of which the elections are being held on May 25.

County Agent Elmo V. Cook, who has the responsibility of supervising educational meetings on the state soil conservation act, has offered the following explanation and answers to questions concerning the proposed soil conservation districts which will include parts of Eastland county:

- Who Can Vote?**
The qualifications of a voter may be listed as follows:
1. 21 years of age.
 2. Lived in the state 12 months and in the district 6 months.
 3. Must have paid a poll tax or be exempt from such payment.
 4. Must live within the district and own land in the district. People who own farm or ranch lands and live in incorporated towns such as Eastland, Cisco, and Ranger are entitled to vote, but if they own only a town lot and no agricultural lands, they would not be entitled to vote.
 5. If either husband or wife own land, the other would have an equitable interest in the land and be entitled to vote.
- What Is a District?**
The last session of the Texas legislature passed the soil conservation act which makes legally possible the forming of soil conservation districts. If two-thirds of the voters in each proposed district on May 25 vote in favor of the district, the state soil conservation board can approve the district.

Establishing a district provides a method whereby the landowners and state and federal government could cooperate in conservation of the soil. Landowners living within the district elect supervisors from among them, who control district operations. No federal nor state agency can control the operations of the district.

Soil conservation districts have no connection with the AAA program which is now operating in the United States.

There is no provision in the law for placing any taxes on landowners for operating the program of the districts. It is possible for state and federal governments to

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Blizzard Hits Upper New York, Lower Canada



Upper New York and lower Canada are buried under the heaviest snow in years following a blizzard that marooned hundreds and brought traffic to a standstill. The storm is described as the worst to hit the east since 1888. Workmen are shown above trying to free a locomotive stalled in drifts near Montreal, Canada.

J. G. MANN IS BURIED HERE AT 2 TODAY

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Twelfth Street Methodist church for J. D. Mann, 78-year-old resident of the Harpersville community, whose death occurred at the home of a daughter, Mrs. E. B. Whisenant at Harpersville Tuesday morning. Interment in Oakwood. The Rev. G. M. Meglasson of Cisco, assisted by the Rev. Jess Cochran of Harpersville and the Rev. A. J. Morgan of Breckenridge, officiated. Neil Lane Funeral home was in charge.

Pall bearers were five grandsons, Sherill Whisenant, J. C. Whisenant, Cayton Knox, Lynn Basham and Francis Lemmert, and a grandnephew, William Strawn.

Two daughters, Mrs. Whisenant and Mrs. Finley Knox of Abilene; nine grandchildren and four grandchildren, survive. A sister, Mrs. Dora Strawn, of Breckenridge also survives.

Mr. Mann, a former school teacher and a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, had lived in and around Harpersville for twenty-five years.

Thursday Schedule Is Announced

Public activities of the Recreation for Thursday will include a scheduled program at the following places:

- Recreation center—2 to 8 p. m. Open to the public.
- East ward playground—3 to 6 p. m. General playground activities.
- City park (post office block)—3 to 6 p. m. Supervised play for children.
- Tennis court (Methodist church)—2 to 6 p. m. Open to the public.
- Smithville center (colored)—2 to 6 p. m. Open to the public.
- 10 to 10 p. m. Girls' club.

Special activities for the day will include a combined meeting of the East Side Women's and Girls' club.

Billy Haynes of John Tarleton in Stephenville spent the Easter holidays with his aunt, Miss Susan Haynes.

Weather

EAST TEXAS: Mostly cloudy, occasional light rains near the upper coast, cooler in extreme northwest portion Wednesday. Thursday partly cloudy, cooler in northeast portion. Fresh southeast winds on the coast.

WEST TEXAS: Clearing north portion, cloudy with light rain south portion Wednesday. Thursday partly cloudy. Somewhat colder in north portion Wednesday.

Funeral For Mrs. C. B. O'Brien at 2:30 Today

EASTLAND, March 27 (Sp.)—Mrs. Charlotte Belle O'Brien, 84, wife of the late Charles H. O'Brien, died Tuesday morning at Eastland.

Funeral services were to be held this afternoon at 2:30 at the First Baptist church in Eastland, with burial afterward in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

The services were to be conducted by Rev. G. W. Parks of Roscoe, Rev. A. C. Hardin of Post City, Rev. L. L. Trotter of Rotan and Rev. Jones W. Weathers of Eastland.

Mrs. O'Brien was born Charlotte Belle Rushing February 13, 1856, at Tuscaloosa, Ala. At an early age she moved to Sheridan, Grant county, Ark., with her family. In 1871, she was married to Charles H. O'Brien at Pine Bluff, Ark. The following year she and her husband came to Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien settled in the northern part of Comanche county, but later moved to the tract of land where Long Branch church and school now stand. They reared a family of 11 children within a radius of 25 miles of Long Branch.

Her husband, who died 20 years ago, fought three and one-half years under Joe Wheeler in the Confederate army. He was a courier for General Wheeler and was twice cited for bravery.

Recently the federal government presented his family with a marble marker in recognition of his military service.

Charter Baptists
Mrs. O'Brien was the daughter of a Baptist preacher, the sister of a Baptist preacher and the mother of two Baptist preachers. Her husband was a Baptist deacon.

She and her husband were charter members of one of the first Baptist churches in this section and were active in church and denominational affairs as long as their health permitted. She is survived by one brother, 10 children, 59 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

The brother is W. J. Rushing of Sheridan, Ark. The children are: J. B. O'Brien of Artesia Wells, Texas, E. N. O'Brien of Corpus Christi, J. F. O'Brien, C. A. O'Brien and N. T. O'Brien, all of Lamesa; Rev. L. R. O'Brien of Goldsmith, Texas, Rev. P. D. O'Brien of Stamford, H. V. O'Brien of Carbon, Mrs. W. B. Bennett and Mrs. C. B. Bisbee, both of Eastland. C. H. (Harl) O'Brien, Eastland county assessor-collector, is a grandson.

At Mrs. O'Brien's bedside Tuesday morning when she died were the following children: J. F. N. T. H. V. Roy, P. D. O'Brien, Mrs. Bisbee and Mrs. Bennett.

Miss Lucille Clark returned today to Abilene, where she is a student in McMurry college, after spending the holidays here.

MEETING ON FHA PLAN AT 7:30 TODAY

"The tremendous undeveloped field for small homes, long needed and wanted by families of moderate incomes, has been opened up by the Federal Housing Administration in a program to be one of the major trends of our time," according to R. E. Sikes, of the FHA in Fort Worth. "The possibilities in this field are almost unlimited," he stated, "especially with respect to the 168 west Texas counties under the jurisdiction of the Fort Worth insuring office."

A meeting of materialmen, contractors, lending agents and others directly interested in the program will be held at the chamber of commerce this evening at 7:30, when Mr. Sikes will explain the FHA plan in detail.

"For many years families with incomes of \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year have not been seriously considered as prospective buyers of homes. It has been the general belief that a family in this income group could not afford to invest in a home, even if one could be found that was attractive, well built, efficient and modern."

"The Federal Housing Administration, through the financing plan made available for the small home program, does more than enable the average family to pay for a home conveniently, by providing that the down payment, or cash equity requirement, may be as little as 5 per cent of the value of the property."

"In this small home program, it is entirely possible for families of lower incomes to build or purchase a home with a down payment as low as \$150 to \$250, and with monthly loan payments (on a \$2,000 loan for 15 years) of not over \$20 per month, which includes principal, interest, FHA premium, 1-12 of annual taxes and hazard insurance premium."

The following questions and answers will explain in greater detail the principal provisions of the Federal Housing Administration's new plan of financing available for low priced homes, Mr. Sikes explained:

1. Who can borrow under this plan? Any responsible person with a steady income and a good credit record.

2. To whom is application made? To any lending institution approved by the Federal Housing Administration to make small home loans. The FHA office in Fort Worth will supply names of approved lending agencies if financing is not available locally. Lumber companies, builders and architects often help in arranging necessary financing.

3. What kind of property may be financed? Any single family, one-story detached residential

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CABANESS TO BE JUDGE OF VOTE TUESDAY

City Paving Project Approved With Some Exceptions

Haywood Cabaness 1 a s t night was named judge of the city general election next Tuesday in which Cisco voters will choose three commissioners for terms of two years out of a field of six candidates. The city commission named W. R. Huestis as assistant judge and the following as clerks: F. E. Shockley, C. M. Nichols, Mart Agnew, Mrs. Fannie Kimball, Mrs. J. S. Mobley, Lee Mahoney, Odie Kean, G. M. Meglasson and M. H. French.

The commission declared April 2, the date for the election, as a holiday for all city employees except in emergency cases.

Candidates for the places on the city commission which become vacant with expiration of the terms of Commr's J. R. Burnett, H. C. Henderson and W. R. Winston, are the retiring commissioners, and Charles J. Kleiner, Edward Lee and A. V. Clark.

Mayor J. T. Berry reported that the application of the city for relaying the pavement on South D avenue under the blanket WPA project had been returned with the notice that authorization for the program would be issued conditional upon three exceptions which are required to be answered before the end of the first payroll month after operations are started.

Approval of the public roads administration is necessary, the exceptions stated, because a state highway is routed over South D avenue. Evidence that equipment capable of producing a satisfactory base material is also required, and revision of plans for construction of driveway entrances is required if these driveways are original construction.

The information clearing up these exceptions to the satisfaction of the regional office of the WPA will be forwarded immediately, it was announced.

Spacing Rule Hearing at Abilene Tuesday

A hearing on special field rules to apply to drilling operations in the west-central Texas district will be held at the Hilton hotel at Abilene at 10 a. m. Tuesday, April 2.

The hearing was called at the request of the West-Central Texas Oil and Gas association, which made the following statement:

"This hearing was requested by this association with the idea of securing some relief for the operators who are now required to go through considerable red tape and to considerable extra expense in securing permits to drill or spacing patterns of less than 20 acres and on footage measure-

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Mrs. I. Moldave Dies Tuesday

Mrs. I. Moldave, 36, died at a Dallas hospital Tuesday at noon following a recent major operation. Mr. and Mrs. Moldave and their two children, Evelyn and Sammy, are former Ciscoans.

Besides her husband and children, Mrs. Moldave is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ella Dow of Houston, four brothers, Dave Wolf of Eastland, I. Wolf of San Antonio; Morris Wolf and James Wolf of Dallas; one sister, Mrs. Solomon Borne of Dallas. Funeral services will be held in San Antonio. Arrangements have not yet been completed.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced.—Luke 1, 46, 47.

No star is ever lost or once hath seen; We always may be what we might have been. Since good though only thought has life and breath, God's life, can always be redeemed from death. And evil, in its nature is decay, And any hour can put it all away. The hope that lost in some far distant scene, May be the true life, and this the dream.

Joy is like a lever, by which we lift the weight that otherwise would crush us.

Count Us Out, Thank You

A LOUD voice telling us to mind our own business, bellowed forth across the Atlantic a few days ago—the voice of Oliver Stanley, Britain's secretary of state for war. Mr. Stanley apparently resented American airchirp strategy, denied that there was anything "phony" about the war, declared that the belligerents will run it the way they see fit. Britain is not amused by our attitude toward her war.

But at the same time Mr. Stanley demanded that Britain and France be left to

handle the war in their own way because it was their war, he blandly announced that neutrals can't stay out of it—that it is their war as much as it's Britain's. "There are millions of individuals all over the world whose one thought is how to keep out of war; but, despite their efforts, they are in it . . ." the war secretary said.

YES, Mr. Stanley, we're in it—insofar as we have been dragged in against our will. We don't think it's our war, as you would have us believe, because we didn't have anything to do with starting it. We didn't want it to start. Imbued with ideals of American democracy, we felt all along that the war need never have begun.

Oh, it's not all your fault. You will say that no part of it is your fault, but some people feel differently about that over here. They feel that the motives for war carry back somewhat farther than the eye can see, and that perhaps, in the tide of events that led up to actual conflict, you weren't altogether blameless.

But that isn't important to us now. The things that concern us are our right as a neutral nation. As long as we're not violating international law, we don't like to have our mails censored. We don't relish having our merchantmen stopped and searched when they are on entirely innocent missions.

IT'S no good trying to frighten or threaten us over to your side. We're not biting. We're staying out of this war. Did you get that? —WE'RE STAYING OUT.

We don't like Hitlerism. But neither do we like war. If you people in Europe must go to war in Europe, count us out. We do much better on this side of the Atlantic. There are 21 republics on two continents, living together as peaceful neighbors. We like it that way. We don't want to change it.

Farley won't drop the convention souvenir book and thus deprive well-wishers of the opportunity of buying space for those Compliments-From-a-Friend advertisements.

The bock beer season is on hand again—when celebrating citizens will say seven times a day, "Don't care if I do—first glass of bock this season."

As one of the smaller neutrals, Iceland must feel neglected these days. No one has so far indicated a desire to annex her.

Good Prescriptions from Doctor "Modern"

- 720 Band Down St. Off from Exposure. Needs two coats of paint. Quick.
- 759 Latters St. Needs Spring Tonic. Planting flowers would cure this case.
- 776 So. St. Galt. Night forcing Breakdown. Prompt repairs will eliminate major operation.
- 42 No. 3rd St. Condition Fair. Needs Medicating to recuperate fully.
- 807 Plum Blvd. Unhealthy Surroundings. Case for Health Dept. and Clean Up Squad.

Safety Shorts

From Oil Belt Safety Council

The question for today, ladies and gentlemen, is a tricky one. Of course, you know that automobile accidents are the chief cause of accidental death. But what ranks second?

Well, believe it or not, the second most deadly type of accident is falls . . . just plain, ordinary tumbles. Fatal falls in homes, in public places and at work totaled 27,000 last year—only about 5,000 less than the traffic toll—the Oil Belt Safety Council reports.

Since we can't do much about the law of gravity, the next best thing is to WATCH OUR STEPS!

break occurred in England in 1642 and again in 1689.

They led to a tremendous increase in the governing power of those who derived their income, not from the land, but from commercial transactions. It was, from our point of view, a decided step forward. Let us stress this point: In neither country had the introduction of a more elaborate system of parliamentary government anything to do with our modern ideal of democracy.

Those whom, a few centuries later, Alexander Hamilton was to describe as "the rich and well-born," remained in complete control of the situation. There was only one element in the nation which represented more profoundly and hated more cordially than either the nobility or the monarchy—and that element was known as "the common people."

NEXT: From unexpected places comes the new ideals that begin to shape man's destiny.

Soil District--

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make appropriations to carry on soil conservation work in cooperation with districts.

The state soil board cannot force landowners to cooperate with the program of the district. All work done is at request of land owners

In a few words, a soil conservation district is a political subdivision created to make possible closer cooperation between individual landowners, the state, and the nation in effectuating conservation of our soil and water.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION

A resolution ordering a general municipal election to be held in the City of Cisco, on April 2, 1940, for the purpose of electing three city commissioners, for said city. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Cisco, that a general municipal election be held between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a. m. and 7:00 o'clock p. m. on April 2, 1940, in the City Hall in the City of Cisco, Eastland County, Texas, to be participated in by the qualified voters of said city, for the purpose of electing three City Commissioners for such city.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Secretary give proper notice of such election by publication of a true copy of this resolution in the Cisco Daily Press, for twenty consecutive days, the first publication being not less than twenty full days prior to the date of such election.

I, Lonnie Shockley, Secretary of the City of Cisco, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission at its regular meeting on February 27, 1940, as the same appears upon the minutes of said Commission.

Dated this 27th day of February, 1940.
LONNIE SHOCKLEY,
Secretary, City of Cisco.
175-201.

Spud Producers Spread Out

HOULTON, Me., March 27 (AP)—Nearly a score of Aroostook county potato growers, who have moved to New York state in recent years, have carved out a settlement in the southern part of that state which reports reaching here describe as "Little Maine." The farmers, all veteran potato growers, bought farms in Steuben county, applied Maine methods, and in 1939 produced an average of 300 bushels of potatoes to the acre on an aggregate area of 400 acres.

Spacing Rule--

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ments of less than 267 feet from lease property lines. "The railroad commission has been granting practically all permits which have been applied for in this district, whether the operations were in conformance to or exception of the 20-acre spacing rule, which became effective January 1.

"Since there exceptions have been, and are being granted, we take the position that some simplifications in the procedure required to obtain them would be helpful, both to the commission and to the industry."

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Political Announcements

The Cisco Daily Press is authorized to announce the following as candidates for the offices under which their names appear, subject to the action of the voters in the democratic primaries of 1940.

For Congress.
17th District of Texas:
OTIS (Oat) MILLER,
Anson, Texas.

For the State Legislature.
107th District:
OMAR BURKETT (Re-election)

For State Senate, Dist 24—
JOHN LEE SMITH,
Throckmorton County

For County Tax Assessor-Collector
CLYDE S. KARKALITS

For County Clerk—
R. V. (Rip) GALLOWAY

For Sheriff—
LOSS WOODS (Re-election)
WALTER EVANS

For County Judge—
W. S. ADAMSON (Re-election)
R. L. RUST
C. S. ELDRIDGE

For County Treasurer—
GARLAND BRANTON
(Second Term)

For District Clerk—
JOHN WHITE (For Second Term)

For Criminal District Attorney—
EARL CONNER, JR.

For County Comm'r, Precinct No. 4
ARCH BINT (Re-election)
L. H. QUALLS
W. L. (Roy) PIPPEN
JOE DONAWAY

For City Comm'r's—
(Three to be elected)
H. C. HENDERSON
J. R. BURNETT
W. R. WINSTON
CHARLES J. KLEINER
EDWARD LEE
A. V. CLARK

For Constable, Precinct 6:
R. B. (Tub) WILSON

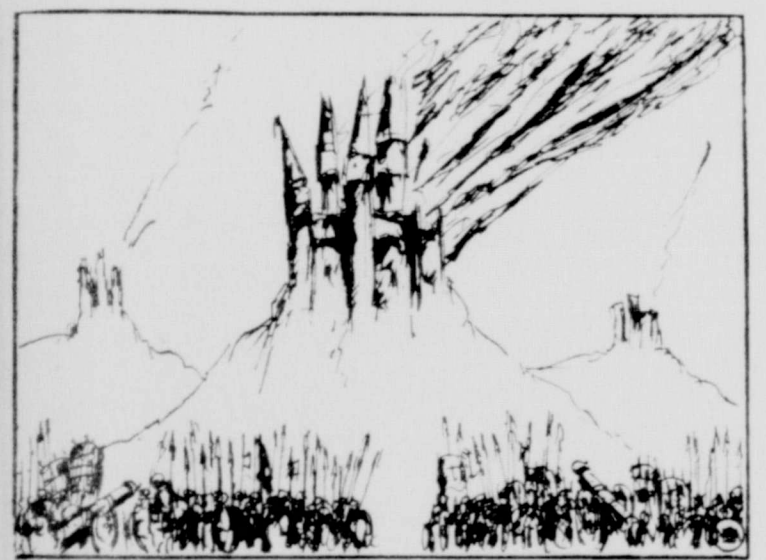
For Justice of the Peace, Pre. 6:
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Eugene Lankford
Lawyer
Office, Lower Floor Cisco State Bank Bldg.

THE STORY OF DEMOCRACY

By Hendrik Willem van Loon
Illustrated by the author

Monarchical System Grows Anew From Union of Power and Money



A few political dynasties forged ahead and gradually destroyed all competition.

By HENDRIK WILLEM VAN LOON

Illustrated by the Author
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CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

What had begun by the feudal system was continued and brought to perfection by a rapidly increasing number of monarchies. Law and order (and therefore security) was once more re-established all over Europe.

It meant a tremendous increase in the wealth and prestige of that new class of citizen which had gradually interposed itself between the lordly gentry who ruled the land and the peasants and serfs who worked it. As all history shows us, no class of society will ever willfully commit suicide for the sake of another.

The aristocracy (which is merely another name for "old money") strongly opposed, therefore, the ambitions of those merchants who so represented the obnoxious idea of "new money."

Under those circumstances the men of the counting-house eagerly looked for some one who would protect them against the menace that came to them from the castle

of the feudal chieftain.

In order to do this they needed soldiers and political henchmen.

At last there was a class of citizens who were possessors of ready cash. A tacit alliance was formed between the rising young capitalist force: struggling for greater influence upon the government, and the equally young and new monarchies, desperately trying to destroy the feudal aristocracy which still stood between these new-fangled justices and their final grab for the supreme power.

During the 15th and 16th centuries a few political dynasties (closely resembling our own big commercial dynasties in their mode of operations and their complete lack of scruples) forged ahead and gradually destroyed all competition.

Having started their careers as members of the feudal system and therefore being rich in land but poor in cash, the monarchies were obliged to go to the middle class for that direct financial support without which they could never

hope to overcome the opposition of their former fellow-feudalists. These ambitious founders of a monarchical form of government were completely successful.

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As so often happens when mutually hostile interests are forced to find common cause for some common purpose, the moment the victory had been gained, the partners fell out among themselves. Their majesties were liable to forget to whom they owed their success and those who had contributed to this success were apt to remind them of their services at very inappropriate moments.

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PAUL HAYDEN—stock room boy with ambition.

STEVE CLAYBOURNE—wealthy playboy.

CLARA BROOKS—dime store counter girl.

IRENE TEMPLE—society debutante.

YESTERDAY: Ann finds Clara little changed. Clara has two letters for Ann, from Paul, written four months ago. In the first Paul asks Ann to marry him, tells her of his promotion. The second is an apology. Ann tries to reach Paul by telephone and fails. She tells Mr. Temple of the letters, asks if she may go to Paul.

CHAPTER XXXI

The telephone operator had not located Paul when Ann and Irene and Mr. Temple left for the train. At the LaSalle street station, Ann called Steve. Purposely, she had waited until then. One never knew what Steve might do. She reached him at home while Mr. Temple picked up her ticket and reservation.

"Steve—this is Ann."
"I don't believe it. Ann doesn't call young men on the telephone."
"Don't be funny, Steve. I'm taking a train in 10 minutes. I may not be back."
There was a silence while the wires hummed. Then, "What did you say, Ann?"

"I'm going to Paul. If he'll have me, I'm staying."
"Isn't this rather sudden?" he asked coldly.

"Yes, it is. I went to see Clara today. She gave me a letter from Paul in which he asked me to marry him. The letter was written four months ago. It may be too late—"

"Have you considered what this means to me?" His tone was like splintered ice.

"I'm sorry, Steve—if you really care. I love Paul—I've always loved him." Her voice broke.

"I suppose you want me to wish you every happiness?"

"Please do, Steve."

"Well, I won't. I'm going out and get roaring drunk. I'm dead sick of the sweet and simple life." He was childishly angry.

"Goodbye, Steve."

There was a crash in her ears and no answer. Ann found Irene and her father at the gates. The

long train waited. Ann had already forgotten Steve. He and Irene would find each other and they would be happy. They viewed life from the same angle. At the train steps, Mr. Temple put a check into Ann's hand.

"For expenses," he said. "Come straight home, Ann, if things don't work out for you."

She tried to thank him, but he hustled her into the car. It was midnight and they walked through a dimly lighted, curtained aisle. In Ann's compartment, Irene hugged her hard. "Write to me, Ann," she said tearfully. "I'll miss you." Mr. Temple kissed Ann's cheek, the train gave a preparatory jerk, and she was alone.

The berth was made up and she sat down on the plush couch. She sat for a long time as the train gathered speed. After a while she looked at the check. Expenses? The scribbled amount was enough to furnish a little house.

Ann took off her dress, donned a house coat and lay down. She did not close her eyes. Joy, wild and tumultuous, surged through her. She was going to Paul. Again and again she read the letter, each time gaining deeper happiness.

It was 4 o'clock of a chill, dark

morning when she left the train and took a taxi to the hotel. In her room she lay down again and sleep overtook her. She awoke with a start to find bright sunshine making a slanting oblong on the carpet. It was 9 o'clock.

Ann made a careful toilet. Rapturous wings beat in her heart, they made her fingers unsteady. She drank a cup of coffee in the girl and bought a gardenia in the flower shop. By means of a gardenia she had met Paul. It might have significance again. Asking directions, she walked to the big 10-cent store a few block away. Taking a deep breath, she went through the swinging doors.

Thousands of articles filled the counters, dozens of girls stood about or straightened their stock. A few early customers moved through the aisles, Ann's eyes darted across the room and up and down. A dark head at a counter in a corner caught her attention and her heart seemed to turn completely over. The dark head turned and the heart settled into place with a disappointed downward slide. Paul was not in sight.

Stairs led to a basement store and Ann went down, holding tight to the rail. Her knees were like rubber bands. No Paul in the basement store.

Returning to the main floor, she went to one of the clerks. "Can you tell me if Paul Hayden is in the store?" she asked. The girl's hair and fingernails made her think of Clara.

"He's in conference," the girl said importantly, adding, "Some

of the big bugs are here from New York." She pressed a hand over her elaborate hair.

"Do you know if he'll be busy long?" Ann asked. If she didn't find Paul soon her knees would cease to function.

"The office is on the balcony," the girl told her, "but don't crash in. They're having a conference."

As Ann walked back to the balcony she heard the girl say, "She's looking for Paul Hayden. Notice her get-up. That's why he's been so upstage with us girls. We don't dress well enough to suit his Imperial Majesty."

Ann went up to the balcony. A small office was empty. She could hear voices from over a half partition. She sat down to wait. It was good to sit down.

"You haven't been with us long but you've proved your efficien-

cy," a man said clearly. "The managership of our Cedar Rapids store is open. Will you take it? Yes or no?"

Ann almost jumped from her chair as Paul's voice came over the partition. "The answer is definitely yes."

There was a rumble of laughter. The first speaker said, "Sixty a week and the regular semi-annual raises. Satisfactory?"

"Yes."

"Can you leave Saturday?"

"I can leave at once. I have no home, no ties—"

Ann thought, "Oh, yes you have. You're taking a wife to Cedar Rapids with you. Maybe you don't know it, but you are—you are." She got a little hysterical in her thought. Cedar Rapids—it sounded nice—like paradise. Did

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