

Through the Editor's Spectacles

By GEORGE

The Balkan tinderbox is now evidencing the much-feared disposition of the Lord to interfere with the plans of men—with especial reference, in this instance, to the dictators. A war between two small states in that region would be disastrous to Germany and Italy, which draw therefrom a large portion of the supplies they need to prosecute their war on Great Britain. More serious to the ambitions of Messrs. Hitler and Mussolini is the prospect that the glacial movement of a constant and cunning Russia will envelop this area and rob the dictators of its territory and prestige.

Great Britain, regardless of the surrender of France, has not been without an ally in this struggle. As a matter of fact, it is beginning to appear that the island kingdom and its empire have an ally the more effective because it is protected by the guise of friendship and cannot, therefore, be dealt with by blitzkrieg, Hitler's favorite weapon. The constant menace of Stalin certainly must exert a depressing effect upon the nazis. It is quite probable that in the presence of Russia, the ruthless ambitions and patient waiting of the soviet ruler, exist a very real reason for the hesitancy of Hitler to launch his invasion of Great Britain. Occupied with so strong an enemy and under such difficult circumstances as such an invasion would involve, the former paper-hanger would be in a poor position indeed to prevent Stalin from appropriating the fruits of the struggle with little effort by the soviet.

Unless a violent outbreak flares in the Balkans, involving both Russia and Germany, the present war is likely to be a long and exhausting one. If a war with a war does break out, we shall certainly see some swift fireworks and, considering the records of the principal actors, no end of treachery.

Meanwhile a little handful of wilful men, determined to wreck or rule, are preventing this country from doing the obvious thing for its defense. The column some time ago remarked that debate in the congress is a good and reassuring thing after so long a period of accepting prepared legislation from the administration. But there is a limit beyond which debate becomes obstructionism. Debate is a democratic method of evolving the truth about a proposition. When it is prosecuted beyond this stage and becomes an effort to destroy that which common sense and public opinion demand as right and necessary, then those who use it so are guilty of subversive activity. The debate in congress on the conscription bill is approaching that dangerous point.

No one can guarantee that will not have to fight, and we cannot fight without sufficient trained men. We cannot have sufficient trained men unless there is a democratic

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No Traffic Officers in the Air



With more than 300 training planes aloft at one time at Randolph Field, Texas, Uncle Sam's "West Point of the Air," air traffic control becomes increasingly important. Air corps instructor explains to his flying cadets, Randolph's system of traffic regulation, a pattern of right angle turns based on wind direction. Charts plus model plane emphasize details. Traffic pattern instruction is an essential phase in the air corps plan to train 7,000 pilots plus 3,500 bombardiers and navigators annually.

FORMS FOR REGISTERING ALIENS HERE

Forms for registering aliens under the law recently passed by congress have arrived at the local post office and the first alien to register at the Cisco office did so early today.

There were several applications for registration yesterday but there were no forms available then, Postmaster Luther McCrea said.

Nazis Continue Night Raids on English Capital

By the Associated Press LONDON, Aug. 28 (AP)—Adolf Hitler's nightly raiders continued "insomnia raids" on the London area last night and early today, dropping incendiary bomb clusters which started fires—and disturbing the slumbers of millions.

But the British, after their six-hour siege in shelters Monday night and Tuesday morning, took the two alarms last night and today much more phlegmatically.

There was less anti-aircraft cannoning and searchlight activity and many a yawning householder refused to leave his snug bed.

The first raid, lasting about 2 and one-half hours, ended just before midnight, and was followed by another of less than an hour's duration shortly after midnight.

The British said damage was small, though they acknowledged some fires and some casualties occurred.

The raiders again operated singly or in small groups, but threw in the pace-changing "all-clear" period in contrast with their chain raid marathon of the previous night.

Over England and Wales Similar harassing raids were conducted through the dark hours over nearly all of England and Wales.

The British everywhere kept their searchlight and anti-aircraft fire down to the minimum.

Bombs fell north of one midland town, and Germans were reported over several other communities in the same area. At one north-east town a nazi plane swooped down for a bit of ground- strafing with a freight train as the apparent target.

After a short interlude, new rumbling sounds were heard distinctly in the London area, indicating the nazis had not yet given up their prowling. There was the

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District Governor Is Guest of Cisco Lions Club Today

Frank Crippliver of Wichita Falls, governor of District 2-E of Lions International, and his daughter, Miss Helen Ingle, were guests of the Cisco Lions club today. It was Gov. Crippliver's first official visit to the club.

The district governor spoke on the subject of "Patriotism." Miss Ingle is a member of the Burk Burnett school faculty and has been the sweetheart of the Burk Burnett club for two years.

Supt. R. N. Cluck of the Cisco public schools told the club in a brief talk that every requirement of the state accrediting authorities was being met by the Cisco Junior college. He told the club that it is now up to Cisco to make the college a success by sending their children to the new school. Cluck thanked the club for the cooperation it had given the college program.

A. G. Tuttle had as his guest Cheatham Park of Kyle, Texas.

35 Per Cent of Texas "Stripper" Wells in Area

West-central Texas has 35 per cent of all the "stripper" oil wells in Texas. We have 46 per cent of all the "stripper" leases of the state, and 25 per cent of all of the "stripper" production in the state. It is of vital importance to the people of this district, if they have any hope of retaining and continuing the benefits they are now receiving from the 8,611 "stripper" wells of the district and from the 1,301 flush wells which ultimately will become "strippers," to inform themselves in a definite way regarding the true facts of the industry.

"A number of interesting and revealing items regarding the producing oil wells of the west-central Texas district are disclosed in the study recently completed by the West-Central Texas Oil & Gas association.

9,937 Producing Wells "As of June 1, 1940, the 19 counties included in the territory served by the WCTO&G had, according to records of the oil and gas division of the railroad commission of Texas, 9,937 producing wells. Total daily allowable of all those wells was 49,406 barrels, average daily allowable for each of the wells of 4.9 barrels per day.

"However, included in the total number of wells were 1,301 producers capable of making more than their legal marginal allow-

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TEN MEN ARE KILLED IN MINE BLAST

BATES, Ark., Aug. 28 (AP)—Ten men were killed late Tuesday by a terrific explosion in the Bates Coal corporation mine. They were the only persons in the mine at the time.

Cause of the explosion had not been determined late tonight.

The last of the ten bodies were taken from the shaft about 11 p. m. The bodies were taken to Heavener, Okla., and Hartford, Ark.

The dead were identified by officials of the corporation as:

- J. E. Manning, Hartford.
- Murray Herndon, Heavener, Okla., route 1.
- Gilbert Johnson, Bates.
- Mayor Johnson, Jenny Lind.
- Alta Whately, Greenwood.
- Earl Renfro, Bates.
- Tom Barkley, Huntington.
- Alvin L. Yakley, Mansfield.
- Odis Harris, Huntington.
- Clint Huff, Clarksville.

Reported still missing was J. E. Manning of Hartford.

The blast occurred approximately 1,700 feet down in the slope-type mine. Manager Ben H. Bedwell said. State Mine Inspector J. W. Fitzjerald of Fort Smith came here to head the investigation of the tragedy.

A throng of some 100 persons, many of them grief-stricken relatives of the miners, milled around the mine entrance as the badly burned bodies were removed from the shaft by rescue crews. The crowd watched the rescue operations with stoic calm.

Bedwell said that the blast occurred within a few minutes after the night crew had gone to work.

Graham Youth Free Under \$1,000 Bond

EASTLAND, Aug. 28 (Sp)—Joe Hays, 18, of Graham, held on a charge of murder without malice, has been released on \$1,000 bond. The charge against Hays was the result of a collision on Highway 67, in which Dan Tankersley of Morton Valley was killed and Oscar Fisher was injured.

Fisher was released by hospital authorities Tuesday and returned to his home.

Sheriff Leas Woods who took Hays in charge after the accident, quoted Hays as saying that he dozed and did not see the wagon in time to avoid hitting it. Woods said Hays was rendering all the aid he could to the accident victims when officers arrived on the scene.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM IS EXPLAINED

To Be Put Into Operation in County About September 3

Workings of the Food Stamp plan for disposing of surplus commodities through regular grocery channels were explained in detail to a meeting of 115 or more grocers and others interested, held in the 91st district court room at Eastland last night. Between 29 and 25 attended from Cisco.

The grocers were instructed in the procedure for handling the food stamps with which WPA workers, relief clients, social security clients and others receiving pensions or government assistance, will purchase food. The program will go into effect here about September 3.

Two kinds of stamps will be issued, an orange stamp, with which any kind of foodstuffs may be purchased, and a green stamp, good only for foods designated as surplus commodities. The orange stamps are purchased by the client, or a portion of his wages are paid with them. The purchaser then receives 50 per cent of the value of the orange stamps he holds in green stamps.

Grocers receiving these stamps employ them as legal tender within certain restrictions. They may deposit them at the bank for collection, if the bank agrees to handle them; they may pay their wholesalers with the stamps if the wholesaler desires to accept them, or they may cash them directly with the Food Stamp office. Those who receive the stamps will be certified by the local relief case worker. Miss Elsie Glenn is the case worker in Cisco.

Local grocers were inclined to view the food stamp plan with approval. They estimated it would add \$15,000 to \$20,000 per month to the volume of grocery business in Eastland county, an amount now being represented by distribution of surplus commodities from trucks.

In Abilene, where the plan was put into effect a short while ago, grocers reported that it was operating satisfactorily.

Cisco Youth Aids in Drafting Plans for Fastest Plane

Eugene Lankford, son of Judge and Mrs. Eugene Lankford, Sr., of Cisco, helped draft the plans for the world's fastest military airplane, the Lockheed P-38, details of which were recently released. Eugene is an employee of the Lockheed company at Los Angeles, which is building large numbers of the new plane for delivery to the United States army and to Great Britain. The latter has ordered 800 of them at a cost of \$60,000,000.

The ships performance as outlined by Major General Henry H. Arnold are:
Speed: 460 miles an hour at two-thirds throttle. (More than 500 miles an hour wide open.)
Range: 1,100 miles.
Rate of climb: 4,000 feet per second.

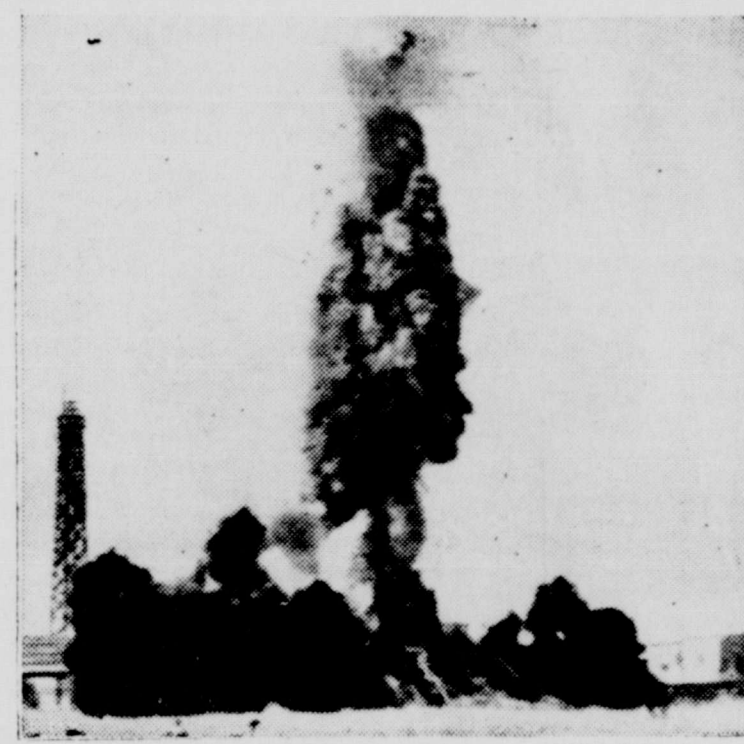
The new plane was recently inspected by General Arnold, chief of the United States army air corps, in connection with William S. Knudsen, chairman of the National Defense Advisory commission.

Ciscoan Seriously Ill at San Angelo

E. K. Smith, proprietor of Smith grocery, was reported to be in a critical condition in a San Angelo hospital, where he has been ill for some time. His family was summoned to his bedside today. Mr. Smith has been in failing health for several months. His condition was not considered critical until recently.

Guyle Greynolds has returned from a business trip to Dallas and Wichita Falls.

Italian Fort 'Goes Up in Smoke'



(NEA Telephoto) Part of the Italian port of Margalena in North Africa was going up in smoke when this picture was taken from a British warship during bombardment of the fortified area. The British reported the fort practically wrecked by the short-range fire of the heavy naval guns aboard battleships and cruisers.

U. S. Builds 10,000 Planes Says FDR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (AP)—In a personal reply to contentions in congress that military aircraft purchases were lagging, President Roosevelt said Tuesday that 10,015 combat and training planes were being built for the army and navy.

While he acknowledged that Senator Byrd (D-Va.) was correct when he stated recently that only 343 combat ships had been ordered in the past 100 days, the president said the senator's implication was dead wrong.

Army and navy contracts had been placed, Mr. Roosevelt said, for 6,361 planes. An additional 3,654 were being manufactured, under "letters of intention" which were given to the manufacturers pending the signing of formal contracts after congress settles defense tax questions.

The president added that he could not order more planes until congress passed the \$5,008,000,000 defense appropriation bill now awaiting senate action. That bill, he said, contained much the larger part of the aircraft appropriations, and delay in its enactment was very seriously hampering the administration.

In response to a question, Mr. Roosevelt said smilingly that he hoped Senator Byrd, who proposed Monday that a special senate committee be created to oversee the defense program, would investigate that delay.

The president said he did not know how many of the planes which had been ordered were purchased before the defense commission was created May 28. The commission's press officer said yesterday that some of the craft were being bought with funds made available last year, while others would be paid for with this year's money.

Baptist Revival Continues to Grow

The third evening service of the First Baptist revival was held in the church last night because of threatening weather, but the service this evening will be held out in the open on the vacant lot across from the church if the weather permits.

The visiting pastor—evangelist Dr. W. W. Chancellor, spoke last evening on "Temptation." "No one is exempted from temptation," the speaker said. "Temptation has a way of glorifying wrong doing. The fact that multitudes are yielding to temptation is an incentive for us to yield to evil," the minister continued. "We are tempted to leave our church membership in the city or community from which we move. We are tempted to leave the house of God on Sunday and spend it visiting or at places of amusement."

Prayer groups meet each evening from 7:30 to 7:55.

Mrs. O. J. Russel plans to spend the remainder of this week in Vanderbilt with Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Russel, Jr.

AXIS POWERS MOVE TO END BALKAN SCRAP

Fear Russia Will Take Opportunity to Move Further

By the Associated Press BUDAPEST, Hungary, Aug. 28.—The Hungarian and Rumanian foreign ministers, it was learned last night, have been urgently summoned to a conference in Vienna in an apparent move by Italy and Germany to make a quick settlement of the Balkan crisis lest soviet Russia have opportunity to move further into that area.

Specifically, they were called to meet Thursday in Vienna with Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Italian foreign minister.

Just before this became known, the German and Italian ministers to Rumania left Bucharest by plane for consultations with their governments, carrying detailed reports of a sharp and bloody clash between soviet and Rumanian troops. About the same time, the German and Italian ministers to Budapest also left here.

The Vienna meeting was understood to be designed to force a settlement of Hungary's claims upon Rumania for Transylvania, which would avoid a war disturbing to the Balkan productivity so necessary to Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini in their war with Britain, and make an end to the long crisis atmosphere. It was learned that both Ciano and Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German foreign minister, would attend. Accounts Confirmed

Accounts of the soviet-Rumanian clash first reached Budapest in diplomatic dispatches from Rumania and subsequently were confirmed by soviet circles in Bucharest. The fight, in which several hundred troops were killed, had begun after Russians had overstepped the Rumanian frontier at a point where Rumanian troops had been removed for service in Transylvania.

Subsequently the staff of the soviet legation in Bucharest confirmed that a bloody battle between soviet and Rumanian troops occurred Sunday and Monday with heavy casualties on both sides.

The calling of the Vienna conference was the latest in the chain of events which began Saturday with a breakdown of the Hungarian-Rumanian conference on the Transylvanian dispute.

Rumania immediately countered Hungarian strategic measures by moving thousands of troops from Moldavia to Transylvania.

No sooner had King Carol's government taken this action than red army units penetrated Rumanian soil.

Count Istvan Csaky, Hungarian foreign minister, will go to Vienna. Foreign Minister Mihail Manescu of Rumania, who conferred with the Russian minister yesterday over the clashes, is understood to be going there also.

The opinion was expressed in quarters close to the governments of Budapest and Bucharest that soviet troops crossed the Rumanian frontier in a major "scouting expedition" to prepare the red army for the possibility of a real rush in the event that Hungarian-Rumanian differences over Transylvania develop into open warfare.

Thus, some foreign military observers conjectured that perhaps the soviet ultimate plan was to profit directly from the current Rumanian-Hungarian crisis over Transylvania.

Routine Business at Comm'n Meeting

Routine business and tax adjustment matters occupied the meeting of the city commission last night.

The commission took up no important business during the session.

RETURNS FROM REVIVAL Dr. J. T. McKissick has just returned from Coveta, Okla., where he conducted a four weeks revival meeting at the First Christian church which resulted in 90 additions to the church.

OYSTER ANCHOR

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 28 (AP)—Daniel Rhodes lost his false teeth while swimming in nearby Lake Catherine five years ago. On the weekend he went swimming again in the same lake—found his errant plates. Rhodes didn't think they would be much use to him now. An oyster had anchored itself in the super-structure of the bridge-work.

Evatt Horne, student in Texas Tech at Lubbock, is spending the remainder of the summer here.

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Undiplomatic Diplomats

THERE is no use being stupid about it.

We know, from recent facts spread in large letters on the record, that diplomatic and consular representatives of many countries have been engaging in activities quite outside what has been always considered their regular duty. Europe crawls with examples of such activities. So does South America.

There is only one thing to do about it. That is to see to it that every person in America under diplomatic immunity DOES confine himself to activities recognized as legitimate. To allow any country to get away with anything more than that is stupid and dangerous.

OUR own precedents are old and distinguished. When the revolutionary government of France sent Citizen Genet to this country as its representative, Genet stepped immediately outside any reasonable interpretation of his duties. He appealed directly to the people to support France. He commissioned privateers to prey on British shipping. He organized pro-French leagues. In short, he tried to influence the foreign policy of the United States.

This is no part of the duty of a diplomat or consular officer. President Washington knew it. He also knew what to do. He demanded that the French recall Genet. They did.

Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles has shown himself equally able to tell a hawk from a handsaw. Backing up the All-American front established at Havana, he has ruled that the United States will not accept diplomatic and consular representatives here who have been found unacceptable in other American countries.

There is no reason why the United States should allow itself to be used as a catch-all for alleged diplomats from any nation whose activities, cloaked in diplomatic immunity, have been found objectionable in the other Americas. There is no sense in the American countries requiring 21 separate exposures of such undesirable activities. By the time the agent had tried his tricks in all 21 republics he would be too old to be of any further use, anyway. And a long career of unwanted activity would be behind him.

It is our aim to extend good will to all men of good will. But to be stupid about it is—stupid.

Mr. Willkie could have assured himself of a lot of votes from the football schedule makers if he had taken a stand on Thanksgiving.

Italy has decided that shoes will be standardized right now, but a son can still follow in his father's footsteps if they lead to the army.

Say what they might about New Deal policies affecting business, no Republican can say FDR didn't boom the wedding ring trade.

American Leaguers who accused the Indians of choking up in the past are likely to find the Tribe with a strangle hold on the pennant.

BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

AXIS POWERS SQUAWK OVER ALIEN REGISTRY, BUT U. S. IS LAST BIG NATION TO ADOPT PLAN

While Bruce Catton vacations, other members of NEA Service's Washington staff pinch-hit for him.

BY MILTON BRONNER
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—In Germany and, more particularly, in Italy, a mighty squawk is being raised over the United States law which compels all aliens to register and to file their fingerprints with the government.

Robert Farinacci, one of the big shots in the Fascist outfit, moans in his paper, "Regime Fascista," published in Cremona, that in America it is a crime to belong to the people who produced Columbus.

The exquisite joke about this particular sentence is that Farinacci is one of the leading anti-Semites in Italy. A great Spanish writer recently wrote about Columbus that all evidences available show he was descended from Spanish Jewish refugees settled in Italy.

Farinacci goes on to say all Germans and Italians in America are fingerprinted as if they were criminals.

ENGLAND KEEPS CLOSE TAB

The fact is the United States is one of the last great countries to adopt some measure of control of the aliens within its borders. All over Europe, long before the present war, aliens were the subject of government measures.

In democratic England, for instance, an American or any other alien, if he remained in the country more than 60 days, had to report to the nearest police station with two photographs of himself, one for the files of the police, the other to be pasted in a police book the alien must keep.

On the police record all details

about the alien were copied from his passport and kept for future reference. Every time the alien moved from one city to another in the United Kingdom, he had to check out with the police of one town and check in with the police of the other.

And even though he continued to live in the same town, he had to report every change of address, even if he moved from 20 Baker street to 21 Baker street.

Well remembered is the case of an American singing comedienne, a great favorite in London, who failed to notify the police she had changed her home address. Her name was shining in blazing lights two feet high over the theater where she acted, but she was haled into court, severely lectured by the judge and fined \$25 for her heinous offense.

RELIEF CASES SHOW INCREASE

NINETY-EIGHT urban areas in the United States had an increase in July over June of 1 per cent in the number of general relief cases and an increase of 3 per cent in their cost.

But the remarkable thing was that in quite a number of towns, while the cases increased numerically, the cost was less. Probability is this was because needy did not get coal and that more fruits and vegetables were supplied than meat and other heavy and costlier foodstuffs.

Total for the urban areas reported shows 663,910 cases, costing \$19,352,800 for the month of July. As was to be expected, New York City led with 154,000 cases on relief in July. Other big cities reported: Chicago, 88,544; Los Angeles, 50,862; Philadelphia, 48,499; Pittsburgh, 34,029; Cleveland, 21,162; Milwaukee, 19,527; San Francisco, 11,926; Cincinnati, 6840.

Many of them are expert welders. There is no difference in patching the steel flanks of a tractor torn by a landslide and patching a steel flank of a tank torn by a shell.

Many of them are expert telephone men. There is no difference in laying an emergency line from a CCC camp to a fire-fighting crew in the woods and in laying a line from a command post to an observation outpost in on man's land — no difference except the danger of death, and not even the army can train its men under actual battle conditions.

Many of them are expert woodworkers and there is no difference in the tools and techniques used in making wooden frames for trucks cabs and the tools and techniques used in making wooden pontoons for bridges.

Many of them have better than a fundamental knowledge of the use of surveyor's instruments and the techniques of throwing a temporary span across a stream. There is no difference in their talents in these lines and the talents of the German "pioneers" who kept the mechanized troops of Hitler moving even though bridges were down in their path.

Many of them know the operation of field radios, having been trained in this task by fighting fires. There is no difference in their knowledge here and the knowledge of the signal corps man in the army.

There are even parachute experts among them. In the far northwest CCC men have been trained to jump from planes to fight small isolated fires in backwoods areas where no truck trails lead. They are supplied by planes dropping equipment packs and keep in touch with headquarters by portable radios.

There are expert photographers among them, and mapping a forest area by photography is little different from mapping a battle terrain.

They all know first aid. There is no difference in patching the leg of a comrade struck by a splinter of shell and in patching the leg of a comrade gashed by a falling rock.

Some of them are expert carpenters. The barracks they build for themselves are not different from the barracks they might be called upon to build if war came.

There are expert cooks among them. They cook the standard army ration on the standard army range, with the standard army utensils. They observe the army standards of cleanliness and of order at table.

They have been soldiers all along, whether they knew it or not. They are soldiers now — trained in everything but the techniques of slaughter.

What Has Been Done. There are 1,500 CCC camps. There are 44 central repair shops now training 2,000 skilled mechanics, and there will be 63 by fall. In addition, each of the 1,500 camps has its own garage, giving basic mechanical training to 9,000 men a year. There are 40,000 pieces of automotive equipment operated by enrollees. A total of 72,000 of them a year learn to operate trucks, tractors, bull-dozers, drag lines and scrapes. More men learn than are used in actual operation of machinery. In 1939, 45,000 learned to drive trucks and tractors, 40,000 learned how to repair them, 17,000 learned blacksmithing and 8,000 learned electric welding.

Cooking and baking schools have trained 22,000 men since the CCC was founded in 1933. An army still travels on its stomach. A CCC cook is as good as any to keep that stomach filled.

Last year alone 52,000 men learned first aid. Since the CCC was founded, 300,000 have graduated. There are 3,000 CCC medical aids and orderlies in camp hospitals.

As engineers they have built 114,000 miles of roads over the roughest terrain in the United States. They have spanned streams with 7,000 bridges. As communications men they have laid 79,000 miles of telephone wire through rough country.

They have been trained in short wave radio operation until now there are 18,000 of them who know this important war-time technique. There are 26,000 photographers among them. Let there be no feeling of defeat by not training the CCC in the manual of arms and close-order drill.

CO-OP LOAN RECEIVED WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (AP)—Allotment of \$75,000 for a loan to the Branderia County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Branderia City, Texas, was announced Monday by Rural Slatery, administrator of rural electrification. The loan will be used to build 108 miles of lines to serve 214 members in Real, Branderia, Uvalde, Medina and Kerr counties.

OUT OUR WAY By Williams

CCC Enrollees Adept In Many Kinds of Work

Weep no more. Use the boys of the CCC have been trained in the manual of arms and close-order drill.

They have learned other things that make them more vital cogs in the system of national defense, that make them in fact, men too valuable to be banded a gun and sent into the front lines.

If war comes, the men of the CCC will be specialists in a dozen fields, masters of noncombatant technique as vital to the carrying on of conflict as firing a rifle or machinegun.

Here are the things they know that makes them soldiers already.

in fact if not in name. They know how to live together in barracks, under discipline that is as rigid as that of an army camp even if punishment is less severe. Any psychiatrist can tell you this alone is an important factor in the making of a soldier.

Thousands of them know minutely the workings of engines, and how to tear them down and rebuild them in a hurry. Modern war travels on its machines, and the CCC mechanic would fit perfectly into the personnel of a mechanized division. A tank is only an armed and armored tractor, and the CCC mechanic who knows the workings of a caterpillar would find the motive machinery of a tank no puzzle.

Many of them are expert drivers of heavy tractors. There is little difference in the process of driving a tractor and driving a tank. Many of them are expert drivers

of transport trucks. It is the same truck, loaded and handled by the same military rules, as the truck a soldier driver would handle.

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SERIAL STORY

LOVE ON THE LINE

BY PAUL FRIGGENS

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
CARRIE LANE—an eastern girl who came into the frontier west to find a home.
MARK DEUEL—a homesteader who keeps his business to himself.
ASHTON OAKS—a land agent, with town lots to sell.

YESTERDAY: Carrie Lane comes to the frontier town of Sioux Springs to take up a homestead. An orphan, she was come west for her health. But the frontier in 1862 was no place for a woman alone. Mark Deuel is interested in the girl, wants to protect her. Carrie is brave, confident, as she talks of the future. Mark knows their lives must be linked.

CHAPTER TWO
CARRIE was ready and waiting when Ashton Oaks drove up to the hotel in his rented buggy later for her in the morning. She had prepared a lunch. Mrs. Parmley had suggested it when Carrie told her the land agent had offered to drive her out to her new homestead.

"Rock Creek's more'n nine miles north of town," Mrs. Parmley said. "That's quite a little ride and the road ain't much across the prairie. You'll need somethin' pretty good to stick to your ribs along about noontime."

"And say," she added, her arms akimbo, and winking knowingly, "if it don't make no difference to you, who is this land agent fellow anyhow?" That was the way Ma kept up on the day's news, asking people questions, pertinent and impertinent. But nobody seemed to mind, including Carrie. Mrs. Parmley invited confidence.

Carrie explained she had met him on the train out of Chicago, that when he had learned she was coming to Sioux Springs, he had offered to help her get settled. He was buying several town lots in Sioux Springs himself, he had told her, and would clean up with the railroad due to come in soon. When she returned from the land office, he had suggested he hire a buggy to take her out to Rock Creek next day. She had accepted.

Ashton Oaks was patronizingly pleasant now as he assisted Carrie up into the buggy.

"Town look any better to you today, Miss Lane?" he inquired.

"Oh, yes, ever so much better." Leaving him at the hotel last night, Carrie had had her first tinge of foreboding about Sioux Springs, the west and homesteading. Really, there was no town and the prairie seemed to swallow up both ends of the single main street. With a sudden, short stab of fear she recalled Colonel Barrington's words—"This is no country for a woman—alone."

But now, in the bright morning sunlight, Carrie was actually more assured. Things somehow looked better today with the wagons rattling forth and back, churning up the dust, a long line of settlers forming again at the low, squat land office down the street. There was a purpose, a new hope here, she sensed now, for the first time.

Ashton Oaks, watching her, spoke of these things as they jogged past the last rambling building at the edge of town and followed the deeply rutted train



Illustrated by Harry Grissinger

"Don't—don't!" Carrie screamed. "He'll kill you!"

across the burning grasslands north of Rock Creek.

"They all start like this, these frontier towns, Miss Lane. I've seen a hundred of them since the homestead law. I could have bought them all—at first. And I did buy a few." He phrased his words significantly, slapped the reins across the backs of the shiny bays. "But they change, they change pretty fast. The railroad'll do that here like it did back east not so long ago. You won't know Sioux Springs in a year . . ."

He went on, picturing the growing town, the flow of new settlers, the rise in land values, the pushing back of the raw frontier.

To Carrie, clutching her bright sunbonnet, listening eagerly, this was like wine. This was what people meant about the west and opportunity, she knew now. Somehow she believed she was catching the spirit of the wide open prairie already. Almost, she was sure, she felt better with the broad, clean, sweep of the land around her, the sun beating down, the wind fanning her cheeks, the signs of new life at scattered claim sods in the distance.

"But there's so much of this land," she interrupted. "Will it ever be worth anything, Mr. Oaks?" She was thinking suddenly of her homestead on Rock Creek and the growth of Sioux Springs and the substantial savings her father had left her for investment. Was there more out here than health?

Whether Ashton Oaks read her mind, he answered her question. Fortunes lay out here for the asking, he told her. He was still elaborating on that theme at noon when the buggy splashed into Rock Creek at the head of a pretty little valley. Oaks stopped to water the horses and Carrie spread her lunch under a convenient fringe of cottonwood trees along the bank. Here, at the crossing, the trail was more heavily traveled. Oaks pointed out, because settlers were already

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pouring into the valley. Carrie was eager to see her new homestead site.

They ate rather hurriedly, Carrie in her enthusiasm, and started up the valley to her claim. With the aid of Colonel Barrington's instructions and a mound of rocks at the section line, they found it easily. The slow grasses touched the horses' bellies as Oaks drove off the rutted trail and up toward a little knoll back from the creek. This, he suggested, would be an excellent site for Carrie's soddy. Carrie agreed. It commanded a superb view, was out of danger of high water. Her closest neighbors would be perhaps a mile distant, Oaks told her.

They left the buggy and Carrie, for the first time, stood on her own land. At least, it would be her own land in a few months. Looking over the creek below, the endless prairie beyond, suddenly she was overwhelmed. There were no words to describe this. Oaks, sensing her feeling, said nothing.

For a long time, it seemed an eternity to the impatient Oaks. They stood there and then at last Carrie broke the silence.

"But it's—it's so far from everything," she said, almost in a whisper. Today she had glowed with anticipation, feeding on Oaks' cheering pictures. Now all at once

she was gripped with the stark, utter loneliness of the prairie.

Oaks, noting her sudden soberness, began reassurances. "But they were of small comfort."

"I—I think it is getting late," Carrie said. "Perhaps we had better start back, Mr. Oaks."

Carrie was silent on the return trip, the buggy jolting her thought. Like Sioux Springs, Oaks tried to tell her, the claim would look better next time she saw it.

"I—I hope so," Carrie responded, and added later, "I—I guess I was just overcome by the space, the emptiness of it all. I hope I have good neighbors."

Oaks pulled up the buggy once on the way back to talk to a man and woman in a wagon on the way out to Rock Creek. Carrie felt better when she learned they were her closest neighbors, lived only a mile up the creek. In those few moments' visit, Carrie was sure she would like hearty Ed Taylor and his homey little wife.

They drove down the busy Sioux Springs main street late in the afternoon and Oaks left Carrie off at Sioux Springs house. Later after washing off the first real coat of prairie dust, she changed her clothes and went out to purchase pictures. Now all at once

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Group Meets With Mrs. Bob Winston

Group One of the First Christian Women's council met at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Bob Winston. The devotional was brought by Mrs. H. H. Davis, who took as her subject, "Women of the Bible." After a prayer led by Mrs. J. R. Wright, Mrs. J. F. Benedict presided over a business meeting. The garments which have been prepared for the orphans' home were then collected to be sent soon. Mrs. J. T. McKissick dismissed the group with prayer. Those present were: Mrs. J. R. Wright, J. T. McKissick, R. Q. Bills, James Flournoy, George Swartz, Ida Painter, J. F. Benedict, H. Tompkins, F. M. Hooks, H. H. Davis, E. A. Tunc, J. J. Litchfield, C. B. Powell and Bob Winston.

Nazis Continue---

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faint drone of an engine, and searchlights flickered on and off sporadically.
Churches Hit
In southeast England, incendiary bombs hit two churches. The British said a large fire in the roof of one was extinguished.
Also in the southeast, a raider dropped high-explosives and incendiary bombs just as searchlights picked him up and guns hammered at him.
One German raider was reported shot down in southwest England.
A plane dropped a high explosive bomb on one northeast Scotland town and hurled a number of incendiaries down on flower gardens.
A midland town had its longest alarm of the war during the night. Explosions were heard, and it was announced that about 100 incendiary bombs fell in open country.
Intermittent raids kept one southeast England area awake most of the night. Fire brigades rushed about, dealing with incendiary bombs. One big fire lit up the surrounding area for several miles, but firemen got it under control in about an hour, they announced.
Early this morning a northwest town was awakened by bomb blasts and anti-aircraft fire.
(There were indications, too, that the royal air force, which already had reported "greatly extended" retaliatory forays against the military and industrial fortresses of both Germany and Italy, had struck again.)
(This was suggested by the fact that late last night air raid sirens screamed in Geneva, Switzerland, usually an indication that British raiders are bound for Italy.)
Canada's hydro-electric system represents a total investment of approximately \$1,665,000,000.
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The Notebook

Wednesday
The First Baptist Junior G. A. will meet at the church at 4 o'clock.
The First Methodist Women's society will meet at the church at 4 o'clock.

35 Per Cent--

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This marginal allowable is 10 barrels for wells down to 2,000 feet deep; 20 barrels for wells between 2,000 and 4,900 feet deep; and 30 barrels for all wells deeper than 4,000 feet.
"Those above-marginal wells had an average daily allowable of 19.1 barrels per day. A few of these 1,301 producers were being allowed to run as high as 50 barrels per day. That was the highest allowable granted any well in the district.

"A large part—in fact 87 per cent—of all the producing wells of the district were sub-marginal wells. That is, they produced less than the minimum figures which they were allowed to produce, if they could, by law. Average daily allowable of those 8,611 sub-marginal wells was approximately 3 barrels per day.

23,317 Barrels Daily
"Total daily allowable of all the sub-marginal wells amounted to 23,317 barrels. The individual production of any one of the sub-marginal wells did not amount to a great deal. When they were all taken together, their total production, which in most instances was the same as the allowable, accounted for considerable oil. Total of this item was 23,500 barrels per day—slightly under 50 per cent of the total production of the entire district.

"It is easy for agitators to go over the country and say that severance tax rates on oil production in other oil states are higher than they are in Texas. It is a fact that in Oklahoma and Louisiana, the severance tax is higher than the direct severance tax in Texas. However, these agitators do not state that the severance taxes in other states are in lieu of ad valorem taxes on oil in place and on oil producing properties. Any honest comparison of all tax factors of the different oil producing states will make it apparent that Texas oil producers are already actually paying a higher tax rate per barrel than those in other oil states.

"Proponents of the suggestion to levy substantial increases in the state gross production tax on crude oil, who contend that every person who owns a producing interest in an oil well in this state is making large amounts of money—and who at the same time assert that practically all of the profits from the oil producing activity of Texas goes into the pockets and bank accounts of big corporations and people who live in New York or some other place away from Texas, do not have all of the facts regarding the industry, or they would not make the broad and incorrect statements they sometimes do."

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Four New Movies Released by Ford Motor Company

Four new movie features ranging from a symphonic fantasy in technicolor, sets a new pace in 1940 World's Fair have just been released by the Ford Motor company.

These productions are available, without charge, for showings before school and church groups, service clubs, and various civic organizations and private clubs requesting them.

"Symphony In F," one of the first "stop action" movies made in technicolor, sets a new pace in screen technique and screen entertainment. With Linton Wells, famed CBS news analyst as narrator, the 15-minute feature traces in an extraordinary manner, the far-reaching influence of the motor car industry throughout the world in gathering raw materials for the automobile.

Doll-like figures which animate the Ford Cycle of Production exhibit at the New York Fair step into the same characterizations for "Symphony In F." The farmer, chemist, lumberjack, miner, cotton picker, rubber man and transportation worker all dramatize—in song and action—their parts in pouring raw materials from all points of the compass into the Rouge plant, world's greatest industrial unit.

The movie swings from fantasy to actual pictures in color of various manufacturing processes at the Rouge, with comments by Wells on scenes in the steel mill, glass plant, plastics division, motor-assembly building, tire plant, fabrics division and on the final assembly line.

Building of the 28,000,000th Ford car in fantasy concludes the "Symphony." Various automobile parts take on life-like appearance as they parade to the assembly line.

Other new Ford movie releases include "While The City Sleeps," showing some of the amazing but little-known tasks performed by night workers in a big city; "Keep This Under Your Hood," an animated cartoon drama of what occurs inside an automobile engine; and "Scenes From the World of Tomorrow," a six-minute pictorial whirl over, around and through the New York World's Fair.

The films are distributed through Ford dealers and Ford Motor company branches. Showings can be arranged upon request to dealers.

process of selection and required training. The draft answers this need. To oppose it on the ground that it is unnecessary is like sticking one's head in the sand. To oppose it as undemocratic is not an argument. It is misrepresentation.

FORMER SHERIFF DIES
CANTON, Texas, Aug. 28.—Funeral services were conducted Monday for G. T. Starner, 61, former Sheriff of Van Zandt county, who died suddenly of a heart attack Sunday while attending a baseball game at Edom, where he lived.

Personals

Misses Frances Edwards and Eula Mae Jackson have been visiting in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. McKissick have returned to their home in McCamey, where Mr. McKissick was recently elected principal of Grammar school. They had as their guest here Miss Betty Giles of Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. White has returned from six weeks spent visiting in New York, N. Y., and Lyons, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Tuttle have as their guests Cheatham Park of Kyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan W. Newberry and little son, Allan W. Jr., have returned to their home in Dallas after an extended visit with Mrs. Newberry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Magill.

Will Celebrate Chemurgic Day

CLEVELAND, Liberty Co., Tex., Aug. 29.—All Chemurgic day will be celebrated at near-by Romay or August 29, with a free barbecue, pictures and chemurgic exhibits sponsored by the Cleveland chamber of commerce, the Rotary and Lions clubs, the Forward Trinity Valley association and the Trinity Valley Farm Chemurgic institute.

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Love On--

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chase supplies and to make arrangements for her homestead home.

At the general store, swarming with denim-clad settlers and d wives and children in calico, Carrie was assured a wagon "or something" would haul out everything. And the neighbors would help to build her soddy.

Carrie, however, drew many curious glances. As she left the store she heard someone say, "Alone—movin' out there without nobody nor nothin'—alone," and she felt again that smallness that she had experienced at the claim. All was terribly bewildering. She was glad she could talk with Ma Parmley, unburden her heart. The big, jolly woman was an uplift.

"Now, just you go back to that hotel and get a good night's sleep and everything'll work out all right tomorrow," Ma assured her. "First time I come out here, course it ain't much now, nor Mr. Parmley's grub. We slept in the wagon and at on the grass."

Carrie was returning to her room in the hotel when Ashton Oaks stopped her at the desk, called her aside, a bit furtively, Carrie thought.

"Well, how are you feeling now, Miss Lane?" he asked. "Certainly you look all right." Something about his familiarity annoyed Carrie for the first time, but she replied, "Why, I feel very well, after a good supper."

"And you should." Suddenly, Ashton Oaks was confidential low-voiced.

"You remember, Miss Lane, I told you only this afternoon the railroad will make this town. Well, tonight I have information it is due here this fall." He paused, noting Carrie's obvious start.

"Oh, I know, I know this is pretty sudden," he went on hastily. "But, Miss Lane, I saw your feeling there at the homestead today. I know its no life for a woman—alone, and I'm glad to do something for you, Miss Lane," he continued, hardly before Carrie could interrupt. "I can give you the best lots in Sioux Springs—railway sites—and tonight."

Carrie was incredulous. She started to speak, but a quiet, familiar voice interrupted at her side.

"Pardon, Miss Lane, but if this gentleman is selling you Sioux Springs because the railroad is coming in, I can tell you it isn't."

ASHTON OAKS whirled, his face blue with anger. His first

DUKE OF GUISE, DIES

LARACHE, Spanish Morocco, Aug. 29 (AP).—The Duke of Guise, 66, exiled pretender to the French throne who for years warned his countrymen that a monarchy was the alternative to collapse and dictatorship, died Monday.

Nine persons with the name Abijah are mentioned in the Old Testament.

Mark was stopped again. Carrie, grasping his lapels, was begging, pleading with him.

"Don't—don't!" she cried. "He'll—kill you." She almost screamed the words.

Mark straightened. Men crowded around him, separating him from the glowering agent. Someone was handing Oaks his hat. Carrie was looking up imploringly into Mark's eyes.

"Miss—Miss Lane," he reddened, "I'm sorry, but I couldn't see that happen. Some day I may tell you why. I think you'd better go to your room now."

He turned, elbowed his way through the buzzing lobby. But not before he had read in Carrie Lane's eyes more than she had cared to speak.

(To Be Continued)

GOLD STAR FOR SILVER

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP).—Mary's little lamb has nothing on young Jack Yarbrough's dog, Silver. Silver regularly accompanies his master to Sunday school, curling up under a chair while services proceed.

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