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HOLLAND HAS PREPARED FOR ANY INVASION

By H. C. BURMAN
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.—To demonstrate that she is ready and prepared to defend herself, Holland has constructed the headquarters of several nations on a detailed section of defense works erected since the war started.

It was the answer of the Dutch general staff to frequent rumors that belligerents planned to invade the Netherlands, thinking the country would succumb quickly to a lightning war. The correspondents of belligerent nations were invited on the tour which covered all sections of the country in order to demonstrate that an invading army would find it exceedingly hard going.

The correspondents were shown modern fortifications of apparent great strength carefully detailed in the traditional method of defense—foundations of the country from the intersected myriads of small and large canals, lakes and rivers.

Three main defense lines were demonstrated. The first, with the other lines in general terms, avoiding isthmuses and other details that might be useful to any future enemy.

The three lines were roughly concentric, one behind the other, the second with another line integrated, one with another line appearing to have a two-fold purpose—to repel any attempt to break Belgium defenses by invading Holland, and to halt any attempt to reach the waterways of the North Sea and the coast of Holland. Gateways to Rotterdam and other ports suitable for submarine bases.

We were shown concealed forts heavily reinforced concrete in which artillery, anti-tank, and machine guns and their crews waited. Here were innocent-looking mounds under which were gun positions to set up an enfilading fire along strategic canals. There were trenches which, three miles after an alarm was sounded, were filled with white-helmeted troops with automatic rifles and pistols, who had come on the run from their underground quarters.

One section, the correspondents were in a picture postcard fir forest, beautiful in the snow. Suddenly an entire battery of field guns began firing all around them and they did not see them until they were taken to their underground positions.

We saw along the rivers and canals, sluices well manned and so placed as to inundate the country. There were underground aid stations, equipped and staffed. Every bridgehead was barricaded and manned and we were told that each bridge was held only a touch was needed to blow any of them up.

On the North Sea coast, we were shown heavy coastal artillery hidden in the sand hills to repel any attempt at invasion from the sea. We saw these guns defending the entrances of harbors and manning smaller guns of the other defenses.

We saw barbed wire entanglements, machine gun nests, tank traps everywhere, all strategically placed so as to permit a defensive fight yard by yard.

MAY SELECTED AS MANAGER OF GAS COMPANY

Dallas, Tex., Chester L. May of Dallas, executive vice president and general manager of Community Natural Gas Company, Feb. 19 was elected president of the two companies, which are retail distribution companies served by Lone Star Gas Company, the whole sale end of the system. Mr. May



CHESTER L. MAY succeeds the late L. B. Denning, Sr., who in addition to being president of Lone Star Gas Corporation was also president of these companies.

Mr. May's election places him at the head of a gas system serving 170,000 meters in more than 290 towns and cities in north central Texas and southern Oklahoma, the largest gas system in the Southwest. The system extends from Hollis and Purcell, Okla., on the north, to Round Rock and College Station on the South, and from San Angelo and Clarksville on the east. It also includes El Paso and Galveston which are off the main pipe line system.

A career man in the natural gas industry, Mr. May entered the business in 1909 in Ohio. He was with the Ohio Fuel Supply Company and later with the Arkansas Natural Gas Company. Coming to Texas in 1916 to make survey of all properties of Lone Star Gas Company, he later was appointed assistant to the superintendent of gas measurement and in 1921 was appointed general superintendent of the Farmers Gas Company.

This company was absorbed by Community Natural Gas Company which was organized in 1925, and Mr. May was named general superintendent with supervision over the company's expansion program. During the next five years he personally supervised the construction of more than 200 town distilling plants, the largest building program of any company in the country. This great accomplishment brought to towns and cities over a wide area the type of gas service previously enjoyed only by large cities.

In 1933 Texas Cities Gas Company was merged with Community Natural and Mr. May was elected vice president and general manager of both companies, having held that position in Community Natural since 1929. In 1935 the Municipal Gas Company which served 20 Texas cities, was also merged with the Community Natural Gas Co.

Olin Culberson To Run for Office

AUSTIN, Feb. 22.—Stressing need for "consumer protection against excessive gas utility rates" as well as the prompt dispatch of business concerning the regulation of rail and motor transportation, Judge Olin Culberson today announced his candidacy for a place on the Texas Railroad Commission which he served from 1933 to 1939 as chief utilities rate expert and head of the Gas Utilities Division.

Culberson, a former County Clerk and County Judge of Hill County, said that the same vigor and fairness that had marked his past service would continue to be his policy as a commissioner.

Camera Club Will Meet This Thursday

A meeting of the Ranger Camera Club, with members in Eastland and Ranger, will be held Thursday night at 7:30 in the Gholson Hotel at Ranger, it was announced today.

The club meets every other Thursday for the discussion of photographic problems.

SWEDISH TOWN IS BOMBED BY SOVIET PLANES

PAJALA, Sweden, Feb. 21.—Russian planes today bombed this little Swedish church town, Mayor George Taube reported. The mayor stated that the church and several houses were damaged when they were set afire by incendiary bombs. Seven planes were reported to have participated in the raid.

The mayor of the town claimed that more than 30 demolition bombs and several hundred incendiary bombs had been dropped, and that much damage had resulted from the air raid.

It is thought possible that the bombing might have been a mistake, as many of the landmarks had been obliterated by deep snow, which covered the entire countryside.

According to the mayor the bombs were dropped from planes flying at an altitude of 10,000 feet, and from this altitude it was considered easy to make a mistake in the location of the towns.

This is the first time Swedish towns have been bombed, though there have been several reports of bombings by Russian planes in Norway.

Sweden is expected to make a severe protest immediately to Moscow over the incident.

At the exact time of the bombing the Swedish parliament was giving a vote of confidence to the cabinet and the foreign minister for the policy of declining to give material aid to Finland in her war with Russia in return for promises that Sweden would not be molested.

Sweden is divided over giving aid to Finland, a large proportion of the people being in favor of military aid. This group is led by a committee to maintain freedom of the Northern European countries.

The Maritime Sweden has decided to continue giving non-military aid to Finland, and to build up Swedish defenses, because it is feared that if Finland's defense cracks up Sweden may be threatened.

Harry Hines Has Announced for Governor's Race

AUSTIN, Feb. 21.—Tossing his hat into the ring with an announcement as a candidate for Governor of Texas, Harry Hines, member of the Texas Highway Commission for the past five years, last night raised the curtain on the 1940 gubernatorial contest.

Hines, announcing that he would later issue a platform and discuss every issue pertinent to the campaign in full detail, put himself on record on several burning issues.

He pledged himself: 1. Against the sales tax, which he termed a tax on poverty and opposed to his understanding of the meaning of Democracy. 2. In favor of fulfillment of the social security program, including payment of adequate old age pensions, and aid to dependent children, needy blind, the State's part of the teachers' retirement program. 3. The raising of the additional money needed to pay these obligations by cooperative effort with the legislators, spreading the cost without "dealing a death blow to any one group."

Hines indicated he will be a conservative candidate, and declared he will not try to "out promise the promisers," and promised to be a "doer instead of a promoter."

Survey Last Link of Huge Highway



Surveys for the \$25,000,000 U.S.-Alaska link of the Pan-American highway will soon begin to bring the 13,000-mile peace roadway, mapped above, to completion.

47 Nationalities Of Soldiers Now On Western Front

PARIS, Feb. 21.—Soldiers of 47 nationalities are fighting alongside the French at the Western Front, it was disclosed today. Many understand only enough French to comprehend military orders.

This aspect of the French army was disclosed with award of the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre, with palm, to a young White Russian refugee second lieutenant who used his last bullet to save his patrol from extermination.

The Russian was leading his patrol between the lines when he encountered a larger German patrol in a forest. Both patrols hid behind trees and sniped at each other. The French patrol ran out of bullets but the young lieutenant used his last to kill the officer in charge of the German patrol. The Germans fell back with their wounded.

For two years White Russian refugees and their sons born in France have been assimilated in the French army just as native born conscripts. Poles are incorporated in the Polish Legion, now in training, and the Czechs have in training, and the Czechs have in training, and the Czechs have in training.

E. O. Davenport To Be Buried Thursday At Ranger Cemetery

Funeral services for Eugene Overton Davenport, 55, of Dallas, who died in a Fort Worth hospital Tuesday night after a 10-day illness, will be conducted from the First Methodist Church of Ranger Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The services will be conducted by Rev. A. W. Hall of Arlington, assisted by Dr. G. Alfred Brown, pastor of the Ranger church.

Legion Committees To Meet Tonight

A meeting of all committee members assisting in the holding of the Seventeenth District convention of the American Legion Saturday and Sunday in Eastland will be held tonight at 7:30 in the Legion clubhouse at Eastland, it was announced today by Host Post Commander Henry Pulliam.

The motorcade, sponsored by the Fort Worth Lions Club, and traveling in two chartered buses, consisted of 65 Fort Worth citizens, including a string band, which played at all stops. Invitations to attend the stock show were extended at all towns along the route.

RED AND FINN CLAIMS CLASH OVER KOIVISTO

Russian and Finnish claims over the status of Koivisto, western anchor port of the Mannerheim Line, were contradictory today with Russia claiming that the town and fort had been captured and Finland still maintaining that the fort was still manned by Finns.

The weather appeared to be coming to Finland's aid, with a new blizzard sweeping over the entire country, apparently in time to slow down or stop the Russian drive on the Mannerheim line on the Karelian Isthmus.

From Moscow it is claimed that Russian troops are within four to six miles of Viipuri, second largest Finnish city. If Viipuri should fall to Russia it is generally considered that Finland cannot long hold out against the invaders, as Red troops could then encircle much of the Mannerheim line.

More than 800 Russian planes have engaged in extensive bombing and raiding activities throughout Finland in the past 24 to 35 hours, reports state, with two raids being made on Helsinki today. Finnish soldiers have shot down Russian parachute troops that were dropped near the city, and claim to have shot down from 17 to 25 planes in the past 24 hours.

The Moscow radio has announced that a major attack would come within a few hours and that the Finnish defense was to be smashed. Observers were of the opinion, however, that Russia's boast that they would break through the Mannerheim line by Friday, Feb. 23, 22nd anniversary of the Red Army, likely would not be made good, especially if the blizzard continued. At this time of the year from five to six weeks more of severe weather is usually expected and the winter has been much more severe throughout Finland this year.

Guarding Against Runaway Prices Urged On Grocers

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 21.—Cooperation of grocers in avoiding "runaway prices" such as threatened when war was declared last fall was commended today by President Galen H. McKinney in an address before the Texas Wholesale Grocers Association.

"All branches of the food distribution business have followed the lead of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace," said the Fort Worth grocery executive, "with the result that runaway prices were avoided. Last September there was a food prices scare, but through the cooperation of organizations such as ours, prices were held in line."

McKinney, vice president of Waples-Platter Company, urged cooperation with the government in the food stamp plan of distributing surplus commodities to needy families and in the federal wage-hour law.

"The food stamp plan (administered through the Federal Surplus Commodity Corporation) is an orderly, economical way of getting rid of surplus food by distributing it to those who need it most, persons on relief rolls. By handling this enterprise through regular channels of trade, the entire business structure has been strengthened," McKinney said.

C. D. Whitley of Wichita Falls was scheduled to explain to the convention how the stamp plan operated in that city. Others on the program were George Lewis of Fort Worth, Bob Richards of Dallas, Tom Davis of Austin, and Jacques Phelps of Chicago. Visitors were registered from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico as well as Texas. The convention will close Thursday.

Oregon's Wishing Fishing Tree



Fishermen at Taft, Ore., drape samples of their catch on this tree to carry out the popular belief that the custom will bring them good luck on their next trip. Neighborhood cats clean the tree every night.

INVENTORY TAKEN OF COUNTY WPA PROJECTS

Eastland County WPA projects as of Feb. 1 were given employment to 80 per cent of the total case load within the county, according to J. C. Douglass of Fort Worth, district engineer, division of operations, in a letter written to County Judge W. S. Adams.

Copies of the letter were sent county commissioners, the mayor of Carbon, Eastland, Ranger and Cisco, District WPA Director Major Karl Wallace and Area Engineer E. Towner Dickinson.

Douglass' letter stated that Eastland county's employment to 80 per cent of the case load "Compares most favorably with our district average of 69 per cent."

"Eastland county and the several active sponsors within the county are to be commended," said the letter.

Douglass further observed that "It is encouraging to note that all the projects now in operation, with the exception of U. S. Highway No. 80 and the Olden school, will continue in operation until the end of the present fiscal year, June 30, 1940. The proposals in transit and approved projects will ultimately represent an exceptionally fine reserve. For the time being, there is nothing to be concerned about in Eastland County."

The letter to Judge Adams and other officials showed that of the case load of 1,421 male workers 1,047 of the number are assigned to projects:

Operating projects, location, workers assigned and estimated completion date: Streets, Eastland, 82 June 30. Roads, county wide, 752, June 30. School, Olden, 43, March 30. Highway construction, U. S. No. 80, 94, March 1. Drainage, Ranger, 72, June 30.

Approved projects include a school building job at Alameda to start Feb. 26 and employ 105 men for six months. Projects in transit include a county-wide road program, now in the state office, which would employ 795 men for eight months and a German school project, now in the state office, which would employ 127 men for seven months.

Honest Woman Pays Rent For 1920 To A Local Woman

Mrs. Homer Hodges of Ranger believes that, if not an honest man she has at least found an honest woman.

Today Mrs. Hodges received a check from Mrs. G. A. Layman, now of Mason, but formerly of Ranger, for rent she owed when she moved from Ranger in 1920. The amount of rent owed was only \$6, but Mrs. Layman sent a check for \$14.40, adding interest for the period at the rate of seven per cent.

"PHONY" WAR TO BE REAL BY SPRING

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE
United Press Cable Editor
Foreign correspondents back home from abroad are in the main convinced that the so-called "phony" war—not meaning the real one being waged in Finland—will turn into a violent one with the coming of spring.

They base their belief on the reasoning that the terrific economic strain the draining of capital, reserves and material resources; the disruption of trade and the hardships being borne by civilian populations through a bitter winter will impel one side or the other to try to end it before facing another winter.

Opinion is divided on where the blow-off will come. Scandinavia is considered a strong possibility; Southeastern Europe and the Near and Middle East are not ruled out. Most of the correspondents are inclined to think however, that the Western Front will be the scene of action. The major strength of both Germany and the Allies is concentrated back of the Siegfried and Maginot Lines and it is logical to assume that some use must be made of this force if either side is to win a victory.

As to whether the attack will be a direct German assault on the Maginot Line or a flanking movement through neutral countries, military experts abroad do not know. The French estimate that even if the Germans could break through the Maginot Line, which they doubt, it would cost about 1,000,000 men.

Correspondents who have studied the situation on the ground and talked with military leaders lean to the opinion that if a flanking attack is made, it will be through Belgium and Luxembourg, not through the Netherlands.

Their view is based on the following reasons: An attack through the Netherlands would still leave Belgium to be traversed; a tour of Holland's dikes and defenses show them to be excellent and capable of hampering an invader; the delay would give the Allies time to pour a strong defending army into Belgium; while air bases on the Dutch coast might be a German objective, equally good bases are available on the Belgium coast, much closer to England.

A German attack through Switzerland generally is ruled out, for two reasons. If the Germans fought their way through Switzerland, they would not have attained any objective such as the sea but would merely be at the French border, where the Maginot Line has been extended to the Alps.

The Swiss defenses are formidable. They consist of deep machine gun and artillery emplacements in the solid rock, commanding the narrow defiles. They would be extremely difficult to blast out.

The roads along the border are heavily mined to blow up an invader. A correspondent who toured Switzerland reports that all homes along the frontier are equipped with machine guns, to be manned by the householders. Even the women are said to be efficient machine gunners.

On the Western Front, correspondents estimate is eight to 10 times as great as that of the World War. One who made a flight back of the Maginot Line was told by the pilot that they were flying over a vast ammunition dump eight miles long by three wide—24 square miles. Although the plane was at an altitude of only 600 feet, the sector was so well camouflaged that the correspondent could see nothing.

Both sides have made endless scouting flights over the lines, mapping out enemy artillery positions. In one two-mile sector, the French are understood to have spotted 12,000 German gun emplacements. One or two French guns are trained on each ready to let loose if an offensive starts.

Royal Air Force Raids Helgoland
Royal Air Force planes today raided German naval bases at Helgoland, but neither London nor Berlin would give out any official information as to the extent of the raid nor the amount of damage done.

Fighting Reported Upon Western Front

PARIS, Feb. 21.—An army spokesman today announced there had been sharp artillery and mortar fire on the Western front, but no details were given in the war bulletins.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of this paper will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

'Okies' in New York

California isn't the only commonwealth concerned with the problem of migrant "Okies." New York City has them, but they're called something else there—"relief floaters." In the past two years, 2015 such persons have been sent home by the city.

Like the Okies the floaters have left their homes because there was nothing left for them to do. They wandered about in the hope that somewhere they would find jobs. Eventually, they gravitated to New York, where there was nothing left for them except relief. New York has little choice in the matter. It can't support jobless people from every state in the Union. And so the floaters are being shipped home to get relief in their own communities.

What makes the plight of these migrants more tragic is the fact that they had the courage to leave their homes and go out to look for work. They can hardly be blamed if they return to their communities in complete despair. They are not likely to be met by any brass bands.

Football Splits Our Defense

Abolition of the annual Army and Navy football game was recommended by Representative Paul W. Shafer (Rep., Mich.) because, he charged, the rivalry among cadets and middies carries on after graduation to the detriment of the services.—News item.

ENSIGN: There's a request here, sir from General Engeltweet. He wants a couple of destroyers to back up his troops.

ADMIRAL: Engeltweet? Where did I hear—Oh, yes, I remember. Tell him no.

ENSIGN: But, sir—

ADMIRAL (exploding): You heard me. The answer is no. Nary a rowboat for Engeltweet. Not after what he did to me in the Army-Navy game of '98.

ENSIGN: What happened, if I may ask, sir?

ADMIRAL: Well, it was last down, 10 yards to go for a touchdown, two minutes left to play, and we needed that score to win. I grabbed the ball cut around end and was three yards from the stripe when Engeltweet came from the side, butted me in the middle and—we lost. I missed a chance to be a hero, and it took me 20 years to get my admiral's commission, all because of Engeltweet. I send no destroyers to back up his anemic land troops.

ENSIGN: I quite understand, sir. I don't blame you. I'll wire him that the fleet's sick in bed.

Mrs. Roosevelt's efforts to locate rooms via telephone for American Youth Congress delegates turned out to be pretty successful. She will be much in demand to conduct telephone campaigns for groups sponsoring theater benefit parties.

German publishers are assured of a bright future, if they can depend on a new edition of 'Mein Kampf' every time Der Fuehrer changes his mind about whom he hates.

Mayor LaGuardia will have to be wary from now on or someone will elect him President behind his back.

BRITISH QUEEN

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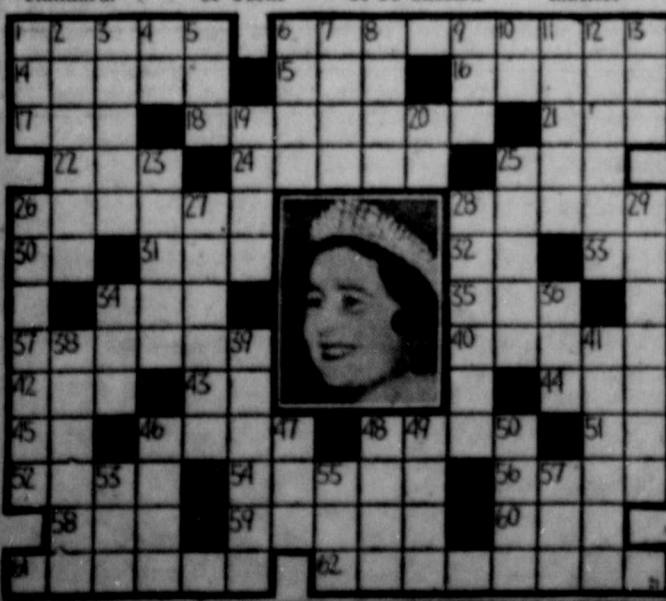
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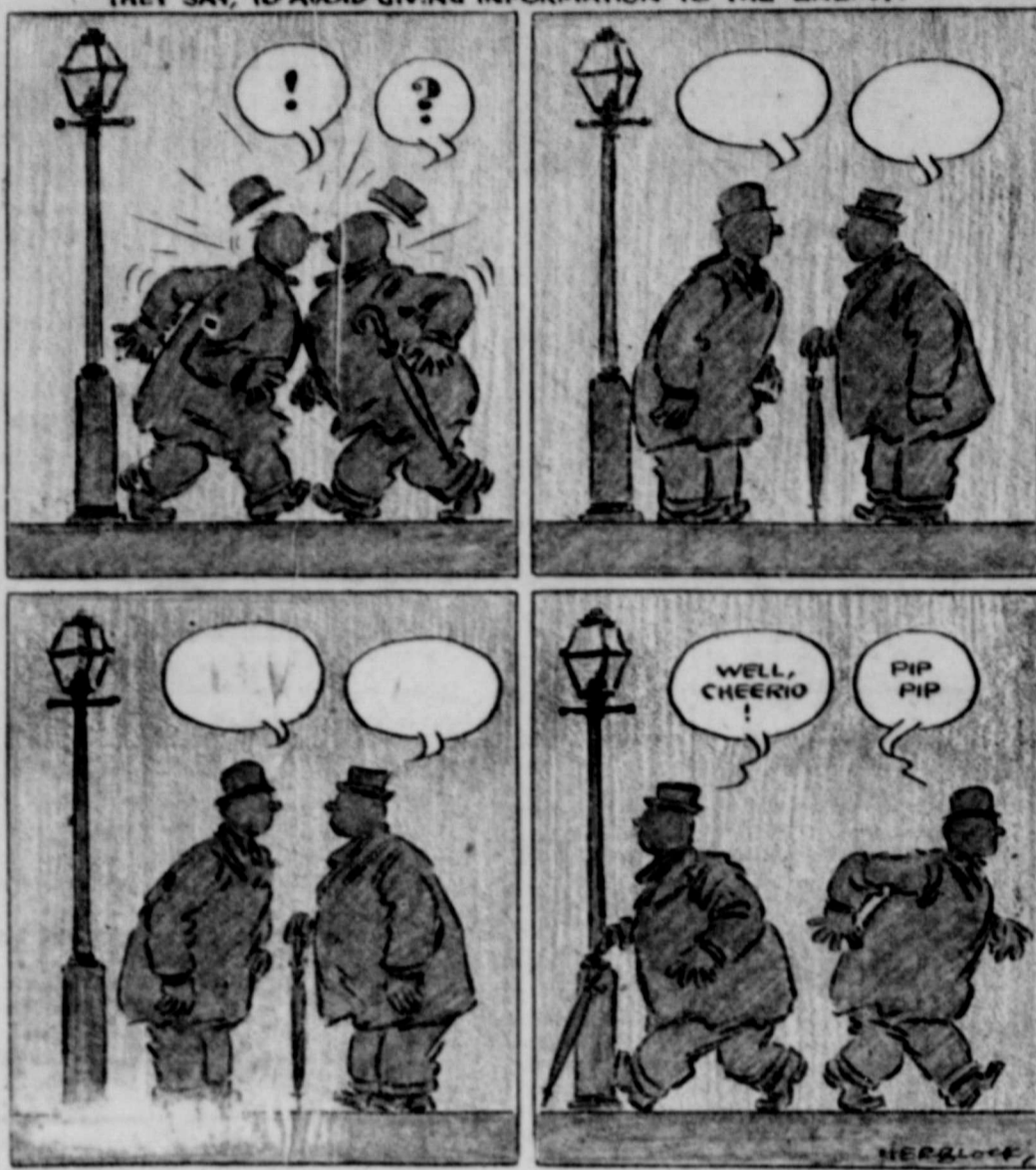
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- 29 Predicament.
- 34 Snake.
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- 38 Single name.
- 39 Young salmon.
- 41 To deafen.
- 46 Genus of suks.
- 47 Courtesy title.
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- 53 Vestment.
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Evening in London

BRITISH GOVERNMENT ASKS PEOPLE TO BE CAREFUL WHAT THEY SAY, TO AVOID GIVING INFORMATION TO THE ENEMY.



Officers Probing Theft at Warehouse

Sheriff Loss Woods and Eastland officers today were investigating the theft of a quantity of oil from the Magnolia gasoline warehouse Tuesday night or Wednesday morning in Eastland.

The warehouse is located in the northwest part of Eastland. Indications pointed to the gaining of entrance to the warehouse through the front door.

There were no tracks indicating a car had been driven up to the warehouse, officers stated. Sheriff Woods said that 27 cans of about four gallons capacity each were stolen.

Officers indicated that the oil might have been carried to a truck or car parked at some distance from the warehouse.

March Proration To Disregard Estimate Of Federal Bureau

AUSTIN, Feb. 21.—Members of the State Railroad Commission announced today that the estimates of market demand for Texas crude oil would be thrown overboard when the March proration figures are set.

The estimates of the Federal Bureau of Mines, on which Texas proration figures have been based, were declared to be entirely too low.

Col. Ernest O. Thompson, member of the commission, termed the bureau estimates as "absurd."

State Chief for School Speaker

Representatives from most of the schools in the county were at Eastland Wednesday morning and heard State School Supt. L. A. Woods speak on "State and Local School Problems."

Among those present were parents of school children, teachers, principals, superintendents, school board members and others.

Supt. Woods was greeted on his arrival by County School Supt. T. C. Williams; B. E. McGlamery, crippled children's worker in the Department of Education; Supt. P. B. Bittle of Eastland and numerous others.

Leith Scotland Is Struck By A Shell

LEITH, Scotland, Feb. 21.—Shells from a coast defense gun today struck a factory in Leith, in which many were at work. No casualties were reported.

It was believed that one of the coast defense guns on the Firth of Forth had been elevated too high, and the shell carried into the town.

Texas produces approximately one-third of the nation's natural gasoline, made from natural gas. More than 90 per cent of it is used for improving gasoline refined from Texas crude oil.

DELEGATES TO CHURCH MEET ARE SELECTED

Women delegates from all the Methodist churches in the Cisco district, Central Texas Conference, at a meeting Tuesday in Eastland selected delegates to the provisional meeting of the women of the conference. The provisional meeting of the women of the conference will be held April 8 in Weatherford.

Delegates chosen to the Weatherford meeting: Mrs. Edward Snead, Dublin; Mrs. Roy A. Langston, Cisco; Mrs. B. E. McGlamery, Eastland; Mrs. G. Alfred Brown, Ranger; Mrs. J. E. Crawford, Cisco; Mrs. L. S. Williams, Carbon; Mrs. H. B. Clark, Caddo; Mrs. F. L. Willshire, De Leon; Mrs. E. W. Kimble, Gorman.

The ultimate purpose of the several provisional conferences is the nomination of women members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension for both the General and Jurisdictional conferences of the New Methodist Church.

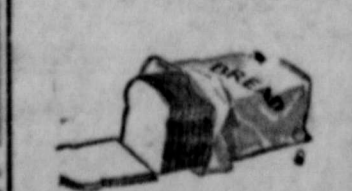
Body Of Kitchens Infant To Strawn

The body of Loreta Irene Kitchens, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kitchens of Strawn, was taken to Strawn for burial, it was reported Tuesday by Hammer Undertaking company attendants at Eastland. The child was still-born at Eastland.

Aged Man's Funeral Held At Flatwood

Following his death at the County Home for aged near Eastland, Robert D. Byrd, 71, was buried in services at the Flatwood church and Flatwood cemetery, attendants at the Hammer Undertaking company reported Wednesday.

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ue of all property in Tarrant County, the speaker said. In the 73 West Texas counties, oil properties make up an even larger share, being 27 per cent. The assessed value there is \$187,757,982 out of \$692,982,506, or more than one-fourth. Altogether, the oil properties of the 74 counties aggregate \$205,609,364 at regular assessment rates.

"And every dollar of this \$200,000,000," Mr. Leely pointed out, "has been invested or created for our section of the state by the activities of the West Texas oilman."

"Whether you are directly in the oil business or not, you have a major stake in its success. You are vitally interested in the attitude of the state and local governments of Texas toward an industry which means so much to your city and region and yourself. And you may be sure that your own attitude toward this industry will soon reflect itself in the attitude of your governmental and taxing officials."

Camera Prints Will Remain On Display

Photographic prints of the Fort Worth Camera Club which have been on display at the Eastland Drug Store in Eastland, will remain on display throughout the first of next week, officials of the Ranger Camera Club, sponsor of the exhibit, announced today.

The prints, 30 in all, were first displayed at Ranger and are described as reflecting the best work of the Fort Worth club.

Fireworks Plant Blast Kills Several

ELKTON, Md., Feb. 21.—Ambulances were rushed today to the Fuzee fireworks plant here where two buildings were reported fired after explosion "killed several people and injured a large number."

Swisher County To Have a Stock Show

TULIA, Tex.—Farm club boys and girls in this county are grooming their best livestock for the Swisher County Junior Livestock Show which will be held March 1 and 2.

Calves, lambs and pigs will be shown and judging teams will compete from community 4-H and Future Farmers of America teams. Judges for the club livestock entries will be provided by Texas A. & M. and Texas Technological Colleges.

Postoffice To Note Washington Birthday

The local postoffice will observe a Sunday and holiday schedule on Thursday because of the observance of George Washington's birthday, it was announced today.

Setting Eggs From Fine Line Available

Joe Calder, who lives a few miles west of Ranger, has a number of the famous "Mason" strain of White Leghorns and roosters, and now has eggs for sale from this fine line of chickens.

Important for Women

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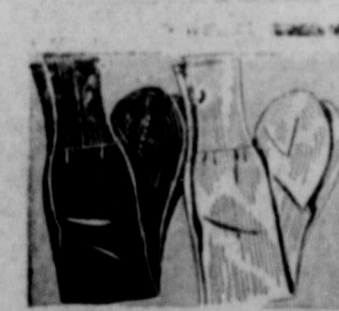
Men! Save 40c on the best-looking, best-fitting outfit you've ever worn! Here's Extra COMFORT! Every shirt and trouser size cut full. Every yard of fabric SANFORIZED (99% shrinkproof). Here's Extra STYLE! You'll enjoy this snappy herringbone pattern fabric!

"101" BAND STYLE Sale! Regularly 79c Sanforized denim! Twelve copper rivets! 74c



Price Reduced 15c! Save! Work Shirt Sale

Sanforized Shrink! 44c Get extra service for less money! Cotton covert or chambray. Triple-sewn main seams.



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Ann leaned out... "I'm all right now, I had a dream."

CHAPTER I

ANN BROWN had the fidgets. To tell the truth, she was reaching the end of her own particular string and whether or not she would be able to hold on to the frayed end was a debatable question.

It was a few minutes past 9 when she turned down the shabby worn coverings of her thin bed. Her beauty-loving fingers resented the feel of the cotton blanket and coarse sheet.

She went to bed, lying tensely quiet. Dreading sleep, she lay with her eyes open.

She lay very still, her slim little body straight under the blanket. She was getting too thin.

Ann glanced at the evening paper, her eyes skipping over war news, avoiding the most recent murder.

It was 8:30. Suffocating loneliness crowded in on her. The loneliness had become so real a thing that it seemed to have form and substance, terrifying form and substance.

There, she said aloud, "that's the way I'll make my new dress." She studied the picture of a girl who had been caught by a candid camera as she stepped from a smart roadster.

Ann undressed. Taking her bath towel, praying for hot water, just

a little hot water, she went to the ancient bathroom.

Ann had the only room on the third floor of that had once been a fine old home. It was on Chicago's West Side and built before the city's elite decided upon the vicinity of Sheridan Drive as the correct address.

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She gazed at a lighted window across the way. There he was, the big, dark young man.

Ann knew that she should not stand in her window and gaze at the young man. It wasn't polite. Just the same, she had done it often.

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Ann's hands clenched. It wasn't reasonable that a girl like herself, 20 years old, pretty enough, eager to make friends, should go on for 328 days utterly alone.

She was restless and wide awake. Pulling down the blind, she switched on the light which dangled from the ceiling.

She tried to think of pleasant things. Her job—only \$15 a week but just \$15 better than nothing.

Suddenly Ann was screaming. She was sitting up in the thin bed, a trembling hand pressed over her mouth to stop the screams.

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"I heard you scream," Paul said... "Well—good night."

"Say—something wrong over there?"

Ann's frightened face turned to the window. Pale yellow light shone from across the alley.

Ann slid out of bed, her little feet hunting slippers, her hand reaching for a robe. She stumbled to the window and leaned out.

"Nothing goes on," she quavered. The young man leaned from his window, outlined clearly

by a shaft of moonlight. The two windows were not more than 20 feet apart.

"Are you there? I can't see you."

"I'm here."

"I heard you scream."

Ann tried to laugh. It was a shaken little sound. "I had a bad dream," she confessed.

"Oh, I say—that's a shame. All right now?"

"Yes—all right now." She was crying, not because of the dream, but because of the rich sympathy in the young man's voice.

"Well—good night."

"Good night—and thank you."

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FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS—



BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON, NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—When you stop to add it up, the growing "demand" that Roosevelt be a candidate for a third term comes chiefly from two sources...

These are, first, the big party bosses in states like Illinois and Pennsylvania; and second, the so-called inner circle of New Dealers here in Washington.

Take Senator Guffey, who is up for re-election this year. By present indications, Pennsylvania is lost to the Democrats unless President Roosevelt is in the race.

When the New Deal group here in Washington, and so on, are all added up, there remains with that group the same motive of self-preservation as there is with the political bosses, in even more acute form.

That is the old New Deal doctrine, of course. What makes it interesting is the fact that some of the best New Dealers in town have been wondering how long it would be before the President remembered it.

For the simple fact is that the reduced budget the President tossed at Congress this winter spread something like dismay in the breasts of New Dealers.

Privately, some of them have been predicting a great deal of trouble on the ground that the President cut too much.

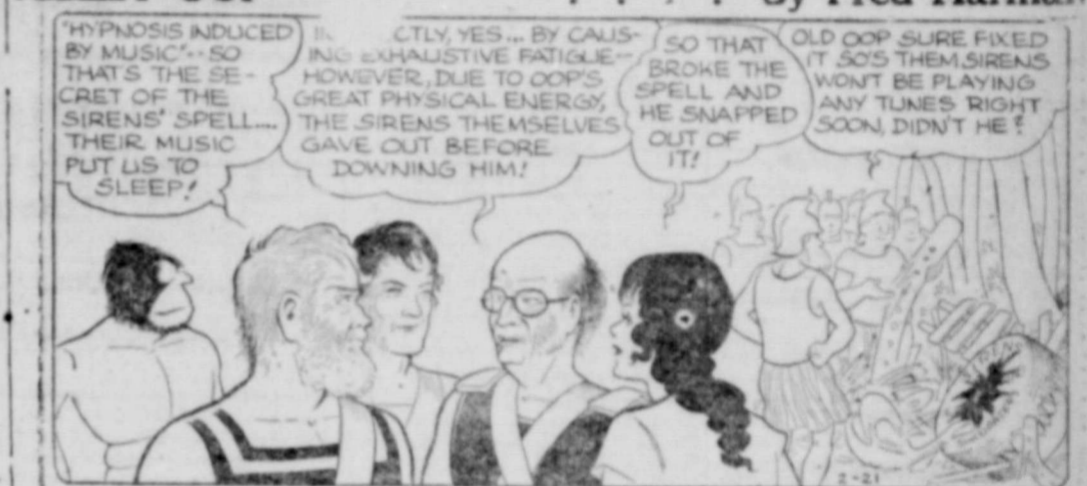
The CIO has come out with a report attacking the President's own cuts as imperiling recovery.

All of this, of course, is no certain indication that a recession is just ahead. The business community has never been very strong for the idea that stopping government spending will create a depression.

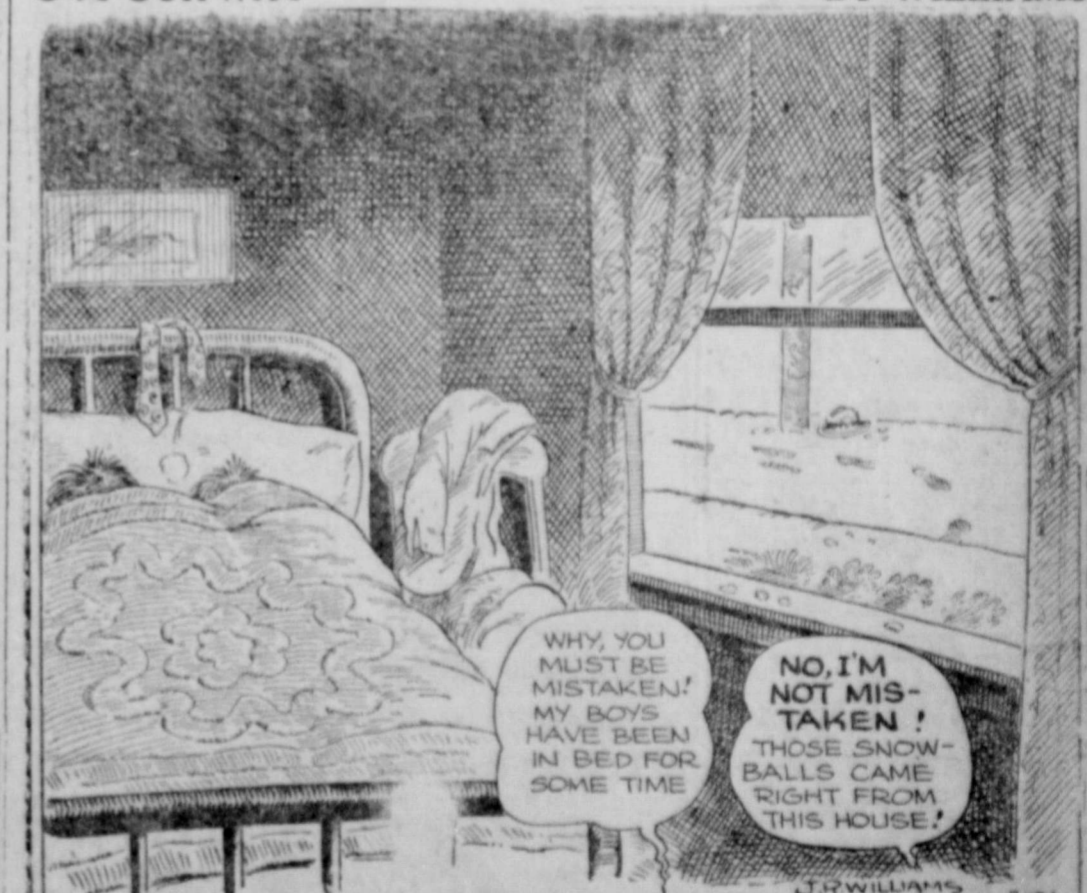
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OUT OUR WAY BY WILLIAMS



Eastland Girl Studying Under Famous Vocal Teacher With a Movie, Opera Career Possibility

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following appeared Tuesday in the Dallas Morning News.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The dream of a young Texas girl came true last week when Miss Clarine Marsh of Eastland came to New York to study with a famous voice teacher.

She had always wanted to be a real singer. But a long stay in the present capital of the world's greatest music, and instruction toward a coveted goal by a teacher of stars were visions which long existed only in her youthful fancy.

Clarine is only 19 years old. Yet she has no illusions of becoming a glamorous girl overnight. Nor does she even want to be a torch singer or a decorative person in front of a dance band.

What I heard was the most naturally beautiful young voice I have listened to in years," he said. "Not only could she sing, but her personality was so appealing that I saw immediately stage and opera possibilities."

Van Grove was quick to point out he is not interested in anyone who merely has a good voice. The personality and projection of a pleasing and dramatic quality must be present, he said, or there is little hope for the singer today.

the foster parents of Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Springer of Eastland, who adopted Clarine years before when she was attending a Dallas school. It was decided that she should come to New York at a convenient time, and sing again before Van Grove, after she had had time for more vocal development. She came last summer and he heard her again, and was even more impressed.

So now she has come for a long stay and months of hard work in the intense study necessary for preparation toward a career.

Nor will the coming routine of the Texas girl be easy. For about sixteen hours each day, she will practice, study and otherwise develop her voice with proper times out for relaxation.

Clarine is accustomed to a busy life. At Hardin-Simmons, she was elected class favorite for both 1928 and 1929 during her sophomore and junior years. She was a member of the a capella choir, had solo parts in the student productions of Esther, Ruth and The Messiah, was a member of the Players Club and of the nationally famous Cowgirls Club of the school.

Meets Grace Moore She is not much interested in boys, she says, and likes them only as friends. The career of a woman should be considered before marriage is seriously thought of, she believes.

Her musical ambitions were given a great stimulus, a few weeks ago, when she met Grace Moore in Fort Worth on a concert tour, Clarine stated. In her opinion, New York is the best place in the world to study voice, at present, for she thinks that European study might lead to the singing of war songs.

Niles Trammell, vice-president of the National Broadcasting Company, has already heard of the arrival of Clarine in New York, and has stated that he is offering her a radio audition at some suitable time. That there will be no lack of public appearances when they are most desirable for her, is evidenced by several inquiries which have come from interested persons in New York, about her career.

The voice of the young singer is lyric soprano, similar to that of Deanna Durbin, the movie starlet, and it is no secret that Clarine is a close follower of the films of Miss Durbin and likes to see and hear her very much. In appearance and personality, the Texas girl compares most favorably with the singer of the films.

Federal Old-Age And Survivor's Insurance Plan

(Editor's Note: The following is another of a series of articles prepared by W. O. King, manager of the Abilene Social Security Board field office, to be published in this paper. The information contained in the series of articles is educational and of interest to the general public. Additional information can be secured by addressing W. O. King, 295 Alexander Building, Abilene, Texas.)

Qualifications For Monthly Benefits

In order to qualify for monthly old-age primary insurance benefits after 1939, a worker (a) must be 65 years old or over; (b) must have worked on a job or jobs covered by the Social Security Act; and (c) must have received a certain minimum amount of pay from such jobs during certain periods of time.

The amount of pay he must have earned to qualify for benefits is \$40 or more in each of a certain number of calendar quarters—that is, in the 3-month period beginning the first of January, April, July, and October. Such quarters are called "quarters of coverage."

A worker who has already reached age 65 or who will reach 65 before the first of July 1940, needs only 6 quarters of coverage in order to qualify for monthly benefits. A middle-aged or younger worker must have not less than 1 quarter of coverage for each 2 quarters elapsed after 1936 (or his 21st birthday if it is later) and before the quarter in which he becomes 65 to qualify. An employee

who acquires 40 quarters of coverage is fully insured for the rest of his life. Example: A middle-aged man, employed after working until the end of 1949, leaves the factory to work on a farm. Beginning with the first of January 1957 (when the original old-age insurance provisions went into effect) and counting 4 quarters in each year, makes 48 quarters during the 12 years in which he worked in employment covered by the act. Even assuming he was without work during 8 quarters of that time, he will still have 40 quarters of coverage. And even though he never works again in covered employment, he will be fully insured.

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Celebration Given To Ranger Masons

The Ranger Masonic Lodge presented its annual George Washington celebration at the Masonic hall in Ranger Tuesday evening.

The program consisted of musical numbers after the benediction by Rev. H. B. Johnson of Ranger and assembly singing of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Pit Pittman of Hella Temple, Dallas, presented a novelty skit, with characters picked at random from those present.

Light refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program by members of the Eastern Star.

Church Of God Is Holding A Revival

Rev. L. C. Pennington, pastor of the Church of God, announced today that a revival was being held at the church, 61 Pershing street.

Services are being conducted each night, with Rev. White of Washington doing the preaching. The public is invited to attend each service.

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Pioneer Resident Of Sector Expires At Home In Clyde

Funeral services for Mrs. Samantha Victoria Burkett, 93, mother of Florial Representative Omar Burkett of Eastland and Former State Senator Joe Burkett of San Antonio, who died Tuesday night at Clyde, will be held Thursday.

The funeral services will be held in Clyde, friends said. For the past several months her health had been failing but until the last she was active and on the final day of her life cooked and sewed as was her custom.

She was the wife of J. H. Burkett, known as the producer of Burkett pegs. She was born January 16, 1847, in Titus County.

She was the mother of Omar Burkett of Eastland, Joe Burkett of San Antonio, Iru Jackson of Clyde, Dr. Kay Burkett of Los Angeles, Calif., and the following children by a previous marriage.

Descendents include 30 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She also was the aunt of Mrs. W. S. Poe, Eastland; Former State Senator T. J. Holbrook, Galveston; Mrs. C. W. Ellis, Eastland, and Mrs. G. D. Holbrook, Brownwood.

NYA Enrollees Are Entertained With Dance at Eastland Mayor C. W. Hoffmann of Eastland and members of the Eastland City Commission entertained 125 NYA boys, girls and supervisors with a dance at the American Legion clubhouse in Eastland Tuesday night.

Picture Star To Pick Beauties for College By United Press COMMERCIAL TEXAS - The six girls to be designated as beauties of East Texas State Teachers College for the yearbook collection will be picked by Richard Greene...

Dies Is To Delay Committee Probe Until He Recovers WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 - Chairman Martin Dies, democrat, Texas, of the committee investigating un-American activities in the United States, announced today that he would spend 30 days recuperating before his investigation would continue.

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Home Demonstration Meetings Are Slated Four home demonstration club meetings are scheduled for the remainder of this week, according to Ruth Ramey, county home agent.

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Society Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jensen spent Tuesday in Dallas. Mrs. Francis Fengler who recently underwent an operation at the West Texas Hospital has been removed to her home.

Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Kuykendall and R. B. Elliott spent Sunday visiting relatives in Cross Plains.

Morris Lovelle was a business visitor to Dallas, Tuesday.

L. H. Fiewellen was a business visitor in Eastland, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvin D. Chastain spent Tuesday in Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. J. Van Bibber is visiting relatives in Stamford.

Mrs. Betty Woods is in a critical condition with pneumonia at her home. C. A. Campbell spent Tuesday in Dallas on business.

Bill Stokes of Enid, Oklahoma, is in Ranger to be with his mother, Mrs. Betty Woods, who is seriously ill at her home.

Measles and Mmes. Raymond Doss, O. C. Southers, E. F. Arterburn and Mrs. Dell Campbell and son were in Mineral Wells Sunday to visit Mr. Cunningham, who is a patient in a hospital there.

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