

Trial Flight

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
JACKIE DUNN—heroine she is a student at the State University.
ROGER MELROSE—hero, he is a student at the State University.
BERYL MELROSE—she is a student at the State University.
LA FARGE—Jackie's father.
MRS. MELROSE—she is Jackie's mother.

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"THAT'S swell," Roger said heartily. But he looked from one to the other of them in a sort of puzzled masculine way. Perhaps he felt the undercurrent in the air. "You'll be glad to know," he said to Jackie, "that everything is hunky-dory—thanks to Beryl." His smile now was just for her. "I'm to make a few experimental trial flights for altitude first here. Then Beryl and I will go out to the coast—that's so I can have a tail-wind—and then for the flight! I hope to do 450 miles, at least. There'll be a sealed barograph installed, of course, for recording. The seal will not be broken until I deliver it at Washington. Doesn't it sound pretty thrilling? Jackie? Aren't you pleased as punch?"
 It sounded as though everything was very definite. Entirely too definite for anyone to put a stop to, even if he wished. And Beryl Melrose was to accompany Roger to the coast. While Jackie sat home—doing nothing. "It sounds good," Jackie admitted, "at least she might sound as though she really meant it now. Of course I'm pleased." She made another attempt. What on earth was wrong with her? Anyone would think she didn't want Roger to have his big chance! "I think it's wonderful," she ended, but somewhat lamely.
 It would have been, if for some unknown reason Beryl Melrose had not taken all the joy out of it. (To Be Continued)

CHAPTER VIII
 Jackie knew that her mother had not meant that she ought to stop Roger from making a stratosphere trial flight because of the danger and risk involved. Evelyn did not know anything about that. But she did understand human nature. And the danger involved when another person came into the picture, especially such an exceptionally attractive woman as Beryl Melrose.

"I am very glad to know you indeed," Beryl Melrose said cordially, extending her hand. She was even more attractive than at a distance. She had the most beautiful big brown eyes Jackie had ever seen. Her skin was like a garnet petal. But what Jackie noticed—and envied—most of all was her hair.
 For some reason Jackie felt all hands and feet, as though she did not know what to say, or how to act. Maybe it was because of Roger's remark about their engagement. Jackie felt she could have slain him gladly for making it. Certainly that wink had not been necessary. If Mrs. Melrose had seen it, what on earth would she think?
 "Sorry I haven't had time to phone you," he said now, making matters worse, instead of better. "I haven't had a minute, have we, Beryl?"
 So it was "Beryl" already! They must have been spending a lot of time together. "I've been busy myself," Jackie said glibly. Busy doing nothing. Which had been the hardest thing she had ever tried to do. "Before I forget it, Roger—and in case you continue

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"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS By Blosser



Q. Of what woods was the capitol wainscoting constructed and why was wood used?
A. The wainscoting is of native Texas woods to show the excellence of Texas building material. It includes oak, pine, cherry, cedar, walnut, ash and mahogany.

Q. What was the cost of the present capitol of Texas?
A. The building was erected in exchange for 3,000,000 acres of land in the Texas Panhandle, the estimated value of which at the time was \$1.00 an acre.

Q. What route did the Ramon-Hidalgo expedition follow to the Texas coast?
A. The route was the general direction of the Camino Real (Old San Antonio Road) by way of the sites of the present New Braunfels and San Marcos, crossing Plum creek at Lyton Springs and the Colorado river a short distance below Austin and thence across Brushy creek in a general north-easterly direction.

Q. What are the dimensions of the Texas State capitol building?
A. Including porticos, but not the steps, the length is 528 feet, the depth, 290 feet. The height from the grade line to the top of the star on the statue is 311 feet, seven feet taller than the National capitol. The building covers three acres of ground and has 18 acres of floor space.

First casualty of the 1938 football season: a boy drum major in Florida dislocated his thumb handling a baton.



MYRA NORTH, Special Nurse -- By Thompson and Colli



WASHINGTON WITH RODNEY DUTCHER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—The movement to cancel the embargo on arms to Spain has accumulated a great deal of unseen strength.
 German Ambassador Hans Heinrich Dieckhoff has been so sensitive to this fact that he recently called at the State Department with a remarkable secret warning. In case this government was considering lifting the embargo, he said, he wanted to suggest that any American arms bought by the Spanish loyalist government probably would fall into the hands of Rebel General Franco and that, if not, ships carrying such arms would almost certainly be sunk.
 Since this government doesn't accord belligerent rights to Franco and doesn't recognize that Germany—or Italy—has any place in the Spanish war picture or any right to talk to this government about it, the reaction was sour in high places. Especially since it is commonly believed that the Franco blockade of loyalist ports is made effective only by German and Italian submarines.
 But the reluctance of top American officials to aid fascist nations conquer democratic nations is exceeded only by their fear of getting into foreign quarrels. It was after Dieckhoff's visit that President Roosevelt told a visiting senator of the dangers involved in lifting the Spanish embargo.
 A majority of members of the Senate Foreign Relations committee is understood to be sympathetic to lifting the embargo and officials whose support for the movement would be decisive admit the embargo was an injustice.

The administration's failure to act, plus the fact that the question still remains very much at issue, stands against a background which emphasizes the confused Washington attitude toward the European situation ever since Roosevelt and Secretary Hull were jolted by the forced resignation of Foreign Minister Anthony Eden.
 The embargo on arms to Spain was devised in the State Department and railroaded through Congress under the name of "neutrality," while Secretary Hull was away. Unprecedented in its denial of war supplies to a recognized, friendly government, the measure was admittedly meant to supplement the British "non-intervention" policy.
 But Hitler and Mussolini poured troops and materials into Spain until the government's position became desperate and this government has been informed that its embargo was the biggest single factor in fascist victories.
 The dominant forces in the British government appear to have been pro-Franco all the time. The British "non-intervention" policy long ago became farcical and the Chamberlain government now has approved maintenance of Italian troops in Spain until they win the war.
 Loyalist Spain's need for planes and other war materials she wants to buy has been obvious and one of Roosevelt's two or three most influential foreign affairs advisers says "We are about as neutral as if we had sent the Marine Corps to fight for Franco."
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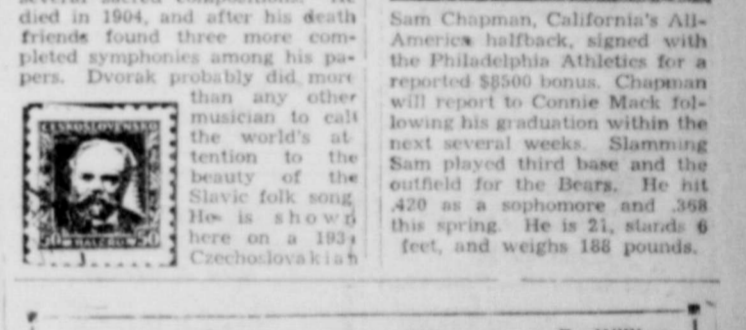


All-America to A's

STORIES IN STAMPS FOUND NEW WORLD SYMPHONY



SON of a Slav butcher and innkeeper, Anton Dvorak had already achieved great musical distinction when he came to the United States in 1892. Here he was engaged as director of the New York National Conservatory at a salary of \$15,000 a year.
 Dvorak held this post for three years, attuning his ear to every strange new variation of life and tone he found in America. He grew particularly interested in the folk songs of Negroes and Indians, to the point of introducing their melodies in his composition. Out of this experience grew his "New World Symphony" and "In Nature."
 In 1895, Dvorak returned to live in Prague, where honors were heaped upon him. He wrote five symphonies; much chamber music, a number of successful operas and several sacred compositions. He died in 1904, and after his death friends found three more completed symphonies among his papers. Dvorak probably did more than any other musician to call the world's attention to the beauty of the Slav folk song. He is shown here on a 1937 Czechoslovakian stamp.
 Sam Chapman, California's All-America halfback, signed with the Philadelphia Athletics for a reported \$5500 bonus. Chapman will report to Connie Mack following his graduation within the next several weeks. Slamming Sam played third base and the outfield for the Bears. He hit 420 as a sophomore and 368 this spring. He is 21, stands 6 feet, and weighs 186 pounds.



THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



Ranger High School News

Chapel
 Tuesday, Mr. Tulloch told of a trip which the band members took to San Angelo. In the Class Division, the Ranger band participated in marching and playing first in conduct.
 The members of the Sub Deb then took charge of the program. The scene was in a very lively college dormitory. The of this school, the members of the club, fought and gave the lens a view of what college is like. A group of the girls "I Still Love to Kiss You" and Dorothy Henry recited a military dance. Margaret Watt and Cecelia McDowell danced a number. A skit presented by Dorothy Jean and Helen Gholson.
 Tuesday, Mr. Warford awarded the following debaters who were the debate team and substitutes with sweaters: Marise

Chastain, Vera Bryan, Juneann Grigoleit, Rita Mooney, Jack Hall and H. H. Gilmore. These sweaters are of white wool with a large letter "R" in maroon on the right side, and across the "R" is written, "Debate."
 He then presented Lewis Hughes, who gave his speech, which was to be said at the state meet on Friday. The title of the speech was "Germany's Domination of Austria."
 All of the students were allowed to stay home or go swimming Friday afternoon, as school was dismissed to allow those who wished to attend the Oil Belt Safety Conference to do so.
Sub Deb
 The Sub Deb club met Wednesday, May 4, with its sponsor, Mrs. M. R. Hamrick. Final plans were made concerning the annual Mother's Day tea. Reports were made from the Mother's Day tea committee, composed of Jane Matthews, Cecelia McDowell, Doris Dudley, Juneann Grigoleit, Electra Pearson and Marise Chastain.—Reporter, Marise Chastain.
Library
 The following members of the

Library club gave book reviews: Nell Weeks, Jess Favor and Joe Don Meroney. Then all the members were asked to give the name of the best book that they had read and why they considered it the best. Three other members were assigned to give book reviews at the next meeting.—Reporter, Nova Young.
Journalistic
 Merle Branton, Virginia Beach and Mary Davis each read a poem to the club members.
Spanish
 Miss Ramsey read a story on "Spanish Customs" to the members of the club, and the remaining time was spent in playing of games.
Cane Sugar Has New Use
 By United Press
 LOGAN, Utah.—A. A. Anderson, who received his Master's Degree at the Utah State Agricultural College here, has received credit for finding a new use for Iowa corn sugar. Anderson has isolated an organism which may be used to ferment corn sugar into dextrolactic acid.

WILEY OOP -- By Hamlin



