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## Through the Editor's Spectacles

By GEORGE

W. Lee O'Daniel's recommendations to the Texas legislature Thursday embodied reforms which have long advocated, but it is safe to bet that few, if any, are calling for drastic reorganization will be enacted by this legislature or succeeding legislature in immediate future. The plan is quite simple. It seems to be the troublesome that power once acquired a democratic set-up is difficult to regain.

The governor spoke caustically of the "third house" of the legislature, referring to professional lobbyists, and did not designate whom he meant by this term, and there was no suggestion that included in its obscure definition the state commission bureaus and departments whose powers he asks the legislature to curb.

It is the reality which confronts every well-meaning legislator who goes to Austin on serving the "deer" is that the officials employ every state department and commission, active or appointive, and their friends and relatives constitute the most powerful lobby in the state.

Commercial lobbyists aren't in the picture at all. And these state officials have the means with which to resist any encroachment on their powers and privileges. They control the jobs, the expenditure of the greatest part of the money and the administration of the affairs out of which the legislators must keep the voters satisfied.

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Frankenstein's announcement of the Tuesday deadline was made in a telegram to President Roosevelt. He said the Washington activity to which he referred "could be placing more money in the hopper."

## Uncle Sam Builds a Town--He'll Fill It, Too



(U. S. Army Air Corps photo from NEA)  
Mushrooming up on the Kansas flats near Fort Riley is this "city"—the army's new cavalry replacement center. Uncle Sam will populate it, too, for the center will house 7000 draft trainees.

## Strike Called at Plane Plant by CIO Union

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 17 (AP)—A strike of CIO United Automobile Workers at the Ryan Aeronautical company was set for Tuesday after a peace meeting called Thursday by a federal conciliator failed to effect a settlement of a wage dispute.

The dead line was announced by Richard Frankenstein, chief CIO negotiator, who said the date had been fixed for Friday, but had been deferred to permit activity from Washington and because of the inauguration of President Roosevelt.

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## Fort Sill Fliers Land Safely In Fog

PARIS, Tex., Jan. 17 (AP)—Three army fliers from Fort Sill, Okla., brought their plane down out of a fog onto a muddy pasture near here at 6:40 o'clock Thursday night with only a six-minute supply of gasoline left. They had flown blind for nearly two hours.

## FUNERAL RITES FOR PIONEER CISCOAN TODAY

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the First Methodist church for Will Slaton, who died in a Ranger hospital Thursday night to keep the Balkans in a state of disturbed anxiety.

Mr. Slaton had made his home in and around Cisco the greater part of his life, and was well-known in this community. He is survived by his wife and ten children.

## Land Bank Now Entirely Owned by Texas Farmers

HOUSTON, Jan. 17 (Spc)—For the second time since its organization in 1917, Texas' largest bank, the Federal Land Bank of Houston, is owned entirely by the farmers and ranchmen of Texas.

Originally capitalized by congress, the Federal Land Bank of Houston was established in 1917 to provide farmers and ranchers in Texas with a source of long-term, amortized, low-cost farm mortgage loans made through national farm loan associations.

## Will Show Callahan Way to Kill Rabbits

BAIRD, Jan. 17 (Spc)—Demonstrations on poisoning rabbits will be conducted in Callahan county next week, with R. E. Morton of the U. S. Biological survey conducting them. Since five rabbits eat as much grain as one sheep, it is expected that these demonstrations will be of interest.

## Balkans Upset By Constant Border Fights

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Jan. 17 (AP)—Repeated border clashes on the Russo-Rumanian frontiers, cancellation of passenger rail traffic in Hungary and reports that Germany would take over Rumania formerly combined Thursday night to keep the Balkans in a state of disturbed anxiety.

An announcement in Budapest that all traffic on Hungarian railroads, except international trains, would be suspended at midnight led to the supposition in diplomatic circles here that the German military command, which is now running the Magyar railroads, had found drastic steps necessary in order to complete the projected movement of 300,000 troops with full motorized equipment during January.

Rumanian rail traffic, except for the movement of German military trains, already is virtually at a standstill. Thirty per cent of Yugoslavia's trains have been taken off, presumably to accelerate shipments of supplies demanded by the reich.

Some diplomatic quarters suggested Hitler wants completely to control Rumania, which the nazis already have converted into a military center.

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## NAZIS CLAIM NEW HITS ON PLANE CARRIER

### Attack Carried Out at Fortified British Naval Base

By The Associated Press  
Germany claimed early today that her planes had resumed the Mediterranean offensive yesterday with a second and punishing attack on the 23,000-ton British aircraft carrier *Illustrious*, which had been sorely battered on Jan. 10.

Berlin's announcement said that three direct hits were scored on the carrier and that one Nazi bomber was presumed lost in the engagement. The scene of this action was not specified save that it was "in a British naval fortress"—and this suggested that it was at the fortified British island of Malta.

This view was supported by independent British announcements of dive bombing raids on Malta yesterday afternoon. Earlier, the British had acknowledged their first major fleet loss from the combined Italian and German air arms in the Mediterranean—the sinking of the 9,100-ton cruiser *Southampton*—and at the same time told of another mighty aerial thrust of their own against the German naval base of Wilhelmshaven.

## Nazi Base Raided

That German North sea fleet base was declared to have been left "a waste of flame." The docks of Emden and Bremerhaven also were reported hit hard.

Late Thursday axis dive bombers struck again, in a prolonged assault on the harbor and town of Valetta, Malta. It seemed likely they were German planes, although dispatches were not specific. The Italians have raided Malta scores of times without knocking it out as a valuable British naval-air base in mid-Mediterranean.

The cruiser *Southampton* also... (Continued on Page Four)

## American Haven for Refugees



The American flag (even though hung the wrong way) is a symbol of safety at this cottage in Weston, 12 miles from bomb-blasted Bristol, England. It hangs over "Bellows," a children's hostel supported by American funds which shelters Bristol youngsters in the comparative safety of the countryside, yet within visiting distance of their parents. Above, Wendy, representative of the American families which finance "Bellows," welcomes Geraldine, a new guest.

## Orphans Tell of Horrors of Murders in China

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 17 (AP)—A story of horror and death was brought from China Thursday by five orphaned survivors of a bandit raid on the home of a Pentecostal missionary Nov. 5.

Still shaken by the memory of their parents' and brother's falling mortally wounded under the gunfire of a fifty-man gang, the children of the late Rev. and Mrs. Alfred M. Bernheim arrived here on the President Coolidge and made no secret of their relief.

"The Lord was protecting us," 13-year-old Esther Bernheim said solemnly, speaking for Mark, 15; Ruth, 9; John, 7, and Lois, 4. The children were met by Mrs. Lydia Hollingsworth of Spokane, Wash., to whose home they will be taken.

John still was limping from a wound in the foot incurred when the bandits broke in and looted the Bernheim home in Chan-I, near Kunming. The others were uninjured.

"Daddy was shot without warning," Esther recounted, "Then they shot and killed my mother and my brother, David (age 11). Daddy didn't die right away, and after the bandits left, Mark and I dragged daddy to a bed and tried to help him. He died the next day."

## Junior College Quintet Meets Moran Tonight

The Cisco Junior college Wranglers, the school's high-spirited basketball team, will meet the Moran five at the Moran gym tonight at 7:30. It was announced today.

The team, coached by H. R. (Pop) Garrett, has been practicing for several weeks and has had games with Scranton, the Cisco outsiders and the Lobo team. They have made a good showing and displayed much promise, it was reported.

The team includes Co-captains Warren Elliott of Moran and R. D. Donham, Melvin Crawford, Troy and Ralph Caraway of Putnam, Paul Hill of Sipe Springs, Bill Slatton and Blynn Stewart of Scranton and J. T. Simpson of Cisco.

## U. S. Warned to Take Ships Away From Hawaii

TOKYO, Jan. 17 (AP)—A newspaper controlled by the Japanese foreign office Thursday described United States Pacific fleet concentrations as "a challenge and a threat" and advised President Roosevelt to withdraw the warships from Hawaii as the best way to keep American troops out of foreign wars.

This comment by the Japanese Times came on a day which saw intense activity at the government bureau of information and a spattering of critical headlines as a result of Secretary of State Hull's declarations Wednesday before the U. S. house foreign affairs committee.

(Hull, urging passage of the lend-lease "aid-for-Britain" bill, envisaged that the danger to the United States would be "multiplied many fold" if Japan, Germany and Italy gained control of the high seas.)

Pending a statement expected tomorrow from the information bureau chief, Nobufumi Ito, the authoritative Japanese attitude was stated to be that the purpose of some of Hull's remarks was to regiment United States opinion against Japan.

One vernacular newspaper's headline said: "America Trembles at the Shadow Over the Pacific; Hull Misrepresents Japan, Frantically Seeking Passage of Aid-for-Britain Bill."

The Japan Times said: "To the Japanese it looks very much like the United States is going the long way around for sending armed forces into the scene of action abroad by maintenance of a fleet at Hawaii."

"The best way to insure the president's pledge of no troops on foreign soil would be to withdraw the navy to home waters. x x x"

## Attend Funeral of Brother At Hico

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shockley and son, Lonnie, have gone to Hico, where they will attend the funeral today of Mrs. Shockley's brother, C. C. Crews, of Alvord.

## THREAT OF AIR INVASION SEEN BY STIMSON

### Hoover Advocates More Authority To President

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson asserted Thursday that if Britain should succumb to the nazis, America would be in danger of invasion from the air, and he urged congress not to forbid President Roosevelt to transfer American warships to nations battling the axis.

"I can foresee conditions under which the navy could be transferred under conditions very advantageous," he said.

He made these statements as, with grim earnestness, he testified before the house foreign affairs committee in support of the pending bill authorizing the president to lend, lease or transfer American-made fighting equipment to England.

The subject of transferring warships came up when Representative Fish (R-N.Y.), committee member, asked him whether he had any objection to inserting in the pending measure a clause forbidding the president to give away naval vessels. The question, Stimson said, was really one of the secretary of the navy, but for his part he would not favor a ban on a transfer because he could foresee conditions which might make a transfer advantageous.

Hoover Favors Power  
Meanwhile, Herbert Hoover, in whose cabinet Stimson served as secretary of state, made public in New York a letter to Chairman Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the house committee suggesting that "much controversy and bitterness" could be eliminated by amendments giving positive definitions of powers the president is to have. He himself, he said, favored "every practicable aid, short of war, to Britain," but did not approve of "our joining in the war."

However, he added, many patriotic citizens, anxious to support the president, are held back by the possibility that under the bill he could do such things as: Give away naval vessels, send American ships into the war zones, seize alien ships now "in sanctuary in our harbors," or open American ports to belligerent naval vessels.

## Cluck Speaker for Midland Luncheon

Supt. R. N. Cluck of the Cisco schools was guest speaker for the annual joint meeting of the Midland Rotary and Lions clubs at Midland Thursday.

He spoke on the subject of "How Business and Professional Men May Cooperate With Educators in the Solution of the Youth Problem."

The two Midland clubs have an annual joint meeting each January and it is customary to invite an out-of-town speaker to discuss community problems at such meetings.

Between 125 and 150 Midland business men attended the luncheon.

## Weather

EAST TEXAS: Generally fair except partly cloudy to cloudy over north portion, colder Friday. Saturday generally fair, somewhat colder over north portion. Fresh westerly winds on the coast.



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### Twenty Years of Futility

THERE is something almost melancholy in the final dissolution by Jay Lovestone of his so-called "splinter group" of the communist party.

Probably you never heard of Jay Lovestone, which is the ultimate commentary on his 20 years of effort to make the United States go communist.

In radical circles, however, Lovestone is quite a name. He was one of the founders of the American Communist party, and in its early days he was the Browder of the movement. He rushed off to Russia for instructions from time to time, and it was because he dared to have a little disagreement with Joe Stalin on a matter of policy in the U. S. that Lovestone was eased out and Browder substituted. Lovestone, then, in the fashion of all zealots, founded his own

private communist party, and very private it remained, too.

NOW, after 20 years, he gives up, and disbands the whole shooting-match. "The existing socialist and radical groups are essentially out of touch with American life and its problems," he says sadly. "They live in an artificial world of their own that makes it impossible for them to see the fatal defects of their existence. They are unable to take a positive, constructive stand on present-day problems."

Well, 129,257,673 people in the United States have known for a long time those same things, which it took Lovestone 20 years of heart-breaking effort to discover.

With the other radical parties it fares scarcely better. The orthodox, or total-immersion Communist Party, U. S. A., of Browder has never achieved any mass following in the group it loudly claims to "represent."

The total vote for all radical parties in the last election was lower than it has ever been in recent times.

**WHY?** Because the common man realizes instinctively what it took Lovestone 20 years to learn—that the programs advanced have little to do with life as we know it, and when applied have brought nothing but ruin and death.

No radical party can ever make the slightest headway in the United States until it convinces large numbers of people that a socialist or deeply socializing program can be brought about in a democratic society. No such example has ever been produced; no convincing demonstration in the conduct of the parties themselves has ever been given.

Americans continue to be reluctant to toss away their liberties, their demonstrated advances, their well-grounded faith in orderly progress, for any will-o'-the-wisp promise.

Record number of autos sold in 1940—but it doesn't seem to have made any more room in the street cars.

Nobody likes to be bothered—but it's nicer than being totally ignored.

### Cooperation in Conservation of Game Better

AUSTIN, Jan. 17 (Sp.)—The year 1940 was marked by vastly increased co-operation and interest by the public in the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster commission's efforts to conserve wildlife of the state, the executive secretary of the department said today.

"A better understanding of the aims of the game commission has brought about co-operation from persons in all walks of life," the executive secretary said. "It was only a few years ago that most persons turned a cold shoulder to all efforts of conservative groups to save the natural resources of the country. However, as the public begins to realize the need for saving the soil, forests and game and fish, the co-operation has increased. It grew by leaps and bounds during 1940.

"Real sportsmanship has increased, surveys by our fish and game wardens and biologists disclose. The tendency to observe

game and fish laws is increasing as sportsmen realize the need for such measures to protect our wildlife.

"Each month of 1940 found more schools falling in step with the march of conservation forces. Whole bounty school systems are now teaching conservation and the game department is co-operating to the fullest extent of its limited funds. Civic clubs are growing more conservation minded, as is attested by the increasing demands upon the department for speakers well versed in wildlife and the conservation methods needed to increase our supply of fish and game."

### O'Daniel to Speak on Paralysis Program

DALLAS, Jan. 17 (Sp.)—Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel, honorary chairman of the Texas State committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, January 30, will divide time on a 15-minute statewide broadcast with George Waverly Briggs, vice chairman and director of organization, Sunday, January 19, from 2 to 2:15 p. m. The governor's address will be pointed to the campaign to raise

### "Eat More Peanuts" Is Tarleton Slogan

"Eat more peanuts" is the cry at John Tarleton college, Stephenville, Texas. This junior college, a branch of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college, located in one of the heaviest peanut producing sections in the country, has long been a leader in promoting the cause of the lowly "goober" in the field of chemistry and increased consumption. The publication of a book of recipes, "The Use of Peanuts as a Food," is the latest endeavor of the institution to help the peanut

funds to fight infantile paralysis. At the close of his talk Governor O'Daniel will introduce Mr. Briggs.

The Sunday program will originate in Austin and Dallas. Governor O'Daniel will speak from "Radio House" at the University of Texas and Mr. Briggs will talk from the studios of WFAA, Dallas. A number of radio stations not affiliated with the network will record the address and play them back to their listeners at a more convenient hour.

### Signs of Life?



grew. This bulletin is just off the press. The purpose of the booklet is to encourage the use of peanuts and peanut products in the menu. As members of a committee on peanut chemistry, Mattie A. Walker, director of home economics at John Tarleton college, and Ethel Bob Montague, director of the dining hall, directed the project and prepared and tested the recipes.

In this booklet will be found a collection of tested recipes that are simple, practical, wholesome,

and delicious. One not only finds recipes for the use of peanuts in cookies, pies, coffee cake, nutritious main dishes and soups. Any one may secure one of these bulletins free of charge by writing J. Thomas Davis, dean of John Tarleton college, Stephenville, Texas.

We are half a nation to quit running after socially prominent people. We can't catch up with them and we just get out of breath trying.

### Full Time NYA Work Center at Big Spring

AUSTIN, January 17 (Sp.)—Establishment of an NYA full-time work center for 50 boys at Big Spring was announced today by J. C. Kellam, state NYA director.

During one-half of each day the boys will be engaged in constructing the Big Spring municipal airport administration building, while during the other one-half of the day they will obtain work exper-

ience in the general metal shops to be set up at the center.

The city of Big Spring is sponsoring not only of the airport administration building, but also of the center, Kellam pointed out.

"The program at Big Spring will provide work experience for NYA boys in construction shop work, while the airport will play an integral part in the program of national defense," he said.

### BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### COFFEE STEPS INTO MAVERICK'S SHOES AS HE OF REVITALIZED LIBERAL GROUP IN THE HOUSE

BY BRUCE CATTON  
 NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—The so-called "liberal" bloc of the House of Representatives, which hasn't been heard of much since Maury Maverick disappeared from the capital scene, is trying to stage a comeback in the new Congress under the leadership of a speaker, combative Representative John Coffee of Washington state.



Catton

It isn't organized as a formidable bloc, yet, it's merely an informal, almost impromptu grouping of somewhere between 25 and 50 House members. It has just enough of an organization to have a chairman, who is Coffee. Its members meet once a week during sessions, usually in the Dodge Hotel. There's generally a speaker—sometimes a New Deal functionary, sometimes an outsider—whose talk is followed by a chat on pending legislation and a discussion of current issues.

This group had more importance earlier in the New Deal than it has had since Maverick unintentionally brought it low in his final term. He was chairman, and was forever being referred to in print under that title. The average congressman, liberal or otherwise, is pretty jealous, so a lot of bloc members began to figure they weren't doing anything much besides getting Maverick a lot of publicity, and attendance at the meetings dropped. Coffee is keeping pretty much in the background, nursing the bloc back to vigor with due regard for everyone's sensitivity.

### LIBERAL TRADITION IN COFFEE FAMILY

COFFEE himself is an unusual sort. Son of a well-to-do Tacoma business man who was once

president of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, he was recruited by the federal government to give an expensive education at the University of Washington at Yale.

There was a strong liberal tradition in the family, however. William Jennings Bryan visited the home when Coffee was a child, and the elder Coffee was a great admirer of the elder La Follette—and as soon as Coffee got to Washington he began to establish a reputation as a two-listed left-winger.

But as chairman of the House liberal bloc, Coffee isn't another congressman spouting platitudes for a group which sometimes holds the balance of power in the House when the Democrats get more than usually well represented, which often runs interference with the administration on many ideas the administration goes to the front for.

### GUNNING FOR WAGNER ACT AMENDMENTS

CONGRESSMAN HURON SMITH of Virginia has introduced his Wagner Act amendments, which failed of passage the last session, and stands to bring in a bill restricting the right to strike in defense industries. It's such measures that House liberals are gunning for. "The reactionaries are gunning for strikes in defense industries as examples of hampering patriotic effort," says Coffee, "they say nothing about the some industrialists are demanding their pound of flesh. If they any such laws through they get labor will start talking about the government's commanding of factories."

"Of course, what's happens that a few extremists on both sides are guilty. They've all got that the public interest comes in this emergency."

### ALLEY OOP . . . . . By Ham



### OUT OUR WAY . . . . . By Williams



### RED RYDER . . . . . By Fred Hart



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### SERIAL STORY

## CONSCRIPT'S WIFE

BY BETTY WALLACE

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YESTERDAY: Martha evades Paul, makes preparation to visit the apartment, apparently intending to go along. When Martha finally tells him she doesn't want him to go, he asks what is wrong. She has been avoiding him. He had promised Bill to look after her. Finally she tells him that before Bill left there were three of them—

### PAUL ANSWERS QUESTIONS

CHAPTER X  
PAUL ELLIOTT stared down at the echo of her words hung in the stillness. "The three of us," she had cried. And the implications

of those words were suddenly filling the room—suddenly so plain, so clear, so hurting—that she wanted to run away from him. She could not bear the look in his eyes, the way a muscle in his lean cheek was twitching.

He fumbled in his jacket pocket for his pipe, at last. He tamped tobacco down into the bowl with a blunt forefinger, taking an awfully long time about it. And still the silence shrieked between them.

He fumbled in the pocket again for matches. Very deliberately—as if he wanted time to pass, as if he needed time to recover from this blow—Paul scratched a match, and sucked on the pipe-

stem, lighting the tobacco. The flame lit up his face in a fleeting orange flame. The grave dark eyes, the straight nose, the firm controlled mouth were etched clearly, like a picture on a screen, flashing and then dimming.

"Oh, I didn't want to hurt him," Martha thought in dismay. "He's so fine so worthwhile. Maybe I'm destroying something I'll never find again. I hurt him once when I married Bill. He forgave that." She thought of the clean, unselfish friendship—the strong arm, always ready to help her—and she experienced a sinking sense of loss.

"I didn't mean to say that," Paul, she cried quickly. "I—"

didn't mean it—the way it sounds." "Sit down, Martha," Paul said gently. "Sit down here and let's talk this over."

"But—but there's nothing to talk over." Again the panic and the uncertainty—as if her feet were set on a bit of earth that kept sliding out from under her. "The whole thing's silly, really. I—I didn't mean to put it that way—" Her fingers smoothed the maroon housecoat, played with the ornaments on the zipper pull.

PAUL pushed her gently down on the sofa. He sat beside her. "Martha, we must be honest with each other. Since this thing has come up—since we've already started discussing it—let's drag it out into the light and examine it. Definitely, I couldn't understand why. What you just told me makes it very clear. It's because Bill is not here."

Almost, his voice was like the voice of the Paul who sat in the private office at Air Transport, discussing with the chief engineer the stresses, strains, and examining the evidence to explain the crumpling of a wing in the wind tunnel. "You said the three of us." Meaning, now that there are just two, you and I—he smiled, but his eyes weren't smiling—"The situation has changed. Either you haven't ever really wanted me about, since you and Bill were married."

She gasped. "Paul! That's not so! I don't see how you can think that."

"Then, Martha, your remark must mean that you—that you're afraid of me. Or of how our being together with Bill away looks. It doesn't look proper, is that it?" She stirred uncomfortably. "No, that's not it."

"I don't believe you, Martha. Once there was a time when I would have sworn that gossip—other people's incorrect opinions—meant nothing to you. But now, especially after what Suzanne was foolish enough to get excited about—"

Martha's little start, the unguarded gasp that escaped her, was enough to betray the fact that Suzanne had had a finger in this, too.

Paul said, sadly, "So, she came to you, too."

"She—she only wanted to warn me," Martha said miserably. "She knew there was nothing in it,

but—" The memory of her neighbors' whispers, the remark that even the cleaning woman had made, burned in her mind. "She was right, Paul. Besides, it wasn't fair to her, that when you took her out, I should always be there, like a—like a fifth wheel."

"Suzanne is intensely emotional. She has an imagination that sees a roaring blaze where other people see not even a wisp of smoke," said Paul, choosing his words very carefully. "I'm fond of Suzanne, sorry that she—she spoiled things."

No words came to Martha. She could only sit there, picking at that foolish little zipper ornament. "You'll break it," Paul said. And now he was in absolute control of himself. He stood up. "Look here, Martha. Let's be honest to the very end of the thing. We used to be engaged. I—I thought I was in love with you, and you thought you were in love with me, and it's that knowledge which makes our friendship now look queer while your husband's away."

Martha's lips parted. A great tight band seemed to be closing around her chest. It hurt to breathe. Paul said quietly, "But people are wrong. I'm not in love with you now. You're only my best friend's wife, and I want to make his absence less difficult."

YET, even as the words left his lips, Martha saw that tell-tale muscle, twitching there in the hollow of his lean cheek. "I'm not in love with you now." How steady his voice was! How rigid the control with which he reined himself!

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## Manning Spends Night in Air Raid Shelter, Sees Full Life Cycle



After the couple marched down the "aisle" to a wedding march played by accordion and violin, Father Grosser read the ceremony. Of the 8000 East Enders in the shelter only a few hundred saw the wedding.

By PAUL MANNING  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent  
LONDON Jan. 17. — Twelve hours in London's largest underground air-raid shelter and you get the whole life cycle of birth, marriage and death.

It was that way last night. First, Birth—

A mother gave birth to a boy in the first-aid room of this 8000-capacity East End shelter. It was her eleventh child, so the nurses were going to name it Number 11 because the mother didn't particularly mind what label it carried. There was a last-minute compromise, however, and the baby was finally registered in the shelter log with the name of the Dr. Rosen who delivered it.

The nurse who assisted said there was great excitement for a while as several hundred lined up outside the door waiting for news. When she stepped outside for a moment with the baby wrapped in a blanket a cheer went up and for a moment she expected everybody to break into the F. D. R. Jones christening scene number from "Sing Out the News."

For though "Sing Out the News" never played London, this nurse knows well that smash scene when all Harlem celebrates the birth of a neighbor's child. She was in New York two years ago when "Sing Out the News" was a Broadway hit. She returned when war was declared and has been doing volunteer nurse work ever since. During the day she has a downtown London office job, but for 12 hours

## Boy Is Born, Couple Wed, Man Killed

three nights a week she works in this East End shelter.

Then Marriage— The little blond girl of 23 had been planning this marriage for six months. Two postponements because of the blitz and she was about ready to throw in the sponge and resign in sheer despair. Finally she and her 25-year-old fiance, who is a dock walloper by day, decided to get married, blitz or no blitz.

Three days the women of both families spent washing each other's hair and sleeping in the shelter with their hair in curlers. By day they helped prepare food and get ready a rousseau of sorts. And three days the men spent discussing the outlook for the soon-to-be-married couple.

Finally, with an air raid in progress outside, the young East End couple marched down an aisle bounded on both sides by three-tiered bunks and mattresses spread along the cobblestones of the shelter. The shelter marshal was there, resplendent in clean collar and new tie. Father Grosser, padre of the East End, was there waiting to perform the marriage ceremony. The men and women of both families, three policemen, two policewomen, two nurses, a doctor, were there. In

fact 8,000 people were there, although only a few hundred saw the ceremony.

The little shelter queen, dressed in a freshly starched street dress, and her husband, solemn-faced in a blue serge suit, moved down the aisle to the tune of the Wedding March by two out-of-work musicians playing on a violin and accordion.

They reached Father Grosser, who, in a short but solemn ceremony, joined the two together as man and wife. During this climax the silence was so great you could hear a bomb drop. The women started to cry and then it was all over. The musicians broke into what they thought was 52nd Street Jive and everyone swarmed around the couple and started celebrating.

Next day the couple had the ceremony legalized in a church.

Then Death— Along about 2 o'clock in the morning a fight broke out down at the other end of the shelter. Two cockneys from Limehouse were circling around a 10-foot open space for an opening. One lowered his guard, the other moved and from then on a Canadian backwoods fight had nothing on this. It was to the finish in the best Jack London manner except that neither man wore hob-nailed boots. But one carried a knife and when it was over in five minutes they hauled one away to the first-aid room, the other to jail.

The nurse said the man who had been badly knifed died at 3:24 a. m.

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**Friendly 12 Club Meets With Mrs. Stivers Thursday**

The Friendly 12 Sewing club met Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of the president, Mrs. M. C. Stivers. The hostess presided over a brief routine business session, and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in needlework.

**Cecilians Meet Thursday Night**

The Cecilian singers met in the studio of Hjalmar Bergh Thursday evening at 7 o'clock for regular weekly rehearsal.

**Industrial Arts Club in Meeting On Thursday**

The Industrial Arts club met at the clubhouse Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. N. A. Brown hostess and Mrs. A. J. Olson program leader.

Responding to roll call were Mmes. N. A. Brown, Rosalie Pentecost, A. J. Olson, W. W. Wallace, E. Hooks, Ruby Miller, Joe Wilson, E. J. Poe, Rex W. Moore, O. L. Stamey, Jack Leech, R. E. Grantham, Guy Brodgen, J. B. Pratt, John Jones, Jr., E. L. Jackson, R. S. Cope, Joe Clements and A. P. Clayton, and two vis-

Hors, Mrs. J. D. Eddleman and Mrs. Gaston Alford.

**Personals**

Mrs. Joe Britain, who underwent major surgery at Graham sanitarium Monday, was reported resting well today.

Mrs. Bert Britain is reported confined to her home because of illness. Her condition is reported satisfactory.

Miss Edith Ziriax of Brownwood spent Thursday with Mrs. Gaston Alford.

Mrs. Joe Britain, who underwent major surgery at Graham sanitarium Monday, is reported recovering rapidly.

Wendell Russell is expected to return Saturday from a visit with Forbes Wallace in Stamps, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Anderson of Dallas are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harder.

**PARENTS OF DAUGHTER**

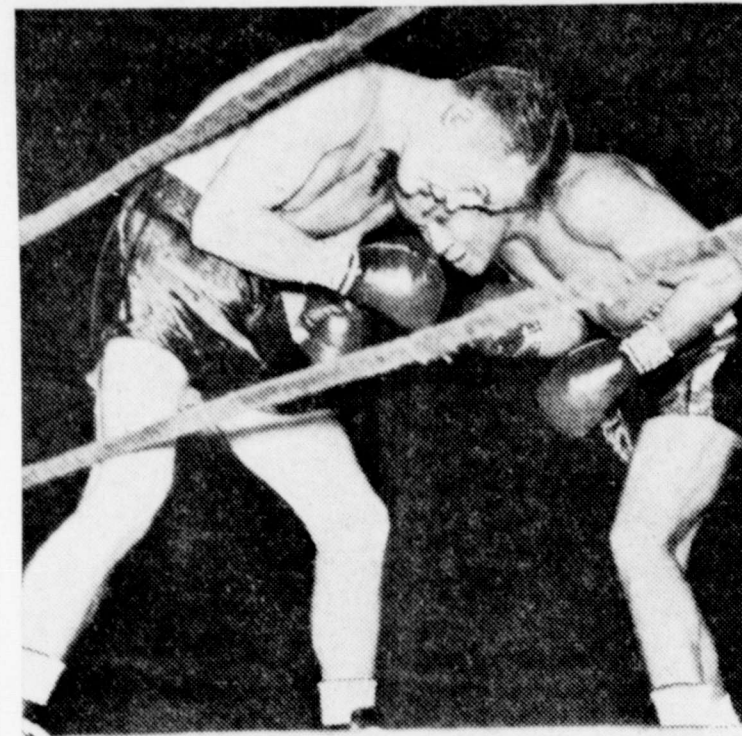
Mr. and Mrs. George Robert Winston of New Orleans, Louisiana, are parents of a daughter, Lynn Ann, born Monday, January 12. The child is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Winston.

**Specs---**

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This condition is that the legislators, who enact the reforms, are compelled to yield to the local politicians and influential constituents who are after plums, while the governor, who can only propose reforms, is put on the spot to bring them about. Whenever the people, individually and collectively, are willing to sacrifice personal interests in the interest of the general welfare and give their representatives the go-ahead signal, come what may, there will be a chance of "streamlining" the state government. But not until then.

**Second Helping Coming Up**



Return engagement between Fritzie Zivic and Henry Armstrong is scheduled at Madison Square Garden tonight. Above is action during their first whirlwind bout, in which Zivic lifted the welter-weight crown.

**Nazis Claim---**

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ready had been reported damaged, along with the 23,000-ton aircraft carrier Illustrious and a destroyer. Subsequently, said the British admiralty, the Southampton caught fire and had to be sunk by her own command. Most of the crew was saved.

Through the newspaper Il Giornale d'Italia the Italians claimed still another success in this running battle that may help settle the old issue of sea power versus air power. An Italian torpedo plane was said to have scored a hit on the \$18,400,000 British aircraft carrier Eagle, a 22,600-tonner.

All this was declared by the British to have proved nothing as to whether fleets or dive bombers would win in the end; they said the attack on the Southampton was carried out under circumstances so ideal for aircraft that the results could not be considered of special importance.

They claimed, too, that aside from the 12 attacking planes declared shot down in the assault on the Southampton and illustrious, 30 to 40 planes had been either "burnt out or severely damaged" in British raids on the main German aerial base at Catania, Sicily. Too, they said, a single British submarine had sunk two 5,000-ton Italian supply ships which had sought to reach Libya to help feed the hard-pressed Italian armies of Africa.

These were among the day's other developments: The Greeks reported capturing important new mountain heights north of Klisura in their drive toward Valona in Albania. On the Libyan desert front, British artillery shelled the Italian

base of Tobruk, where 30,000 Italian regulars await the grand British assault.

In France, a press spokesman of the Vichy government bitterly denounced the British again, continuing an anti-British campaign some two weeks old, which appears to have got under way at about the time that Foreign Minister Pierre Etienne Flandin took over control of the press, radio and movies. This time, the British were accused of having stolen not only Canada and Egypt from France, but the national anthem, "God Save the King" as well.

**Land Bank---**

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part of farmers of the advantages offered by land bank loans is indicated by the fact that the volume of land bank loans closed increased nearly two and a half million dollars in 1940 over 1939, and the volume of commissioner loans increased almost two million dollars. At the end of December, there were outstanding \$189,289,645 in land bank loans and \$45,095,992 in commissioner loans, or a total of \$234,385,547 in land mortgage loans to Texas farmers and ranchers.

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**Conscripts Wife---**

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giving him away. Those clear eyes, looking down into hers, were shining with a look she remembered too well. She looked at his eyes, eyes that could not smile even when he forced his lips to smile. Eyes that could not lie, even while his lips lied. His love for her, unchanged since the day he first slipped their betrothal ring on her finger, shone in Paul's eyes and Martha turned her head away, a poignant pity sobbing inside her. "I was silly, Paul," she whispered. "Suzanne was silly. Of course—of course you're not in love with me!" She broke away from him and said, more normally, "And now I've simply got to dress and get started. It's late."

He took his car keys and put them on the table. "You must take my car, Martha. A hundred miles is too far for that wheezing wreck of yours." He picked up his hat. "The car's downstairs. I have a good time. Tell Bill I said hello."

An hour later, as she got behind the wheel of Paul's new car, Martha was glad he had insisted. The hum of quiet power, when she started the motor, was reassuring. "And please, Butch," she told the dog, "stay on the newspapers I've spread on the seat. Paul doesn't want your hair all over his car."

It was a long drive. Plenty of time to think. In a way, it was better they had it out. Paul would go on pretending, and she would go on pretending, but with this scene vivid in their minds, Paul would not insist so strenuously on seeing her every night. She wouldn't have to stall him off so much. Gradually, they'd see less and less of each other. This way was easier, less hurting, than the abrupt ending she had tried to achieve.

A swift gray bus came up behind her. Her toe on the accelerator pressed down a bit harder. "Martha," she admonished herself, "keep your mind on your driving if you expect Bill to see you all in one piece."

Tomorrow morning, early, she'd be seeing her husband. Feeling his lips on hers, hearing the gladness in his voice.

"Tomorrow morning I'll be where I belong. With Bill!"  
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**Serve God By---**

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wheel-chair—his disappointment as the months drag by—and no means for him to regain the use of the limbs that once carried him to a game or on a camping excursion? In your anguish would you not cry out for a friend to provide the right to care for your handicapped child and brighten him with new incentive to overcome his misfortune?

That is the kind of friends I should like you to be to thousands of children both lame and unable to help themselves. Already the devotion of the local chapters

of the national foundation kindled hope in troubled hearts all over the country. If you have not the heart to this faith be thwarted by insufficient funds.

There is no nobler way to God for your health than helping His little crippled children to rise above the mass of the flesh to service and pineness. Earnestly I plead with you to join the "Fight Infants' Cripple" campaign to promote public interest and sympathy for those who must face, with aged bodies, self-supporting in a hard, competitive world.

**Men Miss Means of High Attainment Though They Live Amid Opportunity**

Text: Luke 14:15-24

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D.D.  
Editor of Advance

It is typical of humanity to think of the great things one would do if one only had the opportunity, or the privileges that one would value if they were only within one's reach. Yet, how differently things work out in practice! Men live in the presence of great opportunity without realizing it, and through their slackness and lack of regard for duty they constantly miss the means of better attainment.

Jesus put this into the form of a story which we call "The Parable of the Great Supper." A fellow guest where Jesus had been entertained, in his enthusiasm, had said, "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God." Yet all the privileges and the glories of the Kingdom of Heaven were offered to those who sat at meat with Jesus, and it was this that inspired His story.

The narrative is simple and effective. A certain man made a great supper and invited many guests, but when he sent his servants to tell them to come, that everything was ready, they all with one consent began to make excuses. The excuses were as flimsy as all excuses to grasp opportunity usually are.

One man had bought a field which he said he must go and see. Common sense would have dictated that he should have gone to see the field before he

bought it. Another, who bought five yoke of oxen, that he ought to go and sell them, although he ought to have known a little more about the quality of the oxen before he bought them. Another, who had married a wife so he could come, but someone has made remark that a newly married wife is always interested in tending feasts. Perhaps Jesus the story wanted to stress foolishness of excuses and those who make them.

But the man who had promised the supper found a way of getting away. He sent out a highways and the lanes brought in the poor and maimed, the halt and the

THE meaning of the parable seems very clear. It is those who seem to be called and the chosen reject the gift and the grace upon the gift and the sinner, and all who may come to the feast of grace. There is something of a parable in the play by Barrie, titled "Dear Brutus," which takes the saying of a Spartan character, "The dear Brutus, lies not in our but in ourselves," Barrie puts all the characters in the play who have failed in life as a chance, which they made badly as they muffed the first takes something more than opportunity to create character attain salvation.

God spreads the feast, upon man depends the response to the invitation.

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**Death On Fifth Avenue**  
The drama of a tragic game of cops and robbers on New York's Fifth Avenue is told in the 17 scenes. Called by spectators, Policeman Edward Maher, left, draws his gun as he rushes to a tree— a few seconds later he lies dead on the sidewalk, right background, slain by the row, Angelo Distefano, who struggles with spectators over Maher's body. In the foreground, Leonard Weisberg, a taxi driver wounded by Distefano, also lies on the sidewalk. Distefano and brother, Joseph, were captured.