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national facilities, situated on the
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Through the Editor's Spectacles

By GEORGE

The status of property ownership in Cisco has changed rapidly and radically within the last year. During the three months immediately past the change has been particularly rapid. Cisco again becomes a community of homeowners rather than a community of renters. The significance of this fact lies in the further fact that the change has taken place with respect, not to those citizens of means and long-established residence within the community, but to those of moderate incomes. Only a short while ago most of the homes occupied by families of the moderate income class were owned by loan and real estate companies, the majority of them having been acquired under foreclosure proceedings early in the depression. During the ten-year depression period Cisco was predominantly a community of renters. It was far cheaper to rent than to own.

The influence of this condition upon community stability and spirit is not hard to realize. Citizens who do not have a vested interest in the soil upon which they live, no matter how good and able they are, are not the same kind of citizens as when they own their homes. Ownership gives a sense of pride and permanency, a feeling of obligation to the community which stimulates the best in a person. A community of home-owners is a community of home-builders.

Today loan and real estate companies have very few houses left for sale in Cisco and these are being reduced rapidly. The demand for well-located homes far exceeds the supply. It is reasonable to predict that construction of new homes will shortly become necessary in order to take care of the demand.

This change in ownership complexion indicates that Cisco is acquiring a sound basis for more progressive and effective community action. When you consider what is the effect of the wholesale repossession of homes by loan companies upon the general morale of a community, you will appreciate the real reason for the discouragement and division which distinguished the recent history of this small city during the depression. And when you consider the healthful influence of a return to these properties to occupant ownership, you may look forward with much more confidence in Cisco. We are getting back to normal once more.

Truck Driver Hurt in Train-Truck Crash

Edgar Witt, truck driver of Brownwood, was under treatment at Graham sanitarium for injuries sustained in a truck-train collision at the Pueblo Katy crossing yesterday afternoon about 4 p. m. Mr. Witt's injuries were not considered serious by physicians, but he said they consisted principally of bruises and superficial cuts. His truck was in collision with the eastbound Katy motor train at the crossing.

Mrs. E. C. McClelland and Mrs. Leon McPherson spent Monday and Tuesday in Ranger.

Oklahoma Indians in Signal Corps



To the beat of tom-toms, Oklahoma Indian braves Charles Chibbybiti, left, and Simmons Parker, also known as Little Beaver, dance in native costume for the entertainment of their fellow soldiers at Fort Benning, Ga. They are members of the Signal Corps. (NEA TELEPHOTO)

HEARINGS ON TAX BILL SET FOR FEB. 12

AUSTIN, Feb. 5 (AP).—Legislative hearings on bigger taxes, the states' No. 1 headache, will start on or before February 12, the house taxation committee decided unanimously Tuesday.

Several committees stressed the need for an early start of tax deliberations, pointing out that the senate was powerless to consider any revenue measure until the house acted.

Rep. Howard Harzog of Port Lavaca, committee chairman, appointed a sub-group to study the numerous money-raising proposals and group them as far as possible. The sub-committee will report to the main body Thursday, at which time the committee will fix the exact date for the start of hearings.

Bills have been introduced calling for varying increases in the tax rates on natural resources. Governor O'Daniel recommended a transactions tax estimated to raise \$50,000,000, and Rep. Fred Harris of Dallas proposed a one-cent-a-gallon tax of all gasoline refined in Texas to replace the present four-cent levy on gasoline sold in Texas.

Rep. Jasper N. Reed of Texarkana, author of one of the natural resource tax increases, urged the beginning of hearings Thursday, asserting that "we are now in the fourth week of the session." Other committees, however, decided that would be impractical. They voiced no objection to Harris' motion that hearings start "not later than Wednesday night of next week."

A state senate committee to investigate subversive activities in Texas was authorized through adoption of a resolution by Sen. Clem Fain of Livingston.

Governor O'Daniel signed into law a bill intended to reduce the

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Ranger Stock Show Set for March 6

Ranger's fifth annual livestock show will be held on Thursday March 6, according to county agent Elmo V. Cook. The show will be open to livestock raisers in Eastland county and the Ranger trade territory. There will be divisions for Angora goats, swine, Rambouillet sheep, Delaine sheep, Corriedale sheep, fat lambs, Suffolk sheep, Karakul sheep, Hereford breeding cattle, Shorthorn breeding cattle, fat beef calves, and Jersey cattle.

In addition to a strong showing by 4-H and FFA boys, many adult breeders are expected to show. The show will be judged by G. G. Gibson, Extension Dairyman, Guy Powell, Coryell County agent and other outstanding judges.

Gunman Uses "Santa Claus" Reputation

A lone gunman who capitalized on the sensational Cisco "Santa Claus" bank robbery of more than 12 years ago to intimidate his victims "was being sought today in the area around Weatherford. The man, a lanky, khaki-clad impersonator of Robert Hill, one of the Cisco bandits now at Wynne Prison farm, allegedly kidnaped a Mineral Wells woman and threatened to "shoot it out" with any captors.

The woman, Leona Langford, told officers that she offered the man a ride from Mineral Wells to Camp Wolters and that he pulled out two guns as she neared the camp and forced her to drive to Weatherford. At that city she told police she drove into a filling station, threw the keys away and began screaming. Her kidnaper, she said, ran into hiding. The incident happened at 2 a. m. yesterday.

The gunman told the woman that he was Robert Hill and that he had escaped the penitentiary where he was serving a 99-year sentence. Officers said that Hill was reported at the Wynne farm.

11 Scouts Are Recommended for Advancement

Eleven Cisco Boy Scouts were recommended for advancement to the second class rank from the Tenderfoot class by a board of review meeting last night at the First Methodist church.

The scouts so recommended are Billy Brecheen, Charles Cotton, Alfred Narramore, Reed Francis, Sammy Kimmell, W. T. Graves, Burket Benskin, Harry Watkins, O. W. Ford, Rudolph Kleiner and Harry Alkier.

The board which met last night was composed of the Rev. Judson Prince, Jack Norman and E. L. Jackson.

All scouts recommended for advancement are from Troop No. 49, sponsored by the First Baptist church. Thirty scouts were present to witness the examination of the 11.

During the meeting plans for a trip to the Big and Little Mesas, south of Putnam, in Callahan county, next Sunday were made. Scouts not present at last night's meeting were requested to see their patrol leaders for information on plans and equipment.

Mrs. William Reagan and Mrs. John Shertz recently attended a club convention in Abilene.

WILLKIE OFF ON RETURN TO AMERICA

LONDON, Feb. 5 (AP).—Wendell L. Willkie left London early today on the first stage of his journey home, after a day in which he visited both the prime minister of Ireland and the king and queen of England.

It was an unprecedented conclusion to an unprecedented visit to these islands. Now Willkie will fly home, via London.

The 1940 republican presidential contender who came here on a personal investigation of Britain's war effort still was wearing a dinner jacket when he left the capital.

His last goodbye was to some Americans serving in the home guard. He shook hands all around and said: "Keep smiling, boys."

His outstanding impression of the whole visit, he said, is "the morale and unity of the British people of all classes. . . . If anyone says the people of this island are not united they are laboring under a delusion. I think I know how to test people."

Before he flew to Ireland for a surprise audience with Eamon de Valera, Willkie said he would ask him about the controversial subject of British use of Irish ports and bases, which de Valera has flatly refused. When he flew back to London this evening, Willkie said: "I got the information I wanted."

Then early tonight, emerging from an audience with the king and queen, he commented: "Britain is almost miraculously fortunate in her leadership."

All this, on the last day of his nine-day trip to find out all he could about warring Britain, Willkie took in his stride. He left London by air in time to catch the Pan-American clipper at Lisbon at midnight, Wednesday. The plane is being held for him.

Willkie flew to Dublin this morning from a midlands airport, accompanied by John W. Dulanty, the Irish high commissioner in London, and his own traveling companions, John Cowles and Langdon Thorne.

The Desdemona dairy show, which was not held last week on account of rain, will be held on Friday, February 14, according to an announcement by Elmo V. Cook, county agent.

The show will begin at 1 p. m. and many of the best dairy cattle owned by 4-H club boys and dairymen from Eastland and Erath counties will be on exhibit.

Mrs. Mason Altman and Miss Iris Graham of Abilene have been visiting here.

BRITISH PUSH NEARER GOAL IN LIBYA WAR

Cierne Is Captured by Empire Troops in Swift Drive

By the Associated Press
British legions racing through Italian desert possessions in Africa pushed nearer to their goal of Libyan conquest last night with the occupation of Cierne, 130 miles from Bengasi.

Cierne, center of fertile table lands watered by fresh springs, was abandoned by Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, commander of Italy's North African army, 11 days ago, soon after the fall of Derna, 60 miles to the east.

The British announcement said their advance units entered Cierne on Monday, while farther to the west RAF planes blasted retreating Italian troop trucks with bombs and returned to strafe the disorganized forces. Twenty to 30 Italian vehicles were said to have been blown to bits.

Further to the west, beyond Bengasi, British airmen made six bombing and machine gun attacks. Little Resistance
On other African war fronts, the British were said to be meeting little Italian resistance. They were reported driving on from captured Agordat toward Cheren, 40 miles northeast of Esmara, capital of Italian Eritrea.

The fall of that town and subsequent collapse of Massaua, the only usable port in Eritrea, within a week was predicted by London military sources.

The British were also driving southeastward from Barentu, Eritrea, taking a number of Italian prisoners, and eastward from Gallabat, Ethiopia, where they are assisting patriots fighting for former Emperor Haile Selassie.

Aerial war over England was stepped up when German bombers in large numbers streaked across the southeast coast and unloaded fire bombs on London.

The vicinity of Liverpool, the midlands, East Anglia, southeast England and Wales also reported raids in what appeared to be a resumption of wide-scale attacks which have been hampered by bad weather.

Large Estate Divided Among Many Heirs

A proceedings of unusual interest was had in the probate court of Eastland county last week when the independent executors under the will, J. A. and A. S. Brown, sons of the testator and both legatees under the provisions of the will of their mother, offered the document for probate as the last will and testament of Mrs. N. A. Brown, deceased.

Mrs. Brown, a former resident of the Desdemona community, died at her home there January 4, and in her will disposes of an estate appraised by the executors at \$149,060, the major portion of which consists of cash, real estate, government bonds and other negotiable securities.

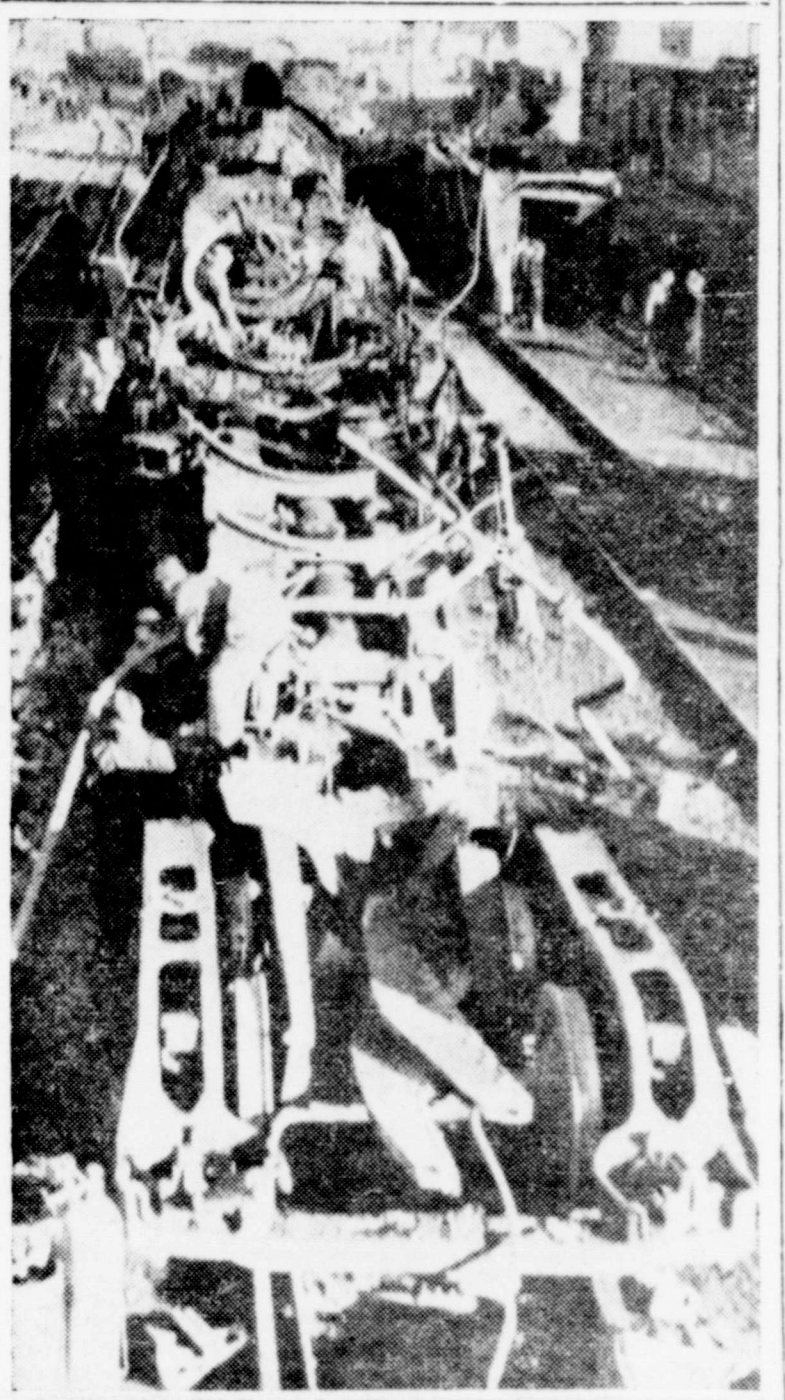
The real estate consists of farm lands, town and city properties in several Texas cities.

The beneficiaries are her children and the children of a deceased son. To each of the children the will provides that the estate shall be equally divided, share and share alike, with one heir's portion to be divided equally between the two children of the deceased son, whose care and custody shall be under the administration of the executors, who are not required to make a bond.

The following recites that the estate shall be divided equally among the following: Alva Rebecca Brown, Archibald Summers Brown, Audie Atlas Brown, Little Alvis Brown, Graden Artie Brown, Anna Terrell James Ambus Brown, Robert Angelo Brown, Artie Coghurn and the two children of David Arbasas Brown, deceased. The grandchildren in-

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Train Boiler Blast Injures 27



Twenty-seven persons were injured when a locomotive boiler exploded in downtown Denver. The blast occurred as the engine reached a grade crossing; most of those injured were in autos waiting for the train to pass. The engineer escaped with minor injuries. Photo shows the locomotive bed after the huge boiler was blown to bits. (NEA TELEPHOTO)

Over 300 Attend Conference of Two Districts

By DONIZA HART

The Cisco and Brownwood districts of the Texas Central Methodist conference furnished able speakers when a bi-district institute for missions and evangelism was held at the First Methodist church in Rising Star Tuesday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Whitaker, with other local co-workers, were hosts to more than 300 ministers and laymen who convened at the church at 9:30 a. m. until 4:15 p. m. for a study of these essential phases in universal Christianity.

Lunch was served in the basement at noon. Bishop John M. Moore of Dallas, and six ministers from Fort Worth planned the first two-in-one district meeting of this kind, according to Cisco District Superintendent Dr. Roy A. Langston.

A pointed and impressive discourse was given during the morning session by the Rev. A. J. Walton from Philadelphia, known for his sincere methods and earnest work in the home mission field.

In the absence of Dr. F. P. Culver of Fort Worth, who was scheduled to speak on "Missions and United Methodism," a stirring address along this line of thought was made by the Rev. Marcus M. Chunn, Fort Worth, who laid emphasis on the fact that despite the trying times, the Central Texas Missionary work, especially that of the women's auxiliaries, was furnishing a decidedly better report than at a previous period.

Dr. J. N. R. Score, pastor of First Methodist church, Fort Worth, delivered a special message on "The Methodist Preacher and Evangelism."

Another talk was that of the Rev. B. F. Jackson from Fort Worth, who spoke on "Evangelism and the Church School." The Rev. C. A. Calhoun from DeLeon gave a convincing message to those interested in knowing "How to Prepare for a Revival in a Rural Church."

An all-day consecration service was led by Dr. Langston. Morning

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CISCO COFC RE-ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Successful Year Reviewed in Meeting Last Night

The Cisco chamber of commerce organized for the year last night with the re-election of retiring officers after eight directors, selected by the city commission, had taken their places for two-year terms. Four of the eight are new members of the board, the remaining four having been re-appointed by the commission. Seven hold-over members complete the board. Last night's meeting was held at the Laguna hotel.

B. A. Butler, president, and J. D. Lauderdale, vice president, were re-elected by acclamation. Mr. Lauderdale was also re-elected finance commissioner.

New members of the board are A. D. Anderson, Sutton Crofts, H. S. Drumwright and Jack Elkins. Re-elected directors are Butler, Lauderdale, H. H. Monk and R. N. Cluck.

Holdover members of the board are J. J. Collins, E. P. Crawford, Dr. Charles Hale, Ed Huestis, Nick Miller, Paul Poe and J. L. Thornton.

The board reviewed a year of chamber of commerce accomplishment, during which principal achievements included the raising of a fund which made possible the Cisco Junior college, the securing of a new airport, and the development of a farm market building for construction under an NYA project.

The board voted to cooperate with the Eastland County Fair association in planning and presenting the annual county fair, and named Sutton Crofts and T. G. Caudle, CoFC agricultural director, to serve as Cisco representatives in the association.

It instructed Mr. Caudle to proceed with plans for the annual county livestock show here on the basis of a \$200 prize list. The city commission advanced \$100 toward this fund and plans were made for raising the additional \$100 necessary to meet this expense.

A committee of five board members, headed by Mr. Drumwright, was named to develop a program for expanding chamber of commerce support. Other members are Mr. Anderson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Monk and Mr. Lauderdale.

OES Officials to Be Feted With Banquet Friday

Cisco Chapter 461, Order of Eastern Star, will entertain Worthy Matron Robbie Dyer of Amarillo; Mrs. Bessie Gifford, grand examiner, and Mrs. Loyce Burnett, district deputy grand matron, with a banquet at the First Christian church Friday night.

An interesting program will be presented, and a large crowd is expected. Every member of Eastern Star is urged to attend. Plates may be reserved for 50c by calling Mrs. W. F. Watson, 547.

The meal will be served by the women of the Christian council.

NOT SERIOUS
What was feared to be a serious illness of one of the small sons of the Rev. and Mrs. Judson Prince this morning was reported early this afternoon to be of only minor nature.

Weather

EAST TEXAS: Considerable cloudiness with rising temperatures Wednesday and in south portion Thursday. General northerly winds on the coast becoming variable.
WEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy north portion, mostly cloudy south portion with rain in southwest portion Wednesday. Thursday mostly cloudy with rain south portion. Not much change in temperature.

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The Boom Begins to Be Audible

IT was slow to start. The billions were appropriated. Even appropriated billions cannot be spent as you would spend a dime for a hamburger. But the spending which began last year is now having its effect.

Let's run through some of the overtones which can be heard in the hum that means an industry beginning to travel at high speed:

INCOME payments to individuals last year totaled \$75,300,000,000, which is more than any year since 1930 and about 6 per cent above 1939, according to Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones.

THE NUMBER of unemployed has been drastically reduced. The National Industrial Conference Board believes it is now about 6,961,000, though the Alexander Hamilton Institute puts it roughly a million higher. Both agree that the number of un-

employed is rapidly being pared down. FAMILY income is rising. The Northwestern National Life Insurance Company says that the household of the average urban worker saw its monthly income soar nearly \$7 in the last six months of 1940, while household expenses remained at 1936 levels. The favorable margin between average earnings and living costs is the largest in the eight-year history of the index. There has been a tremendous increase in buying power in recent months.

OFFICIAL figures are now in on foreign trade for 1940—a total of \$4,022,000,000, the largest since 1929 in both volume and value.

ONLY the stock market remains indifferent, with prices slumping and the volume of sales so small that President Martin recently told the SEC that the Stock Exchange is actually operating at a loss.

THERE is no reason why all these tendencies will not increase in tempo throughout the coming year. The pressing need for defense materials of all kinds, plus unlimited access to the federal purse, assure that, barring some unforeseeable event.

Once more let it be repeated: This indicates no permanent solution of our economic problems. But it is a breathing spell during which wise men are being offered an opportunity to plan a future so designed as to take up the shock when this artificially-induced boom is deflated. More such men, both in and out of active business, are seriously addressing themselves to the problem every day. In that lies the best hope if an orderly solution.

Rumored that Lindbergh will seek a seat in congress. Lots of people willing for him to go and sit down—but not in congress.

The lost Generation in England seems to be finding itself.

Ship launched by skidding down over bunches of bananas. It's the old banana oil.

The Flapper's daughter is a Jitterbug, and she flies just as high.

Lots of people can run amuck better than they can run auto.

It's a Good Trick if it Works



Camp Wolters Receives First Troop Quota

CAMP WOLTERS, Mineral Wells, Feb. 5 (Spe).—With the arrival of the initial allotment of troops Monday and Tuesday, Camp Wolters took on a military appearance for the first time Wednesday.

Activity has reached a new height at the camp with the bustle and bustle of the soldiers getting their barracks in order and the mad scramble of the workers putting the finishing touches on the priority buildings which will house the first contingent of 3,000 soldiers due here February 15.

The 19 miles of roads in the camp are packed with travel of regular army trucks, construction trucks and official army cars, while alongside every road "mud pushers," graders, dump trucks and winches are working at top speed to either push off, grade or cover with rock and gravel the muck and mud which is the result of the three-day rain.

In a last minute effort to get the buildings in order to receive the Monday and Tuesday arrivals, the workers were forced to wade through a sea of mud and water to make the "deadline." Following the three-day deluge, residents of the camp were greeted with a stiff, cold wind, along with 35-degree weather. Although the wind aided in partially drying up the mud it certainly did not add to the comfort of the laborers who worked on the outside.

The only building on the priority list which was not completed and ready for the troops Monday was the administration headquarters in the corps area service command, and that was turned over to the officers late in the evening. However, in the meantime the officers had set up temporary headquarters in one of the barracks and worked a good part of Monday night getting the army records and data ready for the arrival of additional troops.

He's Britain's Ace of Aces



No. 1 Ace of the Royal Air Force is reported to be Pilot Officer H. M. Stephen, 26, above. He is credited with 20 enemy planes, more than any other British fighter pilot, although several are crowding him closely. Stephen recently "got" five German planes in a single day.

Remembering the maxim, "An army travels on its stomach," the constructing quartermaster had the mess hall ready for occupancy early Monday and the new arrivals lost little time in initiating the freshly painted structure.

With the soldiers settled and comfortable and the workers heaving sighs of relief for a full day of dry weather, the government employees were looking forward to receiving their "first of the month pay checks" which are due to arrive this week from Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

Sharing this anticipation with the employees were the merchants and business establishments of Mineral Wells, who hope for a major benefit from the \$18,413.50 paid the boys and girls at the camp.

All of which means that everyone around Camp Wolters and Mineral Wells is happy, with perhaps the exception of the rattlesnakes and armadillos that have been routed from their winter homes by the construction of the camp.

Kentucky judge, also a dentist, offered a woman a new set of teeth for wooden land needed for right of way. She accepted and the choppers went to work—Magnolia Banner News.

E. J. Miller Is New Head of Comanche Scouts

Representing 11 towns and every county of the council area, 93 Boy Scouts and scouters gathered Friday night, January 31, at a banquet in Hotel Brownwood for their annual Comanche Trail meet to review the past and gather leadership for the coming year.

Announced as Comanche Trail president for the year 1941 was E. J. Miller of Brownwood, who succeeds Russell B. Jones of Breckenridge. Vice presidents for the new term were Dr. J. Thomas Davis, Dean of John Tarleton college at Stephenville; John Turner, Eastland; L. C. Ward, San Saba; Port Bludworth, Brownwood and John Gibbons, Richland Springs; Dr. Jewel Daugherty, president emeritus, Brownwood. Other officers elected were: Treasurer, Clive Pierce, Brownwood; national council representative, Russell B. Jones, Breckenridge; O. E. Winebrenner, scout commissioner; J. C. Ferguson, district chairman, Breckenridge; E. P. Crawford, district chairman, Cisco; J. R. Eanes, district chairman, Comanche; R. S. Vestel, district chairman, Dublin; Joe Darrow, district chairman, Brownwood; Dr. T. C. Graves, district chairman, Goldthwaite; Rev. Gary L. Smith, organization and extension chairman, Cisco; Rev. V. Aubrey, leadership training chairman, Breckenridge; B. E. McGinnis, district chairman, Eastland; J. Wilson, camp chairman, Brownwood; Dr. Home, health and safety chairman, Brownwood; Grady, finance chairman, Eastland; Sellers, rural scouting chairman, Eastland; Rising Star, executive members at large are: One, Stephenville; Al Larson, Do u g l s s, Colson, Charlie Stokes, Lampasas; Mefferd, Stephenville; Prentice, Richland Springs; following are field commissioners: John T. Tipps, 233 Alene, Texas; D. L. Moody, Brownwood; Gaitha Browning, Brownwood; Sam Houston, Breckenridge; V. Collins, Stephenville; Casey, Dublin; D. E. Comanche, Scouting; Brownwood, Breckenridge; Stephenville, Lampasas; Springs, Eastland; Comark Twain's Co., Goldthwaite; Complete, Carlin and Rising Star, Carlin.

The coveted scoring Silver Beaver—was passed to Henry Wilson, Brownwood, district representative, bringing 2 West 3rd.

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Political Announcements

The Cisco Daily Press authorized to announce following as candidates in principal election in April:

For Mayor— J. T. BERRY (Rep-)

BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

35,000-TON SHIP CAUSES 35,000 HEADACHES; CAPTAIN AND COMMANDER NAVY'S BUSIEST

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Busiest pair of men in the U. S. Navy for the next couple of months will be Capt. Olaf M. Hustedt and Com. Andrew G. Shepard, respectively the skipper and executive officer of Uncle Sam's newest battleship, the U. S. S. North Carolina, which goes into commission April 11.

Right now the North Carolina lies alongside a pier in the New York navy yard, getting the thousand-and-one final touches a 35,000-ton warship needs. When she goes into commission, 1450 officers and men will march aboard. Each one of the 1450 must know exactly where he is to sleep, what his battle station is, where he stows his baggage, what his daily routine is going to be and precisely what part of the immensely complicated activity of a battleship's life is to be his.

Captain Hustedt and Commander Shepard have to figure all of that out, and reduce it to writing, before April 11. They can't copy it from any rule books either. They can review the organization existing on other battleships, of course, but the North Carolina is bigger than and different from any other U. S. ship, and there can't be much duplication.

Kentucky judge, also a dentist, offered a woman a new set of teeth for wooden land needed for right of way. She accepted and the choppers went to work—Magnolia Banner News.

TURKEY WEIGHS AS MUCH AS DESTROYER
SOME of the engine room ratings are already on board, getting familiar with the ship's intricate machinery. Crew lists are being compiled from day to day. About 85 per cent of the total complement will consist of experienced men, either from the fleet or from shore stations. The rest will be rookies fresh from the training stations. They'll be assembled in navy yard barracks early in April, ready to go aboard when the commission pennant is hoisted.

The North Carolina was launched last June, and when she hit the water was about three-quarters completed. Since then she has been getting her side armor turrets, her gun and her structure. Building of the keel was laid—on Oct. 2—and getting them installed of the toughest parts of the job of battleship building, single turret with guns as weighs about 1500 tons, about as much as an average trolley.

Navy yard inspectors go over all of the work to its satisfactory. But Captain Hustedt is expected to do everything else. Another job is to see that the small stores and accessories are aboard. This is a staggering list of items, from a set of the flags of nations to 3000 feet of anchor chain, and ranging unexpected things as a bacteriological incubator, a portable pulpit, 38 of a full set of band instruments, a garbage incinerator, an assortment of brooms and swabs and a pile of neatly printed stationery.

TEST RUN RUNS UP THE "BUGS"

GETTING the ship into work, either. The new ship is to be trained in handling itself. There must be a steady cruise, with a return to the yard for adjustment of "bugs" that are sure to be there. After that comes a Rockland, Me., for official over a measured-mile cruise. Careful checking of fuel consumption, propeller revolutions, and the like. More adjustments and repairs will follow then—some time in June navy hopes—the first battle.

Uncle Sam has put into place 18 years will be ready to take as a fighting unit in the fleet.

Your Federal Income Tax

Gross Income, Net Income, and Surtax Net Income

In computing a federal income tax, the taxpayer is confronted with the problem of ascertaining: (1) his gross income (2) his net income, and (3) his surtax net income. The instructions which accompany the forms clearly and explicitly set out how this is done. If, after reading them carefully, the taxpayer does not understand them, he should consult the nearest collector of internal revenue.

Gross income, generally, is all income derived in any taxable year from any source whatever, unless specifically exempt by law. In any usual business, the gross income of the person operating it consists of the gross profits on sales, plus any income from investments and incidental or outside operations or sources. The income tax return must show the exact condition of business—gross sales, purchases, and the cost of the goods sold, and the inven-

tories at the beginning and end of each taxable year.

In the case of professional men—a lawyer, a physician, an architect, a surgeon, a dentist, a clergyman, a writer, or any other—the gross income must include all fees, salaries and compensation of any kind received for professional services.

Amounts received from the Commodity Credit Corporation shall, at the option of the taxpayer, be considered as income and shall be included in the gross income for the taxable year in which they are received. If the option was exercised for any taxable year which began in 1939, it shall be adhered to with respect to all subsequent taxable years unless the commissioner of internal revenue approves a change to a different method.

Net income is the gross income less the deductions allowed by law. The long-continued and varying experience of the bureau of internal revenue shows that numerous errors are made by taxpayers in their income tax returns due to their failure to understand clearly what deductions

from gross income and what credits against net income are allowable. The taxpayer, in his own interest, is urged to read over the instructions on the forms until he understands them, before he makes out his return. Legal deductions include business and professional expenses, such as salaries, pensions, and bonuses to employees, taxes, losses, interests, bad debts, depreciation, depletion, contributions, and similar items definitely set out in the instructions.

An earned income credit of 10 per cent of the earned net income, not in excess of the net income, is allowed, in addition to the personal exemption and credit for dependents, if any, for the purpose of computing the normal tax.

Surtax net income is the balance left after deducting exemptions and credits from the net income. From this balance deduct the earned income credit and other specified items on which the normal tax of 4 per cent is computed.

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• SERIAL STORY

CONSCRIPT'S WIFE

BY BETTY WALLACE

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YESTERDAY: Martha does not go into detail concerning her return to the office, spends most of the time taking notes of the conference. Paul wants her to remain in New York to report the morning session, but she refuses, knowing Bill would never accept any explanation. She takes the plane home, never dreaming just how crazy Bill could be, nor how appalling a situation awaited her.

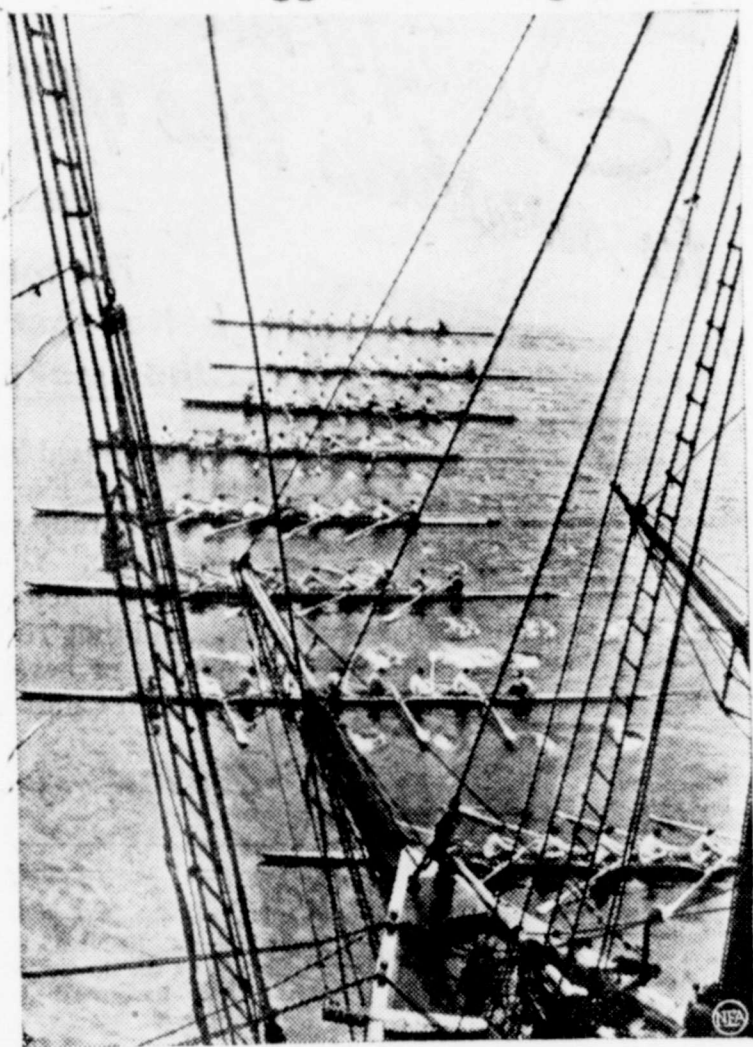
BILL GOES WILD

CHAPTEd XXVII
A LIGHT burned in Mrs. Larkin's parlor. Martha, tired after the flight from New York, her head aching, gave it no

thought as she started up the stairs to her room. "Is that you, Mrs. Marshall?" called a voice from the kitchen. The door opened, and Mrs. Larkin, in a bathrobe, came into the hall. "I was just making some coffee. I was waiting for you. That's why I've got the parlor lamp on."

only an hour or two ago—and he carried on something fierce when I opened the door. He insisted on going upstairs. I couldn't make it out. He wanted to see if your clothes were gone!" She wrung her hands. "I never saw a man in such a state, Mrs. Marshall! He was fit to be tied!"

Well-Rigged Washington



Through rigging of ship on Lake Union, where champion crews come from, eight University of Washington shells are seen taking water. California will be met first . . . on Oakland Estuary, April 19.

"Oh, Mrs. Marshall! All I know is, he was talking wild. Ringing and banging on the door and then you didn't come home. He asked me if I knew where you were. How would I know? He just kept trying to get me in a corner, as if I weren't telling the truth."

Righteous indignation asserted itself. Mrs. Larkin's breast heaved, her eyes snapped. "I got so mad I wanted to call the police. He bust in, ran up the stairs, yelled he had to get in your room, had to see if you'd left your clothes."

"Oh, why? Why?" Martha wailed. "What on earth—the fool! The crazy fool!" She couldn't think, her mind was a jumbled chaos.

Mrs. Larkin asked sharply. "Where were you anyway?" "In New York. I flew — the office—"

"Aha!" cried the old woman. "That's what he said! I thought he was out of his head. He said you were in New York and he wanted to find out about your clothes!"

Martha sat bolt upright. "He knew I was in New York? Then he must have gone to the office!"

SWIFT understanding washed over her. Bill had received her note. He knew she was in the office. And he'd come there. Someone there must have told him—she trembled with rage at the idiocy of it—someone must have said, "Mrs. Marshall's in New York with Mr. Elliott."

She thought of the phone girl, and choked. That's who it was! It had to be! She put in the long distance calls, she was the one, all right. "I could kill her!"

"Why, dearie?" asked Mrs. Larkin. Her indignation had faded somewhat. She had her teeth in a juicy little problem, and she was enjoying it. "So you were in New York, and they told Mr. Marshall. Ah, I see."

"But that must have been this afternoon, before the office closed," Martha said painfully. "Why did Bill come here so late tonight? What could he have been doing here in town?"

Another thought nagged at the back of her mind. This was Tuesday. Never before had Bill secured a pass for overnight leave

on a week day. "Maybe he came here to apologize, to beg me to go back . . . Maybe he got a special pass . . ."

The realization of Bill's regret at their quarrel—the knowledge that he'd come all the way from camp to see her at the office, perhaps to beg her forgiveness, to make it up—smote her like a blow.

"And I wasn't there! The morn at the switchboard told him I was in New York with Paul!"

"Yes," she heard Mrs. Larkin's voice speculating. "Yes, he must have been at the office in the daytime. Where was he till he came here? Do you reckon he was out among your friends—finding out if you told anybody anything? Asking them what they knew?"

The shrewd old eyes gleamed with sudden malice. "His getting so excited about your clothes looks to me like your husband must have thought maybe you were running away!"

FOR a moment, Martha huddled there on the sofa, misery shaking her. Then she caught at the old woman's words. "My friends . . . asking them . . . Suzanne!"

That's where Bill went! He must have. There was no one else. He must have gone to her house to find out if she knew whether Paul and I—Paul and I—"

Her throat closed up, convulsively. Suddenly she was galvanized into action. She leaped to her feet, her body stiff with decision. "Excuse me, Mrs. Larkin. Thanks for telling me. I must go out now. I—goodnight, Mrs. Larkin!"

Her landlady stared at Martha as if she had suddenly taken leave of her senses. "It's 1 o'clock in the morning!"

But Martha was opening the front door. An instant later, the cold night wind stabbed her. She hurried down the street, oblivious. Two blocks away there was an all-night cab stand. She had to get to Suzanne's house on Sugar Hill. That's where Bill had gone, all right. It was there he had spent the hours between his discovery at the office and his appearance at Mrs. Larkin's.

The lights of a drugstore arrested her. Telephone? No! Suppose Suzanne didn't want to see her now. Suppose she was glad this had happened—suppose she had filled Bill with more poisonous malicious misinformation!

Strangely, out of the red haze which engulfed her, Martha remembered the country club dance about which Suzanne had been so furious. The dance Martha had lied about to Bill. "I told him I was bowling with the girls." Had

Suzanne remembered that, to-night?

A lone cab stood at the corner. She pulled open the door. "Sugar Hill." The name of Suzanne's street eluded her, for a dizzy moment. "Stafford — no Stratford road. The big white house off by itself in between Palmer and Britt . . ."

At last the cab stopped. Martha paid the man, trembling. She stood on the porch, shivering, her fingers pressing the bell. Almost immediately, a light flashed on in the hall. Through the limy glass panes of the upper door, Martha saw a pair of silver mules come down the stairs, and then a quilted satin bathrobe. Suzanne herself was answering the door.

Suzanne's eyes, through the glasses, were not astonished at meeting Martha's worried brown ones. Then Bill had been here! Suzanne seemed to know all about it, for she flung the door open. "Thank God, you're here! I told Bill you weren't in New York!"

"I was in New York. I flew back. Oh, Suzanne, he was here? What did he want? What was the matter?"

"He wanted me to tell him what hotel you were at. He was crazy, out of his head. Said he was going to New York after you. I tried

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Ciscoans Attend Workers Meet In Ranger Tuesday

The Workers conference of the Baptist association was held in Ranger Tuesday at the First Baptist church, the Rev. David Phillips, pastor.

The morning session included a group meeting of men and women. Dr. W. R. White, new president of Hardin-Simmons university in Abilene, was main speaker. The Rev. Judson Prince, pastor of the First Baptist church here, also spoke. He used as his topic, "A Debtless Association by 1945."

Lunch was served at noon by the workers of the church. In the afternoon the men held board meeting while the women met together to discuss their work. Mrs. J. R. Burnett of Cisco was recently elected secretary of women's work.

Those from the First Baptist church in Cisco who attended were: The Rev. and Mrs. Judson Prince, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Williams, Judge and Mrs. J. R. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Huddleston, Mmes. James Huddleston, S. B. Parks, Asa Skiles, C. A. Farquhar, G. B. Langston, E. C. McClelland, Leon McPherson, W. D. Brecheen, Jay Warren, T. E. House, W. H. LaRogue, Algie Skiles, L. J. Leech, W. F. Walker, Frank Blackstock and Miss Willie Frank Walker. A congregation from the East Cisco Baptist church, including the Rev. and Mrs. Russell Dennis, also attended.

Mrs. J. R. Bragg of Lubbock is visiting in the home of her brother, L. C. Moore, and sister, Mrs. Harriet Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Campbell of Abilene transacted business here Tuesday.

Methodist Women Have Business Meet Tuesday

The women's Society of Christian service of the First Methodist church met at the church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the regular monthly business session.

Mrs. J. E. Crawford presided over the meeting and Mrs. L. E. Vaughn, secretary, read roll call. After a prayer by Mrs. Leslie Seymour, the president, brought an interesting devotional. Routine monthly business comprised the remainder of the meeting.

Present were Mmes. George Winston, M. D. Paschal, Cigler Paschal, W. H. Hurd, J. W. Slaughter, J. T. Fields, C. A. Shockey, Leslie Seymour, Homer Ferguson, Neil Lane, F. A. McMillan, T. J. Dean, John Shterz, J. J. Porter, B. E. Morehart, R. W. Market, Fred Hayes, L. E. Vaughn, J. E. Crawford and William Reagan.

Delphian Club Has Meeting This Morning

The Alpha Delphian Study club met at the clubhouse this morning at 9:30 with Mrs. Asa Skiles presiding.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCracken was leader of the morning program, and was assisted by Mrs. Asa Skiles, who spoke on "Fiction and Social Problems," and by Miss Doris Jamison, who played a piano solo "The Bells of St. Mary's." The better speech lesson was taught by Mrs. Ora Parker.

Responding to roll call were Mmes. G. B. Langston, Asa Skiles, L. E. Vaughn, Ora Parker, E. Hooks, Jay Richardson, W. D. Hazel, Paul Poe, Elizabeth McCracken, Eugene Lanford, B. S. Huey, and Standee McCracken.

Party Honors Boy On 7th Birthday

Mrs. Frank Johnson entertained her son, David, Monday afternoon with a party celebrating his seventh birthday. The party was held in the home of Mrs. Terry Johnson.

The valentine theme was used for decorations, and surprise packages were given for favors.

Refreshments of cake and hot chocolate were served to David Johnson, Russell and Betty Johnson, Jimmy and Jackie Dale Reynolds, Dolores Johnson, James Edward Steward and Douglas Johnson. Mrs. Ed Steward and Mrs. Ollie Reynolds assisted in entertaining.

Jimmy Reynolds Has Birthday Party

Celebrating his sixth birthday Tuesday, little Jimmy Reynolds was honored with a party given by his mother, Mrs. Ollie Reynolds.

The little guests played many interesting games, after which Mrs. Reynolds served refreshments.

The guest list included: Jimmy Reynolds, Margie Cook, Wanda Lee Garrett, Dolores Johnson, Betty Louise Steffey, Patsy Anderson, Margaret Bosworth, Margie Reynolds, Catherine Reynolds, Mabel Ann Barron, Gene Agnew, LaVear Adams, Douglas Johnson, Weldon "Sonny" Bosworth, Dale Cook and Jackie Dale Reynolds.

Artists Give College Program

Miss Melba Wood of Eastland, Cisco Junior college student, was program chairman for the chapel hour this morning, and introduced Mrs. Vera Hutchinson and a few of the talented young artists from her Eastland studio, who sang and danced.

Those participating were Annetta Parish, who gave a military dance and a Spanish tap dance and returned later to dance "Way Down Upon the Swanne River," Dorothy Jean and Heidi Thorne, who sang and danced "Little Curly Hair," "Down by the Old Mill," and "Blueberry Hill"; Patsy Hutchinson, who sang "Trade Winds," "We Three," and "No, No, No, No, No," and Connie Kauters, ballet dancer, who gave a Russian ballet, and then danced to the popular "Practice Makes Perfect," and "Alice Blue Gown."

The Notebook

Thursday
The Cecilia singers will meet in the studio of Hjalmar Berg at 7 p. m.

The Industrial Arts club will meet at the clubhouse at 2.

The Philathea Sunday school class of the First Methodist church will have a party at the church at 7:30.

Talbot Lockhead and his mother, of Maize, formerly of Cisco, are transacting business here.

Friday
The Century club would meet on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The club will not meet this week, but will have its next regular session on Friday, February 14, at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Hartman McCall and daughter, Nancy Carolyn, left early this week for Baytown, to join Mr. McCall. They will make their permanent home in Baytown, where Mr. McCall is employed by the Humble Oil and Refining company.

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New Class is Organized At Baptist Church

A new First Baptist church Sunday school class was recently organized by a group of women of the church. Members of the class will be between the ages of the Althean and J. O. Y. class ages.

Mrs. C. P. Cole was nominated teacher of the group, subject to the action of the church. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Leon McPherson; first vice president, Mrs. N. H. Lyle, second vice president, Mrs. Ray Judia, third vice president, Mrs. George Boyd, fourth vice president, Mrs. Barton Philpott, secretary, Mrs. Myrtle Anderson; treasurer, Mrs. Roy Pippin; historian, Mrs. Ora Parker, and publicity chairman, Mrs. W. D. Brecheen.

The class was given the name "Harvesters," and was divided into groups with the following captains: Mmes. Ed Thurman, T. E. House, E. C. McClelland and Ray Wilbanks.

Charter members are: Group One—Mmes. Ed Thurman, Barton Philpott, W. D. Brecheen, J. L. Pippin, and M. W. Robbins; Group Two—Mmes. Ray Wilbanks, W. C. Clements, McMurry, Leon McPherson, Myrtle Anderson and G. Pollard; Group Three—Mmes. E. C. McClelland, Ora Parker, Geo. Boyd, H. N. Lyle and E. L. Jackson; Group Four—Mmes. T. E. House, Roy Pippin, Don McEachern, Wm. Isenhower and Ray Judia, and associate members, Mrs. Vida Stephens and Miss Ora Howell.

Large Estate--

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heriting the portion of the deceased father.

Inheritance Tax
While this estate is rather large, compared to the value of the general run of values of other estates passing through the probate court, the inheritance tax will be rather small, owing to the many heirs to whom it will be divided, as \$10,000 of inheritances are exempt, leaving only a small sum subject to taxation, as the grandchildren's interest will pay no inheritance tax, it was explained.

However, an inheritance tax will be levied on the estate of J. F. Eberhart, deceased, whose only beneficiary is his brother, J. B. Eberhart, who must pay an inheritance tax of \$891.02 to the state, W. S. Adamson, county judge, has fixed, which is approved by George H. Sheppard, state comptroller.

Over 300 Attend--

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ing and afternoon devotional services were conducted by the Rev. F. L. Wilsheir from DeLeon and the Rev. E. R. Gordon, Brownwood. The Rev. S. A. Barnes of Fort Worth offered prayer. Dr. S. W. Williams, district superintendent of the Brownwood district, gave a talk on "Objectives of In-stitutes."

Though Mrs. M. H. Hagsman from Ranger was the only woman who spoke on the program, she brought to the minds of her audience some vital points, as she made a short address on "Mobilizing Womanhood."

The Rev. George Koregay and the Rev. R. H. Hooper from Fort Worth were among out-of-town guests for the program.

Hearing on--

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unemployment compensation tax, effective March 31. The new tax rate would range from one-half of one per cent of payrolls on industries with the smallest labor turnover to a maximum of four per cent. The tax has been a flat three per cent.

E. J. Miller Is--
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outstanding work in scouting and with all boys' work in this vicinity.

Rev. Amos Myers, pastor of the First Christian church of Breckenridge, was principal speaker for the occasion.

Tribute was paid by the members present to the late Lord Baden-Powell, English founder of the Boy Scouts.

Russell B. Jones, skipper of S. S. Texan was presented with a five-year training award.

Also honored at the banquet were the Eagle scouts of the council. Special music was furnished by the Sea Scout orchestra of Breckenridge.

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Conscripts Wife--

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to keep him here, but it was no good.

Suzanne drew her in. She moved around the living room, switching on lamps, drawing blinds. From a box on the coffee table, she extended cigarettes.

"Sit down. Let me get this straight. When Bill came here, all in a dither, I couldn't make head or tail of it at first. He seemed to think I'd know all about it." Her lips twitched. "I gave up playing follow-Paul after that mess in the hospital. Oh, Martha, I've been so sorry about that! I was cheap—stupid—"

"Never mind about that! What did Bill say?"

"I'm telling you! He thought Paul enticed you back—thought it was all arranged, that everybody—at least I—knew you'd eloped to New York, or something. He raved and swore and asked me where you were, how long you were going to stay—things like that. I told him it didn't know where Paul was, but that I was certain you weren't in New York at all."

"Suzanne's creamy face flashed. "I honestly tried to repair whatever damage I'd done that time, Martha."

"Damage!" Martha's laugh was curiosity mirthless. "He's thought of nothing else. It kept growing in his mind. He magnified it to even greater importance than you ever did—he got sullen, impossible—made trouble for himself at camp—quarreled with me, kept asking me things about Paul—when I'd seen him, trying to trap me into admitting things—oh—"

"I'm so sorry! I'm so sorry I ever said a word!"

"That's a big help now!"

"Don't Martha! I—I'll do anything. Look, let's get this straight. How did you know he'd been here? Where did he go after that?"

"He went to my boarding house. Rushed upstairs to see if I'd taken my clothes! I simply guessed that he'd been here. But where can he be now?"

"We must look for him, Suzanne said, rising. "I'll say this, Martha, but he's been drinking. If he's your boarding house—"

"and then—then didn't you probably stopped for somewhere?"

"Or two or ten?"

"Oh, Suzanne, I'll get dressed at once and get in my car. We'll town for him."

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