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But Who'll Bell the Cat?

Some mice once lived in a great house. It was a fine house, well provided with the most exquisite stores of crumbs and cheese. The mice would have been very happy, except for one thing.

In the house there also lived a great, fierce cat. Even in the dark the mice feared to stir from their holes for fear of the great claws that came pouncing so unexpectedly. The mice, even in the great house could scarcely get enough to eat. They were desperate.

One day they all met to find a way to escape from their relentless foe.

"I'll tell you what to do," said a young mouse. "I have a new plan. Just tie a bell around the cat's neck. Then as the cat walks, the bell will ring, and we will all know where she is."

The mice squeaked for joy. That was the idea, all right. Freedom lay just ahead.

It was an old mouse who asked: "But who is going to bell the cat?"

Immediately every mouse thought of a dozen reasons why one of the others should take on the job, and a dozen equally good ones why he wouldn't dream of tackling the job himself.

The result was that the cat remained unbelted, and the mice remained in a state of terror until—we presume, but the fable doesn't say so—the mice all got terribly hungry. Then one day when the cat cornered a dozen of them all at once, they turned on the cat and drove her out of the house.

But at the bell stage, before the situation became desperate, not one of the mice had been made bold enough by desperation or by his own individual peril, to be willing to bell the cat.

Europe is a little like that today. The cat has already eaten a good many of the smaller mice, and may turn to larger game at any time. But some of the larger mice will have plenty of supplies stored away in their holes, and the cat hasn't turned up in their part of the house as yet.

Mouse Russia and her adherents in the United States keep screaming that it is up to Mouse England to bell the cat. Yet the cat has come closer to the hole of Mouse Russia than to that of England, and Mouse Russia has kept carefully in its hole. And Mouse England cares not a straw how many small mice are eaten or whether the cat goes right down the hole after Mouse Russia.

And while the European mice remain in this state of blissful independence, there are some who actually maintain that it is really up to Mouse United States to leave his own house, cross 4500 miles of land, sea and air, and bell the terrible cat of Europe!

But Mouse United States is busy catproofing his own house.

IT'S DARK IN THERE



BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Common gossip here says that one of President Roosevelt's first acts under the reorganization bill will be to lump all of the New Deal housing agencies together in one new set-up.

Nobody knows—except, perhaps, the President himself—whether he is really going to do any such thing. But an examination of the present bewildering array of housing agencies leads you to the conclusion that only a magician can put all these agencies together.

So far, in money actually laid on the line and not counting money whose expenditure has been authorized, the government has acquired a \$5,000,000,000 stake in the housing business.

1. Through the Home Owners Loan Corporation, it has spent some three billions to buy distressed mortgages and save a million families from eviction.

2. Through the Federal Housing Administration it has committed itself to make good mortgages worth \$1,400,000,000 if the lending institutions which hold them find it necessary to foreclose.

3. Through the U. S. Housing Authority and the Public Works Administration it has loaned or given \$161,000,000 to cities for slum clearance projects. This does not include some \$640,000,000 additional which the USHA has earmarked for disposal in the same manner.

4. Through the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and its member agencies it has used \$525,000,000 to secure the credit reserves of building and loan associations and to insure their depositors' savings.

5. Into various rehousing projects now under the wing of

the Farm Security Administration it has put \$49,000,000.

The principal headache in all of this has been the conflict of purposes between the Home Loan Bank Board and the Federal Housing Administration.

With the former organization, the government has been trying to help the building and loan associations; with the other, it has been promoting competition with them.

This situation arose naturally enough. When the depression came, the building and loan companies were loaded with long term mortgages which they couldn't liquidate. They had borrowed, in turn, from commercial banks on short term loans—and their depositors were clamoring for their money. They began to go bankrupt in droves.

The Federal Home Loan Banks were set up to remedy matters. They have altogether some 4000 building and loan association members, who deposit mortgages as collateral and get long-term loans at low interest rates in return. The Federal Savings Loan Insurance Corporation was set up to insure the deposits made by individuals in the building and loan associations. And the Home Owners Loan Corporation went to work to clear up the debris by acquiring the mortgages that had gone or were going sour.

So far, so good. Then the Federal Housing Administration went to work to promote building through lower interest rates made possible by federal insurance of mortgages. To date it has insured 335,000 mortgages on private homes, representing a total investment of slightly more than \$1,400,000,000. But by making easy credit available, and providing a safety catch for the lender, it drew new agencies into the picture—insurance corporations, big banks, and so on—and thus provided the building and loan associations with a new and spirited form of competition.

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TO WITHDRAW "NICKELS"

ROME.—Italy's silver coins will disappear from circulation as a result of Fascism's self-sufficiency campaign. Two and one lire and 50 and 20 centime nickel pieces will be coined in the future in a metal named acconital.

IN SAME PULPIT 45 YEARS

PHILADELPHIA.—The Rev. Dr. John P. H. Schweitzer, who recently observed his golden wedding anniversary, has been pastor of the Corinthian Avenue Presbyterian Church here for 45 years.

Classes Studying In Rising Building

By United Press

DOVER, O.—Classes still meet here, even when the new school building is being erected, and the students thereby are getting a practical schooling in everything from engineering to writing of a book.

It was the idea of E. C. Palmer, superintendent of Dover schools, to use the construction job of the new \$548,000 high school as a practical lesson.

Pupils are studying the various stages of construction, beginning with the excavation problem.

The school's art department is making scale drawings and paintings of the project, while mechanical drawing classes study and reproduce the blueprints.

Mathematics classes are learning the rudiments of engineering, by working on problems of stresses, loads and strains.

The physics department is learning from the building plans, the method of installation and operation of heating, ventilating, sanitation and water systems.

The English department of the senior high school is supervising the production of a book which will describe the operations from start to finish.

Camera students are making photographs during the progress of the work for a permanent pictorial record.

The development of expression in public speaking is added by the lessons prepared by high school students and taught to sixth grade pupils. The sixth graders in turn lecture to lower grade pupils.

Palmer reports that the novel method has been welcomed heartily by both pupils and parents.

boom, residing in this part of the county until 1922, when they moved to Albany after following oil play through Eastland, Stephens and Shackelford counties, later moving to Abilene.

Besides her husband she is survived by a brother, F. D. McKel-fresh, of Bridgeport, Ill.

Callihan was at one time a partner of the late P. J. O'Donnell.

REVIVAL BEGINS APRIL 23

at church 2 1-2 miles out on Caddo-Ranger Highway. Evangelist Sister Emma Lou James (formerly Emma Lou Johnson) Come—Bring Your Friends

Mrs. G. C. Callihan Buried At Abilene

Mrs. George C. Callihan, wife of a prominent oil operator, who has been active in this part of the country in the past, died at her home in Abilene, Saturday evening. It was learned here today.

Funeral services were held at Abilene at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Born on Sept. 6, 1888, in Bridgeport, Ill., she came to Texas, with her husband, in 1918, at the height of the Ranger oil

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ROLLER RINK

J. D. Litton, Mgr. Main St. Ranger

Suspect Held For Wharton Officers

Wharton County officers were expected to arrive at Eastland today and claim Ted Watson, wanted in Wharton County on an alleged charge of forgery.

Deputy Sheriff Tag Underwood reported Watson with the aid of other officers near Ranger.

Eastland Personal

Mrs. Bode Farris was a visitor Saturday in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Adams and Richard Hale of Dallas were recent week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chilton Horn.

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TUESDAY IS ELECTION DAY  
PLEASE VOTE!

I realize that there are only two of us left in the race for Commissioner and it is anticipated that the vote may be tight. So, I am making a final appeal to my friends to please make an effort to vote sometime during the day.

If elected, I will do my best to run my department honestly and efficiently. I believe in and practice co-operation in anything I undertake. I also believe firmly in giving each person credit for the work they do.

I have worked civically for Ranger the last 20 years and will continue to do so as long as Ranger is my home.

From the bottom of my heart I will appreciate your vote and influence and if elected will do all in my power for the good of all.

Respectively,  
CHARLES J. MOORE.

V. WRIGHT, Licensed Barber



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Table with 2 columns: Car Model and Price. Includes 1937 Ford Pickup, 1937 Plymouth Coupe, 1934 Chevrolet Coach, 1935 Pontiac Coupe with Radio, 1934 Hudson Sedan, 1936 Ford Tudor, and Leveille Motor Co. Phone 217.

CHILDREN'S RIMES

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a small illustration of Noah's Ark.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for words.

Advertisement for a valuable book given to boys, featuring an illustration of a boy with a book.

Advertisement for Williams' Hardware & Fixit Shop, featuring illustrations of various tools and equipment.



**SAVE TIME SAVE MONEY SHOP HERE!**

# JOSEPH'S

**MID-SPRING Clearance SALE!**

**SALE STARTS**  
**Wednesday**  
 APRIL 19th  
 8 A. M.

In the Spring, "a young man's fancy turns to love." Our thoughts turn lightly to the trends of fashion. We endeavor at all times to keep our stocks up to date in fashions and sizes... and in so doing we sometimes over do it consequently giving us too much stock on hand for the selling season. This is our situation right now and we are offering big reductions on all broken lots and many completed lots of merchandise in this sale! Our mistake is your gain. Every department has special you cannot afford to miss. If you need something for your wardrobe or your home... Get it now! We are listing below many items being shown; others can be seen at our store beginning Wednesday, April 19th, 1939.

**ONE GROUP**  
**25 SPRING**  
**HATS**  
 Formerly \$1.98 to \$2.98

**\$1.00**



OVER 200 EARLY SPRING HATS	REDUCED TO CLEAR! Gage, Fish, Patricia and Other Popular Brands—	\$1.98 Value	\$2.98 Value	\$3.98 Value	\$4.98 Value	\$5.95 Value	\$7.50 Value
		\$150	\$2.25	\$2.95	\$3.95	\$4.45	\$5.60

**DRASTIC REDUCTIONS IN—**  
**COATS, SUITS AND DRESSES**

ONLY 14 LADIES' SPRING  
**COATS** \$18.50 Values **\$5.00**  
 To Close Out

<b>ONE-FOURTH OFF SUITS - COATS</b> Sale of Rothmoor, Mary Lane, Princess and Betty Rose Spring Coats and Suits—	<b>OVER 200 NELLY DON and MARCY LEE DRESSES</b> To Clear at 1/4-Off!
Reg. \$5.95 Sale \$4.45	\$1.98 at \$1.49
Reg. \$6.95 Sale \$5.25	\$2.98 at \$2.25
Reg. \$7.95 Sale \$5.95	\$3.98 at \$2.98
Reg. \$11.85 Sale \$8.90	\$5.95 at \$4.45
Reg. \$16.75 and \$18.50	\$6.50 at \$4.90
Reg. \$29.75 Sale \$22.30	\$7.95 at \$5.95
Reg. \$35.00 Sale \$26.25	\$10.95 at \$8.20
Reg. \$39.75 Sale \$29.80	\$14.95 at \$11.25

**CLEARANCE OF EARLY SPRING SILK DRESSES**

\$4.98 Val	\$3.75
\$5.95 Val	\$4.45
\$7.95 Val	\$5.95
\$12.95 Val	\$9.70
\$14.75 Val	\$11.00
\$16.75 Val	\$12.55

College Campus  
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 and  
 Classy Jean

<b>ONE GROUP SPRING SUITS</b>	REDUCED MORE THAN 1/2	\$7.95 Val. SALE \$2.98	\$10.95 Val. SALE \$4.95	\$16.75 Val. SALE \$7.95
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**LADIES DRESS SHOES**

Broken lot Shoes in all sizes... Black, Patent, Japonica, Spring Wine, Black Kid, Rust Tan, Whites and combinations... high and low heels. Queen Quality, Paramount, Enna Jettick, Clarimont and Freedman Shelby brands featured in this Shoe Sale. You will find new Spring shipments in every group!

180 Pairs—Value to \$4.95 at \$1.95	150 Pairs—Values to \$6.50 at \$3.95
100 Pairs—Values to \$6.00 at \$2.95	90 Pairs—Values to \$7.75 at \$4.95 and \$5.95

• 200 SPORT OXFORDS  
 In Whites, Blue, Tan, Woven and Combinations, with crepe or leather soles—Values to **\$4.50** SALE PRICE **\$2.65**

• 50 PAIRS EVENING SHOES  
 Broken lots being closed out, including Daniel Green. Values to **\$6.50**, \$3.95 - \$2.95 and \$1.95  
 You can't afford to miss these bargains... for they come only once in a life-time—New Shoes on display in each group with the others. SEE THEM!



10 PAIRS L. MILLER SHOES  
**\$12.75 Val. \$5.95**

**MEN'S GENUINE MALLORY HATS**

IN POPULAR SPRING SHADES!  
 VALUES TO \$6.00  
 SALE PRICE **\$2.98**

**MEN'S DRESS SHOES**

Broken lots of dress and sport Oxfords for men, including many new Spring and Summer numbers. All sizes in this sale—White, Grey, Tan, Brown, Black and Combinations—

40 Pairs Nunn-Bush, \$8.75 and \$7.50 Val.	\$6.95
80 Pairs Freeman, \$5.00 Val.	\$3.95
44 Pairs Freedman Shelby, \$3.95 Shoes	\$3.25

**MANHATTAN SHIRTS**

For Men... All sizes and patterns. A large selection to choose from. Reg. \$2.00 value. SALE PRICE—**\$1.49**

**MEN'S DRESS PANTS**

Fine woolsens... good colors. One group to choose from. Values to \$5.00. SALE PRICE—**\$2.98**

**BOY'S OVERALLS**

Blue and express stripe, good quality. A 69c value—SALE PRICE—**39c**



**FINE GRADE Curlee SUITS**

All Wool Spring and Summer Suits... a good selection of styles and colors to choose from. Only 26 in sizes 35 to 42 to go at this price.

REGULAR \$25 VALUE  
**\$12.95 and \$16.95**



Student's All Wool Spring **SUITS**  
 Desirable styles and colors! Only 14 in sizes 32 to 36. Values to \$18.50. Sale Price **\$9.95**

Large Group of Men's **PANTS**  
 Plenty of Khakis and Blues included. Values to \$1.49. SALE PRICE—**79c**

ONE GROUP OF KIDDE'S **PLAYSUITS**  
 Sizes 3 to 12's. Values to 98c. SALE PRICE—**39c**

**SPECIAL SALE!**  
**LINGERIE**  
 SATIN and CREPE SLIPS  
 VALUES TO \$1.95!  
**\$1**  
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**SALE OF CHILDREN'S DRESSES**  
 Betty Worth, Kate Greenway and Mae Bell's included.

\$1.19 Values	79c
\$1.98 Values	\$1.29
\$2.98 Values	\$1.89

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**LIVING ROOM SUITS**

2 Pc. Chippendale Green and Gold	\$94.50
Regular value to \$149.50	
Green Velvet 2 pc. Modern, Regular value \$89.50. Sale Price	\$39.50
Occasional Chairs, Regular \$7.50 value	\$4.95
Joseph's Clearance Sale	

**BED ROOM SUITS**

4 Pc. Mahogany, regular value \$120.00. Joseph's Clearance Price	\$74.50
3 Pc. Bleached Walnut, regular value \$149.50. Clearance Price	\$94.50
1 Dresser, Oak Finish, Regular \$17.95 value. Clearance Sale Price	\$11.95

**COFFEE TABLES**

Regular \$4.95 to \$14.75 Values	\$3.19
Clearance Sale Price	
Cabinet Smokers, Regular \$4.95 to \$9.75 Values	\$3.30 to \$6.25

**Gibson Kerosene Refrigerators**

Gibson Kerosene Refrigerator, Regular Value \$295.50. Sale Price	\$149.50
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**GAS RANGE**

L. & H. Gas Range, Regular Value \$149.50—	\$98.50
Clearance Sale Price	

**MIRRORS**

Only 4 Large Sizes, Natural Oak frames—	
Regular \$2.25 Value, Sale Price	\$1.49
Clearance Sale Price	
Olds and Ends of Kitchen Chairs—	74c
Values to \$2.49. Sale Price	\$1.85
Hall Trees—Regular \$1.98 Value—	
Clearance Sale Price	\$1.35

**OCCASIONAL CHAIRS**

2 Occasional Chairs, Values to \$16.50—	\$10.95
Clearance Sale Price	
1 Wicker Rocker, Regular \$8.95 Value—	\$5.95
Clearance Sale Price	
Children's Rocking Chairs—	\$1.47 to \$2.35
\$3.49 Values	
1 Occasional Table, \$12.50 Value—	\$8.65
Clearance Sale Price	

**BRIDGE LAMPS**

Six Bridge Lamps, Regular \$2.98 Value—	\$1.98
Clearance Sale Price	
Two Table Lamps, Regular \$3.75 Value—	\$2.50
Sale Price	
One Table Lamp, Regular \$4.95 Value—	\$2.95
Sale Price	
Unfinished Lamp Tables, Regular \$1.98 Value—	\$1.49
Clearance Sale Price	

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4 Pc. Modern, Walnut, regular value \$109.50. Clearance Sale	\$72.95
One Unfinished Breakfast Table, Regular \$4.25 Value. Sale Price	\$2.95
8 Pc. Duncan Phyfe, Regular Value \$129.50. Clearance Sale Price	\$89.50
9 Pc. Modern, Walnut Veneer, Regular Value \$149.50. Sale Price	\$89.50
8 Pc. Sheritan Model, regular value \$139.50. Clearance Sale Price	\$92.50
6 Pc. Maple Dinette, regular value \$69.50. Clearance Sale Price	\$46.50
5 Pc. Oyster White Oak Dinette, Regular Value \$58.50. Sale Price	\$39.65
Unfinished Breakfast Chairs, Regular \$1.49 value, Joseph's Clearance Sale Price	85c

**MATTRESSES**

Nackman Inner Spring, long staple cotton, Regular \$24.50 value. Sale Price	\$14.95
Six Cotton Mattresses, striped ticking covers, were \$5.95. Now	\$3.95
Two Only "Sleep Easy" Mattress—	\$12.95
\$18.50 Value, Special	

**RUGS (All Sizes)**

9 x 12 Axminster, Regular value \$45.00—	\$30.00
Clearance Sale Price	
7 1/2 x 9 Axminster, Regular Value \$38.75—	\$25.80
Clearance Sale Price	
9 x 12 Swedish Burl—	\$39.70
Regular \$59.50 value. Clearance Sale Price	
6 x 9 Axminster, Regular \$24.50 Value—	\$18.25
Clearance Sale Price	

**BABY BEDS**

Only 1 Simmons Baby Bed, complete with Mattress	\$8.35
Regular \$12.50. Now	

**LAMPS**

3-Way Floor Lamps, Regular \$9.85 Value—	\$6.24
Clearance Sale Price	

**BED SPRINGS**

Springs, Regular \$3.85 Value—	\$2.55
Clearance Sale Price	

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### New Institute Will Fight "Isms"

EVANSTON, Ill.—A peacetime effort to strengthen and preserve democratic government will get under way on the Northwestern University campus June 20 with the establishment of an Institute of Democracy.

The institute, which will attract world-famous social scientists as faculty members, is intended to focus attention on the need for constant study of the problems of democracy.

Dr. Ernest H. Hahne, director of the university's summer session, cited the program of the institute as a major step toward fighting "isms."

"It is nothing short of folly," Dr. Hahne said, "to assume that the democratic form of government will automatically persist despite efforts made by opposing forms of government where vastly different ideas and ideals prevail."

"While it may be conceded that democracy is a relatively inefficient form of government, it has survived the struggle for existence and is, for America, the most desirable sort of political organization. It is intended that the Institute of Democracy focus attention on our need for eternal vigilance."

Ten professors who have achieved success in the fields of politics, sociology, economics, philosophy, psychology, history and education will conduct the classes, which will continue through Aug. 12. Among them will be Dr. Edward Alsworth Ross, known as the

### Billion Dollars Is Dry Hole Cost Of Drilling In Texas

DALLAS, Texas—In the constant search for oil and gas in Texas, over one billion dollars has been lost in drilling dry holes, according to facts recently compiled by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

Within the past 49 years the oil and gas industry has drilled 176,000 wells in Texas, of which 50,000 wells proved to be dry holes.

While these facts show that an average of one-third of all the wells thus far drilled in the State have been dry, it is also a well-known fact within the industry that 9 out of every 10 wildcat wells drilled result in dry holes.

While the Texas Oil and Gas industry's official records show the completion of over 126,000 oil and gas wells during this period of years, Texas Railroad Commission figures as of January 1, 1939, reveal but 88,000 wells producing oil and gas in the State. Thus, in addition to dry holes, the oil and gas industry sustained the loss of 38,000 originally productive wells through abandonments enforced either by physical or economic factors.

It is significant to find that the Texas Oil and Gas industry has actually drilled twice as many wells as are now producing oil and gas throughout the State. This emphasizes the extent to which high operating costs including taxes, in combination with curtailment of production under State Conservation laws, has in recent years forced premature abandonment of producing wells.

Dry holes are a hazard which must necessarily be anticipated in the risk of capital brought into the State for the development of oil and gas production. As the facts show, however, capital risks become increasingly greater when unfavorable economic circumstances force the abandonment of producing oil and gas wells.



Richland Springs

Scouts of Troop 34 and their leaders, in Richland Springs, have an interesting and worthwhile project to be worked out this week. The Scouts and troop officers will hike to Camp Billy Gibbons, Friday evening, April 14, where they will make camp for the night. The next day, under the supervision of Assistant Scoutmaster Joe Rogers, these men and boys will cover all of the twenty-five acres of the camp in a geographical survey. The knowledge that they will have from the survey will be used in making a large map of Camp Billy Gibbons.

**Goldthwaite - San Saba**  
Scouts of San Saba and Goldthwaite will assist with the dedication of the new bridge across the Colorado River near the two towns. There will be a barbecue and big celebration. The Scouts will assist with the traffic regulations, and give some Scout demonstrations.

**Brownwood**  
Scouts from each troop in Brownwood helped with the Easter Egg Hunt which was staged in Coggin Park, Saturday morning, April 8.

**Eastland**  
Scouts from the following towns will participate in a Rally to be held in Eastland, Friday, April 21: Ellaville, Woodson, Breckenridge, Parks, Caddo, Ranger, Olden, Eastland, Cisco, Carbon, Gorman, and Desdemona.

**Rising Star**  
The registration papers, for Troop 115 of Rising Star, have been received this week. This is the eleventh consecutive year that this troop has been registered and in good standing. The troop officers are: Scoutmaster Charles Rutherford; Troop Committeemen, M. S. Sellers, E. M. Howard, C. E. Williams, Charles Ballew and Cecil Shultz.

### Coastal Fish May Some Day Play Out

AUSTIN, Tex.—Depletion of Texas coastal fish life is imminent unless conservation measures are adopted, Gordon Gunter, University of Texas marine biologist, predicts.

Gunter, technical research assistant in zoology at the University, discussing "Current Coastal Problems" in the latest issue of the Southern Sportsman, outlined a tentative program for Texas.

He recommended formation of a legislative committee composed of representatives of sport fishermen, commercial fishermen, and the State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, together with a marine fish expert.

Furthermore, some research agency, "preferably one well-divorced from the shadow of political interference," should conduct a long-range program of study of marine animals on the coast, he said.

father of modern sociology, who will emerge from retirement as professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin.

Others are Dr. Arthur N. Holcombe, chairman of the Harvard University department of government; Dr. Herbert von Beckerath of Duke University, and Dr. Albert Benedict Wolfe of Ohio State University.

Although the institute is intended primarily for graduate students in the social sciences, Dr. Hahne said that individual courses will be open to all persons who can meet the prerequisites.



# ALL RANGER WELCOME TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL TEXAS CONGRESS OF RANGERS

## Ranger, Texas

### REGULAR SESSIONS

Registration 8:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M., Lobby, Gholson Hotel

### PROGRAM

#### TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 18, 1939

First Methodist Church

- 8:15 Meeting of Board of Managers, Basement Methodist Church. Breakfast for Board of Managers, Courtesy Olden Parent-Teacher Association, Auditorium, First Methodist Church.
- 9:30 Formal Opening of Twenty-Eighth Annual Conference, Mrs. F. E. Jacobs, District President, Presiding. Platform Guests, District Board and Honor Guests. Invocation..... Dr. L. B. Gray, Pastor First Presbyterian Church. Assembly Singing..... Leader, Mrs. W. S. Kemp, District Music Chairman. Introduction of Platform Guests..... Mrs. F. E. Jacobs, Superintendent Eastland County Schools. Mr. W. T. Walton, Superintendent Ranger Public Schools.
- 9:40 Presentation of Conference Theme, "Parental Quests," Mrs. W. A. Cooper, District Vice President.
- 9:45 Reading of Conference Rules and Regulations..... Mrs. B. F. Kleinfelder, District Vice President.
- 9:50 Rules for Election..... Mrs. D. Ball, District Vice President.
- 9:55 Address, "State and County Planning for Child Welfare," Mrs. Violet Greenhill, Chief Division Child Welfare, Austin.
- 10:20 Report of Nominating Committee..... Mrs. D. S. Grigsby, Fort Worth, Chairman.
- 10:25 Music, Rhythm Band..... Cooper Ward School.
- 10:35 Address, "The Functions of the State Department of Education," Miss Edgar Ellen Wilson, 2nd Asst. State Supt.
- 11:10 Discussion and Questions from the Floor.
- 11:25 Assembly Singing..... Leader, Mrs. W. S. Kemp.
- 11:30 Address, "Venereal Disease Control"..... Dr. R. B. Wolford, Mineral Wells, Director District No. 2, State Dept. of Health.
- 11:55 Announcements.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 12:15 Luncheon..... Blue Room, Gholson Hotel. Invocation..... Rev. Chas. T. Talley, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church.
- Music.
- Address, "Behind the Quests"..... Mr. J. Fred Horn, State Department of Education.
- General Session, Auditorium First Methodist Church. Invocation..... Rev. H. B. Johnson, Pastor, First Christian Church.
- Music, Rhythm Band..... Young Ward School.
- 1:45 "The Parent Teacher Association in Action"..... Mrs. Marguerite Hull Johnson, Seventh Vice President Texas Congress Parents and Teachers.
- 2:45 Music, Choral Club..... Cooper Ward School.
- 3:00 Reports, Local, City and County Councils..... Vice Presidents of assigned Counties presiding.
- 4:00 Recreation..... Director, Mr. Albert H. Berg, Ranger Junior College.
- 4:05 Reports Continued.
- 4:30 Question Box..... Mrs. Marguerite Hull Johnson, conducting.
- 4:45 Announcements.
- 5:00 Gypsy Tea..... Ranger Country Club, Honoring State Vice President, Past State Presidents and State Chairmen Courtesy Child Study Association No. 2, Mrs. Carl Heinlen, President; Hostesses, Members of Association.

#### TUESDAY EVENING

- Auditorium Recreation Building. Honoring Local Presidents and Graduates of Procedure Course.
- Mrs. D. Ball, District Vice President, Presiding.
- 7:30 Music..... Ranger High School Junior Band. Mr. Milton Pullis, Director.
- Invocation..... Rev. W. W. Layton, Pastor Church of Christ.
- Greetings:
- Hon. Hall Walker, Mayor, City of Ranger.
- Mr. K. E. Ambrose, President, Chamber of Commerce.
- Dr. R. H. Hodges, President, School Board.
- Mrs. C. E. Maddock, Ranger Council of Parents and Teachers.
- Mrs. Marguerite H. Johnson, Vice President, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers.
- Response..... Mrs. M. A. Edwards, District Vice President.
- Music..... Violin Quartet: Muri Dean Murrell, Rosemary Bruce, Jack Pearsall, Charles Ostern. Accompanist, Mrs. F. S. Pearsall.
- Address, "Responsibilities of the Family in a Democracy"..... Dr. Clara Tucker, Texas State College for Women.
- Fort Worth Mother Singers.
- Awarding of Certificates..... Mrs. Marguerite H. Johnson, Ranger Mother Singers.
- Fun Hour..... Mr. Albert H. Berg, Ranger Junior College.

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## WTCC to Have Representatives at Freight Rate Meet

ABILENE, Tex.—The West Texas Chamber of Commerce will present opening testimony in the Texas Railroad Commission's hearing on freight rates to be held in Austin, Tuesday, April 18.

The testimony, showing that freight rates in West Texas are 85 per cent higher than rates in northern and eastern states, will be presented on invitation of members of the Commission. The freight rate equality campaign was launched by the WTCC and has grown into a national movement.

More than 90 organizations which are members of the WTCC-sponsored Freight Rate Equality Federation and all of the 1991 cities and towns affiliated with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce are invited to send representatives or messages to the hearing, officials said today.

The hearing was called, according to announcement from the Commission, to investigate the "reasonableness" of differentials in intrastate rates and of existing commodity rates.

Col. E. O. Thompson, member of the Commission, said he regarded the hearing as the most important freight rate inquiry in many years.

Freight rates also will be one of the most important topics discussed at the 21st annual WTCC convention in Abilene May 15-17. Colonel Thompson has accepted invitation to speak at the Transportation Conference, to be held on the opening day of the convention. Dr. W. M. W. Spahn, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, also has accepted invitation to be a principal speaker at the conference.

Permanent organization of the Freight Rate Equality Federation will be perfected at that time. Any organization in any part of the state is eligible to affiliate with the Federation and send delegates to the conference.

## Sacramento Plans Gala Centennial

SACRAMENTO.—Sacramento and the fifteen other counties of California's Golden Empire are making a romantic and colorful contribution to California's Fiesta Year. This is the Sacramento-Golden Empire Centennial, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Sacramento by General John A. Sutter, which brought the first civilian to interior California.

Replete with thrills and spectacles, the gala Centennial will start May 1 when historic Sutter's Fort, established in 1839 and now restored to its original condition, will be opened. The Fort will be inhabited by characters representing Sutter, James Marshall, discoverer of gold, Kit Carson, Bret Harte, General John C. Fremont, Mark Twain and other pioneer figures who will live in the Fort under the same conditions as in the early days.

The picturesque mining town which sprang up following Marshall's epochal gold discovery, which altered the course of a democracy, will be revived with construction of "Roaring Camp," a typical Mother Lode mining village of the gold rush days. "Roaring Camp" opens May 12.

had never been so scared before and I hope I never am again. I'm still scared when I think of it.

"But I am still convinced there is no technique in parachute jumping. There are a lot of parachute schools, but I have never understood the necessity for them. There are only two things to do, after all: jump and pull the ring of the chute.

"My own belief is that the legs you know about parachute jumping, the better you'll get along."

New York has banned the sandwich man. The city thought the "filing" was okay, but the "bread" got pretty stale.

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- They asked me if I was willing to try it, and I did try it in Dayton, O., 20 years ago," he said. I

## Chute Soldiers In War Are Doubted

By United Press

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Leslie L. Irvin, parachute designer, believes the plan to transport troops by planes and drop them to the ground would be a "suicidal" war maneuver.

Irvin, a resident of Eangland, where he recently was cited for meritorious accomplishment in the aviation industry, said while here:

"Russia and France, and Germany to a lesser extent, have been experimenting with the plan. I know definitely that the Russians have had 3,000 in the air in main parachute descents, while France has had 40 aloft at one time.

"I doubt, however, that this tactic would be justifiable under war conditions. It would be suicidal as far as the troops are concerned, and it is questionable whether they could accomplish any mission before they were shot or captured."

Irvin said it would be quite possible to build a parachute large enough to bring down an airplane, but that such a life-saving device would be impractical.

"If a pilot could put a plane in the proper position," the parachute designer said, "we could bring it down safely every time with a chute. But if the pilot could do that much, it is quite likely he also land it safely himself."

The first practical test of a parachute made by Irvin is remembered vividly by him. It was he who performed the initial "free jump" with the bulky device, cut out, sewn and tied in a military shop.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 8:00 Class for New Presidents. Mrs. Marguerite H. Johnson, State Vice President, Conducting.
- 8:45 GENERAL SESSION.
- Assembly Singing. Mrs. W. S. Kemp, District Music Chairman, Leader.
- 9:00 Invocation. Rev. Father S. E. Byrne, St. Rita's Catholic Church.
- 9:05 Reports Continued (Local).
- 9:35 District Chairman (Five Minutes): Endowment Fund. Mrs. J. E. Granstaff; Life Membership. Mrs. Josie K. Nix; Radio. Mrs. H. M. Barnes; Safety. Mrs. C. L. Mansfield.
- 9:50 Address, "Safety." Captain G. E. Schaefer, Department of Public Safety, Austin.
- 10:30 Music. Mrs. W. S. Kemp, District Music Chairman; Address, "More and Better Music in Texas." Mrs. Chas. Stephens, State Music Chairman; Music, Choral Club. Ethel Moore, Director; Young Ward School.
- 11:05 "Newspaper Publicity and Its Related Phases." Mrs. Mary Sears, Fort Worth Star-Telegram.
- 11:15 Recreation. Rev. G. Alfred Brown, Mr. Albert H. Berg, Director.
- 11:20 Parliamentary Procedure. Mrs. Marguerite H. Johnson.
- 11:35 Publications. Mrs. J. W. Caskey, District Chairman.
- 11:40 Panel Discussion, "What Should Be the Objectives of Modern Education?" Leader, Mr. W. M. Green, Superintendent Fort Worth Public Schools. Members: Mr. R. N. Cluck, Supt. Cisco Public Schools; Mr. W. T. Walton, Supt. Ranger Public Schools; Dr. N. S. Holland, Supt. Breckenridge Schools; Mr. Tolbert Patterson, Supt. Mullins Schools; Mr. R. S. Vestal, Supt. Dublin Public Schools; Mr. E. J. Woodward, Supt. Brownwood Schools; Mr. J. E. Burnett, Supt. Stephenville Public Schools; G. Alfred Brown, Pastor First Methodist Church, Ranger.
- 12:40 Announcements.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00 Luncheon. Blue Room, Gholson Hotel.
- Invocation. Rev. G. Alfred Brown, Pastor, First Methodist Church.
- Piano Solo. Gwendolyn Tunnell, Ranger.
- Introductions.
- Solo, "A Little Child Shall Lead." Mrs. Chas. Stephens, Fort Worth.
- Violin Solo. Rosemary Bruner, Ranger.
- Address, "Problems." Mr. J. Thomas Davis, Dean, John Tarleton Agricultural College.
- Report of Election. Mrs. D. Ball, Election Judge.
- Report of Resolutions Committee. Mrs. Earl Clements.
- Report of Credential Committee. Mrs. E. R. Stator.
- Installation of Officers. Mrs. Marguerite H. Johnson, State Vice President.
- Adjournment.
- 3:00 Post Board Meeting of District Board of Managers.

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One fresh beef tongue, 2 cups clear vegetable stock or water, 1-2 stick cinnamon, 1 bay leaf, 2 stalks celery (with leaves), 2 sprigs parsley, 8 whole cloves, 1 large onion, 2 carrots, juice of 1 lemon.  
Scrub tongue, then simmer with the other ingredients 3 to 4 hours until tender. Cool, trim and skin. Slice.  
**Cherry Mixture**  
One can sour cherries, 1-3 pound blanched almonds, juice 2 lemons and grated rind of lemon.  
Mix all ingredients. In a casserole arrange sliced tongue and cherry mixture in alternate layers. Bake in a slow oven (325 degrees F.) for 25 minutes.

**Tomorrow's Menu**  
**BREAKFAST:** Rhubarb and applesauce, oatmeal muffins, crisp bacon, coffee, milk.  
**LUNCHEON:** Mushroom omelet, hard rolls, fresh fruit salad, tea, milk.  
**DINNER:** Beef tongue with sour cherries, mashed potatoes, buttered cauliflower with parsley, escarole and celery root salad, caramel custard, coffee, milk.  
**Round Steak with Sauerkraut** (Serves 4 to 6)  
Two pounds round steak cut in slices 1 inch thick, 1 No. 2 can sauerkraut, 2 small onions, 3 tablespoons fat, 1 No. 2 can tomatoes.  
Trim steak. Drain sauerkraut and dice onions. Combine diced onion and drained sauerkraut. Season steak, then spread with mixture. Roll and fasten with clean white string. Brown meat on all sides in fat.  
In a thrift cooker kettle of electric range or in heavy pot with cover, add tomatoes. Cover, simmer for 1 1/2 hours.

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All 191 Cities In WTCC Invited To Have Sponsors  
ABILENE, TEX.—All of the 191 cities and towns affiliated with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce have been invited to send sponsors to two night shows which will be staged at the 21st annual WTCC convention in Abilene May 15-17.  
The girls selected as sponsors by the member towns will represent the pick of West Texas public spirit and will be candidates for the title "Miss West Texas."  
Miss Barbara Crissey of Burkburnett, selected as "Miss West Texas" for 1938-39 at the Wichita Falls convention last year, will reign at the opening show, Monday night, when the girl for the 1939-40 honor will be selected by popular vote. Identity of the new "Miss West Texas" will be announced at the second night show when she will be crowned with elaborate ceremony.  
Mrs. Hila Weathers, Crockett, formerly of Sweetwater, who conducted the WTCC shows at Sweetwater, Big Spring and San Angelo conventions, is in charge of the programs again this year and promises that they will be the most brilliant and colorful ever held at the annual convention.  
Each night program will include the "cream of West Texas entertainment," Mrs. Weathers said. Specialty acts and entertainers will be selected from various West Texas towns to make up the

SERIAL STORY BORDER ADVENTURE BY OREN ARNOLD

CHAPTER XI  
YOUNG Messrs. Sheridan Starr and Hope Kildare, pals and fellow officers in the United States Border Patrol, theoretically were to have gone to bed by 11 o'clock this night, gotten a good sleep and reported for further official duty next morning. Actually they did nothing of the sort.  
They trailed Betty Mary instead in their car until her taxi crossed the international bridge into Mexico. Then they just rode around glumly for a while, saying little.  
At midnight they pulled up at the U & I Cafe, strolled in and ordered huge slabs of apple-raisin pie and plenty of black coffee. Having eaten, they thumped their stiff hats back on their heads, stalked back out to their car, separated and went home.  
Normally they would have met at the office next morning at 8 o'clock. Next day, however, they walked in before 7, not 10 minutes apart.  
"Coffee musta kept me awake," Sheridan apologized, which both men knew wasn't so.  
"Me too," agreed Hope. "Hardly got a good cat nap."  
They pretended all morning to be writing reports. Four times they asked the office secretary if any telephone calls had come for them.  
"Wouldn't I have called you if they had?" she asked at last, sensibly. "I knew you were in the building."  
At noon the two men walked outside and stared up at the tall steel tower that rises, needle-like, 120 feet above the bank of the Rio Grande. Another border patrolman was up there in the tiny crew's nest, watching with strong field glasses to see anyone who might try to wade the river in daytime. He commanded a view for many miles, and could telephone down the information if he saw aliens crossing. Radio would then pass it on to cruising patrol cars. Officer Barton was up there now. Alert, he saw Hope and Sherry, leaned out to wave at them, comradely.  
"See anything? Over there?" Sheridan shouted up.  
"No. What'd you expect? A revolution?"  
"Nuts," Sherry growled. "Come on, Hope. Let's go somewhere."  
"Where?" asked Hope.  
"I dunno."  
THEY bluffed around until 5 p. m., changed out of their uniforms, then ate supper together and still faced the problem of what next to do. They hadn't spoken of it, even once, but the truth was that they were miserable with concern for Betty Mary, and each man knew it in his heart. They got in Hope's car after supper and Hope, at the wheel, turned it westward without so much as a comment. Nor was anything said about Betty when he rolled up on the bridge over the Rio Grande.  
"Senora!" both men spoke, and added a formal salute, when they slowed down to pass the Mexican officers on guard at their end of the bridge. It was a custom for officers of either country thus to pass back and forth, with mutual courtesy extended. The Mexican officials liked to visit in America; the Americans in Mexico. Both groups were known to one another anyway.  
"Might stop up here on Cinco de Mayo street and get another cuppa coffee," Sheridan suggested. "And look around some."  
They still hadn't mentioned Betty Mary. But she had been gone for almost 24 hours and that much time can seem like a year. They ought to have arranged for her to telephone them or something every little while, Hope was thinking.  
They drove twice by the Montezuma Hotel and saw no sign of her. They parked then and walked up Cinco de Mayo, thence over onto 16th de Septiembre, looking tentatively into every barroom, saloon, cafe, restaurant, hotel lobby, and curio store, two big American officers well aware that many a man and woman who hated them were on the streets at that hour.  
Still searching, they turned into The Place of the Sleeping Monk and all at once saw her!  
She was sitting at a table alone. The two officers brightened instantly. They stalked to another table nearby and sat down, beckoning to a waiter. They had eaten heartily in El Paso, but they ordered another meal.  
Behind a glass of iced agueli—the strange sweet drink of Mexico—Betty Mary looked at them in exasperation.  
SHE alternately sipped her drink and sketched. It helped cover her feelings. She watched the Americans eat chili and enchiladas. And she watched the front door, trying to think of something to do, some recourse.  
There was no time, however, to form a plan. She was just beginning a new sketch when Barro himself came in, walking with his customary grace and swagger. He saw her instantly and smiled grandly.  
"Senorita!" he exclaimed. "I was afraid you might not keep the appointment! I am so lucky! I do not deserve—"  
All at once he stiffened, seemed

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By Dr. Frank Thone

**S**KIRTS are being worn higher nowadays. That isn't news, of course. You, *Mesdames et Mesdemoiselles*, became sensitively, acutely aware of this upturn in fashions quite a number of months ago. And you, Mister, while your information may have lagged somewhat, are certainly aware by now that something is happening—that is, unless you are past 90 and can't see very well.

It is perhaps fortunate that it has been a comparatively mild winter so far, so that there has been a tempering of the wind, if not to the shorn lamb, then at any rate to the unsheltered jamba.

But while any woman with a spark of vital vanity in her may be willing to risk her silken shins against a blizzard if Fashion so dictates, she will shrink in horror from exposing them to the public glance in hose that wrinkle, or sag, or make her ankles look a millimeter or two less than they are. Unreasonable to expect it.

This Rise of the Hem may be one reason why the boycott against silk, subscribed to by millions of women in a state of anti-imperialistic ire, has not held up as well as its proponents expected. Silk importers say that business is lively again, and the New Jersey knitting mill owners and operatives are less worried now than they were a year or so ago.

For despite the merits of hosiery materials other than silk, and in the face of energetic advertising and sales efforts, women insist on silk if their knees are to be seen in public again. Their minds are made up, so there's no use arguing with them.

But just as the silk interests, American and Japanese alike, have gained a moment to mop their anxious brows and catch their breath again, a new portent appears on the horizon. It promises (or threatens, if you prefer) to be even so much more formidable than any boycott based on sympathy or indignation. Emotions can cool off, but when somebody offers your discriminating feminine customers a pair of sheer hose guaranteed to wear like four-thread service weight, and maybe shooles the price a bit at that—! Well, jitters are loose in silk again.

To be sure, Madame, you are not going to be able to buy even one pair of the new miracle hose tomorrow or the next day. It may be Christmas, 1940, before you can hang up one of them on the mantelpiece. But that you'll eventually have the chance to do so is promised in one of the most conservative communications imaginable, to wit: a bulletin issued by E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company to its stockholders, signed by L. du Pont, president of the great chemical concern.

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stakes in the millions, perfectly... they'll get it all back and more besides? Is it something like rayon?

It is like rayon only insofar as it is made synthetically, and is that it can be produced to look like silk. In everything else it is completely different.

Rayon is made of cellulose, which is obtained from plant sources such as wood and cotton. The cellulose is treated with nitric and acetic acid so that, chemically speaking, rayon is cellulose nitrate or cellulose acetate. (There are special trade names like Accele, Celanese, etc.; rayon has come to be a sort of blanket term to designate any synthetic textile made by acid treatment of cellulose.)

Nylon is not made from cellulose at all. It starts with a more complex, though less known, chemical compound containing nitrogen as well as the carbon, hydrogen and oxygen that are in cellulose. The acids used are also more complex and not so familiar to the public, or even to scientists, as the nitric and acetic of the rayon industry.

The final compound produced is described as "a polymeric amide having a protein like chemical structure." This resemblance to protein makes the new material chemically more like silk than rayon is, but even so: that nylon is not chemically very close to silk.

One of the compounds that can be used in making nylon is about as unpromising a starting point as one could well imagine. It has the sheer dimpliness of opera hose in mind as the finished product. Known to chemists as pentamethylene diamine, it is an extremely ill-smelling, poisonous stuff. Imagine it was first discovered in human corpses, it has been given the scientific shorthand name of cadaverine.

This does not mean that nylon manufacturers will have to turn grave-robbing on a wholesale scale. Cadaverine, or any of its related starting-point substances, can be obtained much more easily and cheaply from the coal-water-air combination already mentioned.

One of the acids first named as having in the experimental production of nylon was sebacic acid. This can be made from castor oil by heating with caustic soda. But again the du Pont chemists have found it cheaper to tap their acid. So the flurry of hope for the revival of the once-great midwestern castor-bean crop quickly subsided.

Nylon, the silky, the luxurious, will most likely make its bow to the fashion shows as an all-mineral product.

INTERESTING though the chemical story of nylon may be, potential buyers and weavers are more interested in what it will do than in what it is made of. And there is plenty of interest for anyone in its performance.

The thing that gives nylon its outstanding advantage as a rival, and possibly a supplanter, of silk is its great elasticity. Silk has won its favor as a stocking material in large part because it is the most elastic, the most spongy, of natural fibers. It hugs the ankle, clings smoothly over the calf, never sags at the knee.

Nylon is claimed to be even more elastic than silk. It can be stretched farther and it comes back more quickly and completely. And it takes many more stretchings and relaxings to rob it of its "life."

Furthermore, greater strength is claimed for nylon. It can be drawn out into finer fibers than the silkworm's filament, and these are said to be stronger than steel wires of the same size. Tests with experimental pairs of two-thread sheer nylon hose are declared to have shown them more wear-resistant than four-thread, service-weight silk hose. Imagine, girls trapping off to the office, or going shopping, in stockings as sheer as the ones you now treasure for party wear!

Thus far, we have discussed only the use of nylon in hosiery. Not without cause: the greater part of the American silk import goes into stockings. But nylon is quite capable of entering the competition in any of the fabric fields—gloves, undergarments, dress goods, drapes, upholstery, even carpets.

And bathing suits! Just wait till nylon hits Miami! Nylon can be spun (or molded) coarse as well as fine. And it can be prepared in sheets as well as fibers and bristles. In sheer form it should be useful for high-grade packaging, book covers, transparent screens and papers, etc.

Nylon's competition may be felt by cotton as well as silk. A short time ago, at a conference of agricultural economists at Duke University, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace told of a report on the new material he had received from one of the leading chemists in his department, and expressed the opinion that the rise of this new industry must be taken into account in any plans that may be made for the readjustment of the South from a one-cash-crop basis to the agriculture of the future.

Of course, the ability of nylon to compete with cotton is going to be a matter of comparative costs, to a considerable extent. Nobody knows (except possibly a few secretive chemical engineer-economists in du Pont employ) what production costs will be. If they are high, up in the raw-silk bracket, nylon's competition will be felt mainly by silk and the finer rayons. If costs can be pushed down far enough, then the troubles King Cotton is having now are as nothing compared with what may be coming.



As sheer as a party stocking with the wearing qualities of service weight hose... Nylon bids for feminine favor.

uct as "nylon," the statement continues: "Having numerous potential uses, nylon is considered by your Company to be one of the most important developments in chemical history.

"Though wholly fabricated from such common raw materials as coal, water, and air, nylon can be fashioned into filaments of extraordinary strength, fineness, and elasticity.

"In its physical and chemical properties, the textile fiber produced from nylon differs radically from all other synthetic fibers and constitutes the first man-made organic textile fiber prepared from raw materials of the mineral kingdom."

People with enthusiasms are expected, under appropriate conditions, to back up their opin-

ions with hard cash. And the du Pont firm, in the same announcement, plunks down \$8,000,000 on the table, with the statement that it is to be spent in the construction of the first unit of a plant to produce nylon textile yarn. It will go into action within the year, and will give jobs to 1000 people.

Eight million dollars. And for the first unit of the plant, mind you. When a concern like du Pont shoves important money like that across the board, you can bet your two left legs they aren't gambling on a long shot. Du Pont don't do that kind of thing.

But what is this stuff nylon that is making such a stir in the textile industry and sending hard-headed boards of directors in a par-

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# Society

**Mr. and Mrs. Schooley Entertain On Tenth Wedding Anniversary**  
Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Schooley entertained with a dance at the Ranger Country Club Saturday night, April 15th, honoring friends and celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary.

A pink and white color scheme was carried out in decorations, with arrangements of beautiful spring flowers adorning the mantel and piano. Wedding bells hung from the center of the ceiling in the ballroom with streamers extending to the doors forming an arch.

The lace-covered dining table was centered with a beautiful white three-tiered wedding cake with lighted candelabra on both ends of table. Favors were tiny tin plates, carrying out the tin wedding anniversary motif, with "1929-1939—Schooleys" imprinted on each.

Mrs. Schooley made a well-worried talk of appreciation for the gifts presented by the guests. These gifts included a hammered silver tray and a porch glider.

Sixty-five guests enjoyed old-time and modern dances until 11:30, when beating of tin cups sounded the call for refreshments, which included sliced wedding cake, canapés, mints and punch.

**Olden P.-T.A. Honors Board of Managers of First District of Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers**

The Olden P.-T.A. honored the board of managers of the First District Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers with a breakfast at 8:15 a. m. in the basement

of the First Methodist church. Mrs. F. E. Jacobs, president of the district introduced Mrs. D. G. Grishy of Fort Worth, who gave the invocation.

The tables were beautifully decorated in white and individual blue bonnet corsages and place cards.

A menu of grapefruit juice, bacon, eggs, preserves, hot biscuits, butter and coffee was served to the following:  
Mrs. F. E. Jacobs, Mrs. Marguerite Hull Johnson, Mrs. D. G. Grishy, Mrs. Earl Clements, Mrs. E. R. Green, Mrs. G. L. Holton, Mrs. W. G. Kemp, Mrs. M. A. Edwards, Mrs. Rushing Wells, Mrs. W. A. Cooper, Mrs. L. C. Cash, Mrs. D. Barr, Mrs. C. R. Mansfield, Mrs. H. M. Barnes, Mrs. B. F. Kleinfelder, Mrs. Josie K. Nix, Mrs. J. W. Caskey, Mrs. C. O. Bragg, Mrs. E. T. Eubank, Mrs. Ross Stator, Mrs. J. W. Sanders, Mrs. O. B. Kitchen, Mrs. H. T. Schooley, Publicity Chairman; Mrs. C. O. Bragg, vice president of the Olden P.-T.A. introduced her committee, who so graciously served the breakfast.

## Twin Legislators Look Alike And Also Think Alike

**AUSTIN, Texas**—Texas' 28-year-old twin law-makers, Ross and Doss Hardin, not only look alike—they think alike.

Ross, whose home is at Prairie Hill, a little Limstone county town of 500 population, sponsors the same program in the Texas house of representatives that his brother, Doss, a city man advocates in the senate. Both are enthusiastic advocates of lobal old age assistance.

Ross reached the legislature first. When he was elected to the house, brother Doss came to Austin to be with him. The house door-keeper was continually embarrassed. He did not know if he had admitted Ross or Doss.

Doss stepped directly into the senate, winning his first political race.

Both speak in flowery phrases. Both sprinkle their addresses liberally with quotations from the Bible. Both have strong voices. Both speak with vehemence.

"My life with my twin brother Ross is common to twins the world over," Sen. Doss Hardin said. "Since childhood's early morn we have had the good fortune never to be long apart. At school or play we were inseparable. While awake or when asleep, there we were. If one had a new pair of overalls, the other did also. If one had a penny, we shared what it would buy.

"When Ross was elected to the Texas legislature, as a country boy without a job, I went with him into the capitol at Austin to help in any way that I could. Then each pay-day he would split his wages with me. (Texas legislators receive \$10 a day).

"One of the happiest days of my life was last July when I heard the good news that the people of my district had elected me their state senator and had commissioned me to join my twin brother in the legislative halls."

**WOMAN DIRECTS PEARLERS**  
**DARWIN, Australia**—Mrs. J. E. Edwards believes she is the only woman in the world to embark in the heretofore masculine job of pearl fishing. With the aid of her son, she operates three pearl fishing boats, each with a crew of four, including two Japanese pearl divers.

## Brilliant Co-Stars in "Love Affair"



Two of the screen's top-flight stars are paired for the glamorous leading roles in RKO Radio's "Love Affair." Lovely Irene Dunne is the penthouse princess and Charles Boyer the Parisian playboy. The picture opens at the Arcadia Theatre tomorrow.

## Society Personal

**Aaron Bell, manager of the Liberty shoe shop, is able to resume his duties again after a recent illness.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Walton and children visited in Abilene Sunday and went from there to Amarillo to visit Mrs. Alice Tubb, mother of Mrs. Walton, who is very ill in the Northwest Texas hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Flewellen returned from a trip to San Antonio Saturday night.

W. O. Weekes left Sunday on a business trip to South Texas.

Otis Brady, who has been ill several days with bronchitis is reported some better.

E. R. Green, Jr., spent the past week-end in Ranger, visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Green. He will go to San Antonio Wednesday with the John Tarleton band to participate in "The Battle of Flowers" fiesta.

Miss Nell Robinson, cashier of Montgomery Ward, is suffering from a sprained ankle. She was unable to work Monday afternoon, but returned to the store this morning.

Judge L. H. Flewellen was in court in Abilene, Monday and today.

Mrs. Jimmy McLaughlin and little son, Patrick Dennis, were removed to their home in Eastland, this morning from the West Texas clinic.

Miss Sammie Ruth Matthews and Mrs. Violet Miller, mother of Nan Gray, movie star, spent the past week-end in Ranger, visiting Mrs. Hortense Matthews.

D. Joseph was a visitor in Mineral Wells, Sunday.

Lee Roy Pearson was a business visitor in Fort Worth today.

Mrs. L. C. Cash of Pioneer is the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. O. L. McGahey, during the Twenty-Eighth Annual Conference of Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers.

**MOVIE FRIGHTENS PRISONER**  
**GUELPH, Ont.**—Although most prison inmates are reputed to be tough and not easily frightened, more than half-a-dozen of the 700 prisoners in the Ontario reformatory here fainted during the showing of a Frankenstein thriller.

## Two Ranger Girls Winner In District Speaking Contests

Two speech students, representing Ranger High school, took first places in the district meet recently held at Breckenridge.

Speaking in the extemporaneous speech contest, Marie Conway took first place with the topic, "Isolationism vs. Collective Security."

First place in senior girls declamation was won by Doris May, with the reading, "So They're Talking War Again" by Madame Schumann-Heink.

They will both represent this district at the regional meet Friday and Saturday of this week at Abilene.

## Old Ship's Log Cites Finding 5,000 Whales

**NANTUCKET, Mass.**—Thar she blows!

Sighting of 5,000 whales, believed the largest number ever seen at one time, is recorded in whaling entries in the log of the ship Walter Scott, which left here Oct. 31, 1840, bound for the Pacific.

The whales were sighted in the South Pacific in 1841. The entry was discovered by WPA Historical Records Survey workers poring over the antique collection of Augustus L. B. Fisher.

## May Be Named to Labor Board



Mentioned as a possibility for appointment to the National Labor Relations Board is Monsignor Francis J. Haas, above, of Catholic University at Washington, D. C., former member of the NRA advisory board.

A woman brewer suggests that men should be separated from women in saloons. Well, fellows, it would be easier on the pocket-book.

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