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CHUTE CABLES SEEN AS TRAP FOR BOMBERS

By J. EDWARD MURRAY
United Press Staff Correspondent
WHEATON, Ill.—A 48-year-old aviation "handy man" and inventor is ready to present to the War Department "a revolutionary air defense weapon composed of miles of invisible saw-tooth cable hung from camouflaged parachutes."

Will I. Davenport who has been building and flying airplanes and experimenting with plane devices since 1914, said he had perfected "an airplane death trap superior to and cheaper than the London balloon barrage." He is ready for the War Department to come and get it.

"Neither the Secretary of War nor the President nor any of the rest of us will have to worry about invasion of the United States by air, if I can get the right people to listen to my ideas," Davenport asserted.

"My defense plan begins working when you have located the squad of planes coming to bomb a city," he explained. "In half a minute 10 planes can box in the approaching bombers with an almost invisible wall which will disable and wreck the enemy ships trying to come through it."

"Ten planes can lay a mile of this wall in 10 seconds."

The wall, Davenport said, would consist of half mile lengths of specially designed, quarter-inch steel cable with a "buzz saw" edge. The cable, attached to cheap cotton cloth parachutes dyed black or pale blue depending on night or day use, would be dropped at 52-foot intervals—100 to the mile—by fast planes sent out to intercept a flotilla of enemy bombers. A fleet of intercepting planes, operating in banks a mile above each other, he said, could lay an impenetrable wall of cable to any height plane can fly.

Each plane would carry approximately 15 of the 250-pound ensembles of parachutes and cable roll. Explaining that the cable would unroll 16 feet per second, he said it would remain suspended from the parachutes for a fraction of an hour, the length of time depending upon air currents and wind conditions. To maintain the wall, cable would have to be dropped at intervals from the top.

"This wall or trap's superiority to the London balloon barrage," he said, "resides in the fact that any cable would depend for its effectiveness upon sawing the un-angled planes to pieces while their balloon cables depend upon their weight to damage ships striking them."

Furthermore, the balloons have proved easy to shoot down while the parachutes would not be. And the cables not only would do no harm in landing, but could be retrieved.

Estimating that one ensemble of parachute and cable would cost from \$50 to \$100, Davenport said he wanted the War Department to take over the plan, because he had no funds to build a trial set. He said he had applied for a patent on which he spent 18 months experimenting, but that he would be glad to release the whole scheme free either to the United States or Great Britain.

"My wind tunnel and training ship were in valuable use during the last war," he said. "I'd like to do something again, and I think this is it."

To Head SEC?



Edward C. Eicher, member of the Securities and Exchange Commission since 1939, is expected to succeed Jerome Frank as its chairman. Eicher, staunch New Dealer, is a former congressman from Iowa.

Services Planned For Two Killed In Automobile Mishap

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Fort Worth for W. A. Glenn, Jr., 52, of Abilene, instantly killed when the car in which he and T. J. Willis, Jr., 30, also of Abilene, were riding struck a bridge abutment between Ranger and Strawn. Services for Willis, who was also killed, will be held in Abilene Wednesday.

Glenn and Willis were enroute to Fort Worth to spend the week-end when the accident occurred. The car in which the two men were riding was completely demolished.

Labor Accused Of Hampering Defense

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold today told the House Judiciary Committee that labor union practices, relating to food distribution and housing hamper the national defense program.

Youth Is Injured In Accident In Ranger

John Beggs of Comanche sustained painful injuries Saturday night when he was struck by an automobile in Ranger.

At the West Texas Hospital, where he was taken for treatment, it was stated he had a broken leg and possible chest injuries. His condition was not considered serious.

According to witnesses of the accident Beggs had been talking to some friends, who were seated in an automobile, and when he turned to leave them he ran into another car.

Communist Browder's Sentence Confirmed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Supreme Court today upheld the conviction of Communist leader Earl Browder for using a passport obtained by fraud.

Browder is under a sentence to serve four years in prison and pay a fine of \$2,000.

OLDEN MAN IN HOSPITAL
Tom Stanton, well known Olden citizen, is in the City-County Hospital at Ranger where he has been for several days for treatment. Because of his age, which is given as about 80 years, attendants state that his condition is rather serious.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS: Fair with considerable high cloudiness tonight and Tuesday except cloudy with occasional light rain extreme southwest Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

Many Clues In "Mystery Death" Case Eliminated

Sheriff Loss Woods and District Attorney Earl Conner, Jr., are convinced that the parties picked up in Wichita Falls Saturday had no connection with the "mystery death" case under investigation here and by officers in other West Texas cities, they stated this morning.

The license number of the car picked up in Wichita Falls by officers there following a broadcast of the number, was the number broadcast, the officers stated, but the officers were in doubt as to the correctness of the number when it was broadcast. It was the best clue they had at the time and they were seeking to prove it or eliminate it.

District Attorney Conner stated this morning that Miss Hazel Alford, the Eastland nurse, who talked with the party that brought a man to the hospital Wednesday night and who examined the injured man and found him dead, said she could not identify the driver of the Wichita Falls car as the man who came to the hospital, asked for a doctor and later asked her to examine a man in his car, who he stated was his brother that had been shot. When the nurse told him the injured man was dead he hurriedly drove away.

The Eastland officers were pleased with the co-operation given them by the Wichita Falls parties who were driving the car. The man told the Eastland officers that he had not been in Strawn, from which place the car license number was obtained, but that he would present himself there in order that officers there might be assured that he was not the man driving the car they had observed in Strawn.

Sheriff Loss Woods, Miss Alford and District Attorney Conner went to Wichita Falls Saturday night to investigate the reports from that city regarding the car and parties picked up there.

Officers at Dallas, it is stated, have advised Eastland County officers that two bundles, a small one and a large one, had been dumped into a lake near Dallas. The facts were being taken into account as possible clues in the Eastland case. Dallas officers stated, it is understood, that they were endeavoring to fish the bundles from the water.

Your Federal Income Tax

Bad Debts—Year in Which Deductible

To be allowed as a deduction from gross income, a bad debt must have been determined by the taxpayer to be worthless within the taxable year for which it is claimed and, where books are kept, it also must have been charged off within the same year. The necessity for this provision is obvious. If a debt could be deducted without the requirement that it be charged off the taxpayer's books, the certainty of its worthlessness would be open to question. Neither the taxpayer nor the Government could be certain that a debt would not be claimed more than once.

If a bad debt were allowed as a deduction without regard to the year when it became worthless, such charges could be accumulated to be deducted in a year when there was a large income.

The burden is upon the taxpayer to show that a debt claimed as a deduction was without value during the taxable year. A statement should be attached to the return showing the propriety of any deduction for bad debts. If in the exercise of sound business judgment a taxpayer concludes, after making every reasonable effort to determine whether there is likelihood of recovery, that the debt is of no value, deduction for such debt is allowable. Court action as proof that the debt is worthless is not essential.

It is optional with the taxpayer in a year prior to that in which a debt becomes wholly worthless, to take a deduction for partial loss if partial worthlessness occurs. The provisions of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to bad debt and partial bad debt deductions are not applicable to a taxpayer, other than a bank as defined by the Act, where the debt is evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, or certificates, or other evidences of indebtedness, issued by any corporation (including those issued by a government or political subdivision thereof) with interest coupons or in registered form.

They See by the Papers—In Siberia



Siberia, traditional exile spot, isn't all a land of prison gangs and barren steppes. Here A. Sorozhanova, a young collectivist farmer in the rich autonomous region of Khakassia, reads a newspaper to 90-year-old V. Bargolov.

Senators Learn Why Pensions Have Become "Hot Potato" of State Affairs

By GORDON K. SHEARER
United Press Staff Correspondent
AUSTIN, Tex.—Texas senators learned in their inquiry into old age assistance administration some of the reasons why it has become the "hot potato" of state affairs.

The state law sets up one list of requirements. The rules of the Federal Social Security Board make different requirements and it would take a Philadelphia lawyer to figure out a system that would comply with both.

Coupled with this, the investigation revealed, or at least unearched considerable testimony, that there is an internal struggle. On the one side is an apparent inclination to assure job tenancy for welfare employes, on the other a leaning toward Andrew Jackson's old doctrine, "To the victor belong the spoils."

Judge Frank S. Roberts of Breckenridge and Adam R. Johnson of Austin, both Spanish-American war veterans, probably gave the senate most information by their blunt statements of views with disregard for feelings of the senators. They differed on some details but each was brutally frank.

Roberts did not draw his punches when asked if he would vote for a welfare director who had not supported Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel and his program. He told Senator Joe Hill of Henderson, who opposed the governor, "I wouldn't vote to employ you."

Your Chances for Accident Greater Than Ever Before

AUSTIN, Tex.—Your chances of living through one of the accidents Texas will have during 1941, are just about ten per cent less than last year's. Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., state police director, reports.

In a survey of traffic deaths during 1940, Garrison found that the number of fatal accidents increased 6.47 per cent while deaths increased 10 per cent.

"This condition involves many factors," the report said, "but the basic cause can be attributed to increased speed. With greater speed possible by modern cars and roads, and consequently greater force of impact, we find an increasing number of fatal collisions in which more than one person is killed."

Fatal collisions in 1940 increased 9.60 per cent in cities, 5.10 per cent in small towns, 5.24 per cent on highways, and 7.11 per cent on county roads. Fatality increases were: cities, 11.64 per cent; small towns, 9 per cent; highways 7.09 per cent; and county roads, 7.65 per cent—half of this increase attributable to the train-truck crash near McAllen in which 29 persons were killed. Total fatal accidents increased from 1,339 in 1939 to 1,467 in 1940 while fatalities rose from 1,586 to 1,757.

Safety Lanes To Be Discontinued By Hiway Patrol

AUSTIN, Feb. 17.—Operation of the safety lane, one of the most popular safety features of the Highway Patrol, will be discontinued after Feb. 21, it was announced today by Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., State Police director.

"The enormous volume of traffic accompanying defense projects has caused a depletion of Highway Patrol manpower to such an extent that the safety lane must be discontinued at least temporarily," Colonel Garrison said.

Garrison said two of the safety lane personnel will be stationed in Houston, two in Corpus Christi, and one in Abilene. The new assignments will become effective Feb. 21 when a current vehicle inspection campaign is completed in Corpus Christi, and several pending requests from other cities will be cancelled.

More than 1,500,000 drivers have taken their vehicles through the safety lane since it was started in 1937. And in that time the percentage of collisions traceable to mechanical failures has dropped from approximately 16 to four per cent.

The safety lane, conducted by Highway Patrolmen in conjunction with local officers, has tested brakes, lights, horns, mufflers, steering, and windshield wipers in more than 100 Texas towns and cities. Originally there were two safety lanes, but one was discontinued under the reduced appropriation effective Sept. 1, 1939.

"This was a difficult choice to make," Garrison said, "but the demand for additional traffic control around defense projects can not go unanswered."

School Land Bill Passed In House

AUSTIN, Feb. 17.—A bill to revise the rules of selling state school lands was passed today by the Texas House of Representatives.

The measure provides that all principal payments on the land be extended to Nov. 1, 1951, and that a down payment of 20 per cent and limits of five years in the time of redemption of the land be forfeited.

Conference Is Held On British Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President Roosevelt summoned Secretaries of the Treasury, War, Navy and Agriculture and the Federal Budget Director to the White House conference with Harry Hopkins today to make plans for the administration, pending passage of the British Aid Bill.

Similarly, the committee on nominations is making a record to be used by the senators when they are called to pass on confirmation of other appointments. The favorable committee report on the nominees may be expected almost without exception. The real vote is taken in an executive session of the senate after the committee has filed a report.

War Relief Aid Is Not a Charity Speaker Declares

DALLAS, Tex.—Co-chairman Nathan Adams of the Dallas British War Relief Society declares that aid to Britain should not be considered as charity but as protection for the United States against totalitarianism.

Adams' statement followed the presentation of \$4,000 in checks to the society from Dallas Retail state executives and employes.

"If Germany is given the same dose that London now is getting, then she will cease to maintain her present complacency," he said. "Gifts such as this \$4,000 will give England the bombers and guns she needs to check Hitlerism and ultimately insure protection for us and our children."

Herbert Marcus, Sr., chairman of the retail men's general committee, said that he was pleased with the contributions and that "the drive in some stores is not completed yet and other important contributions are expected later."

BULGARIA AND TURKEY SIGN AN AGREEMENT ON NON-AGGRESSION BASIS

Kiss Ends Jane's Screen Childhood



Screen actress Jane Withers is growing up—even in the movies. Here she gets her first film kiss—a sort of touch and go affair—from Jackie Cooper.

U. S. Knows More About War Than Do Most Europeans

By United Press
PORT ARTHUR, Tex.—People on this side of the Atlantic have a better idea of what is going on in Europe than do the inhabitants of Old World countries, believes Captain Francisco Climent, Spanish oil operator.

"My own impression of it," he said, "is something like a Western movie I saw here once. Somebody shoots out the lights, then everybody shoots at everybody else."

Climent was stationed here in 1934 as a representative of a Spanish Oil Company and married Enal Hamiter of Port Arthur. When the Spanish Civil War broke out, he was located at the oil company's offices in the Canary Islands, and, as a reserve officer, entered the war under the command of Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

He served at Seville, where he was in a unit that was under bombardment for six hours.

"You Americans may never need the advice," he said, "but the thing to do when bombs begin to fall and there's no shelter around is to flop on the ground."

"Then if no bombs fall closer than 150 feet, you may not even get a scratch."

Climent and his wife returned here with their three-year-old son for a visit with the boy's grandmother.

The boy is "Kiki," whose real name is Francis. He was born on the Canary Islands and understands English but refuses to talk anything but Spanish—except in his sleep.

"We don't know why," his mother said, "but only when he talks in his sleep will he speak English."

Kiki's linguistic ability was a problem for his grandmother, until she solved it by learning Spanish.

Captain Climent said he believed General Franco was doing everything in his power to keep Spain neutral and that the country could ill-afford to become involved in the European war.

State's Birthday Will Be Observed On February 19

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 17.—Texas' ninety-fifth birthday, February 19—Statehood Day—will be observed by Texas Memorial Museum on the University of Texas campus with the first public showing of the recently-acquired John Nance Garner collection.

The day was set aside at the museum as Texas Legislators Day.

Consisting of 160 of the most famous gavel in the country, collected over the long period of Mr. Garner's service, plus 800 original cartoons by outstanding American cartoonists, the exhibit is to remain open to the public.

Most cherished possession of Mr. Garner's to be placed on display, according to Dr. E. W. Sellers, museum director, is his 40-year-old political campaign satchel which he carried with him in every race in his political career.

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Survivors include her husband, J. B. Morton; four sons, Ernest Morton, Ranger; Reginald Stephens Morton, Ranger; Everett Morton, Hawthorne, Calif.; and J. B. Morton, Jr., Hawthorne; nine daughters, Mrs. Estelle Adams, Mrs. Grace Gage, Mrs. Maude Wymer and Mrs. Mary Brown, all of Ranger; Miss Minnie, Wanda Morton, Ranger; Mrs. Pauline Barris, Abilene; Mrs. Jessie Tarant, Hawthorne, Calif.; and Mrs. Melba McClung, Crystal River, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Linnie Pierce, El Campo, and Mrs. Mitt Hall, El Campo, and 17 grand-children.

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Stephenville Gets Legion Convention

Stephenville was selected as the site for the next 17th District convention of the American Legion, at the conclusion of a two-day convention held in Ranger Saturday and Sunday, at which several hundred legionnaires were present.

Many of the Legionnaires attended services at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning, and at noon gathered at the National Guard Armory, where 229 were guests at a luncheon.

THE RANGER TIMES Has Guest Tickets For Mr. and Mrs. John Watson to see Marjorie Raimbeau in "Tugboat Annie Sails Again" AT THE ARCADIA. TUES., FEB. 18th Call at Times Office for Tickets Not transferable. Good only date shown.

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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.

The 'Kick Me' Sign Comes Off

American business is not silly. As soon as it clearly sees the "Kick Me!" sign it has been wearing when it travels south, it is pretty sure to tear it off and see to it that if there is any kicking done it is wearing good stout shoes itself.

That paragraph was written last November, and it is a pleasure to find that it was not too optimistic. Word comes from Washington that some of the United States firms who have been employing Nazi sympathizers as their commercial representatives in Mexico, Central and South America are severing those connections. The office of commercial and cultural relations between the American republics has been informing various American firms in detail of the dodge by which they were being made unwittingly to play the Hitler game in Latin countries. And many of them needed only to be told, to act. Exposure of the general condition was made last October in American newspapers, and the specific information provided by the Rockefeller commission has now brought action.

What has been happening is this: In Mexico, for instance, of 300 American firms selling through agencies, about 150 were employing representatives of definite Nazi sympathies. Not only did these representatives contribute from their commissions to Nazi work in Mexico, but diverted advertising appropriations to newspapers which were or could be made sympathetic to their cause, and passed on trade secrets to German connections. Thus American business men seeking to sell in Mexico and other southern countries had unthinkingly turned to establish jobbers and agencies which, unknown to them, had Nazi connections.

It is good to see that such firms have been informed in detail as to the results of connections in which they have generally entered quite innocently, and it is doubly good to note that many of them have acted promptly when they learned the facts.

The Lost Generation in England seems to be finding itself.

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

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

Vidkun Quisling reported having a hot time trying to rule Norway. Quisling's sizzling.

It takes a lot more than looking down on others to place you above them.

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN BIRD

HORIZONTAL

- Sacred bird of ancient Egypt.
- It is a bird.
- Crystalline substance.
- Indigo shrub.
- Undone.
- Genus of palms.
- Skating pond.
- Steals.
- Being.
- Stain.
- Postscript (abbr.).
- To convey.
- Hair ornaments.
- To hurl.
- Belonging to them.
- Purpose.
- Twelve dozen.
- South Africa (abbr.).

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

- Most lackluster.
- New England (abbr.).
- Inspiring reverence.
- It eats small.
- Holy man.
- Trinity.
- To consecrate.
- Prickle.
- Sloths.
- Railroad (abbr.).
- Gazes fixedly.
- Theatrical.
- Characteristic.
- To nullify.
- Two bright stars.
- Wiseest.
- Rabbit.
- Veranda.
- Obtains.
- Dress.
- Adult male.
- Brother.
- Italian river.
- Exclamation.

Other clues:

- 21 Rental compact.
- 22 Blood pump.
- 23 Gibbon.
- 24 Uges an.
- 25 Street boy.
- 26 Pledge.
- 27 Right to speak.
- 28 Commences.
- 29 Golf clubs.
- 30 Lavatory.
- 31 You and I.
- 32 Challenging.
- 33 Unsuited.
- 34 This bird is t.
- 35 Fastidious.
- 36 Exclamation.

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Texas University Engineering Students May Go Into Navy

AUSTIN, Tex.—Approximately 50 University of Texas engineering seniors will be offered naval reserve commissions at graduation.

To provide experts in ship construction, marine engineering and similar fields in the nation's two-ocean fleet building program, commissions as ensign and immediate employment will be offered 20 per cent of the senior class, Captain H. W. Underwood, commandant of the University's Naval R. O. T. C., announced today. Junior students may receive probationary commissions, to take effect at their graduation, Captain Underwood said.

The Texas commandant pointed out that naval personnel must be tripled in the next four years to

Youth Assigned To Brothers' Company

By United Press

BROWNWOOD, Texas.—Joe Paleri, Jr., of Corsicana told officials at the Camp Bowie reception center that he "just had" to be assigned to Battery D, 132nd Field Artillery.

"I have three brothers in that outfit and I want to serve my conscriptee training with them," he explained. The officers granted his request.

Britons this year will eat 1500 per cent more onions than last. Just wait till the Germans get wind of it.

Germans Claim Planes Strafe British Defenders of Iceland



British forces in occupation of Iceland have been subjected to blows of the German air force, according to Nazi claims. Germans say their planes machine-gunned British pursuit ships on the airfield at

Reykjavik, the capital. These British artillerymen, with defense guns installed last summer, are pictured at their posts on the coast of Iceland.

HERALD TELEGRAPH

WAR DEFENSE DEMANDS NEW TAXES MAY COST NATION 14 BILLIONS

Roosevelt Plans No Diet Will Dare Attack Prepare to Meet



SAYS AMERICA ★★★★★

Defense money can be spent for PLANES, TANKS, SHIPS, GUNS and OTHER DEFENSE WEAPONS

What it takes to build that defense, America will pay with a grin. Our soldier-sons must have clothing, shelter, shoes, medical care and food. Let's go, Uncle Sam, the check book is yours for national defense needs.

ELECTRIC POWER IS READY Now!

The nation speeds defense preparations at fever-heat haste. Time... precious time, plus billions in cash, is being poured into the job. The army, the navy, the air force must be ready for any emergency, no matter what the cost.

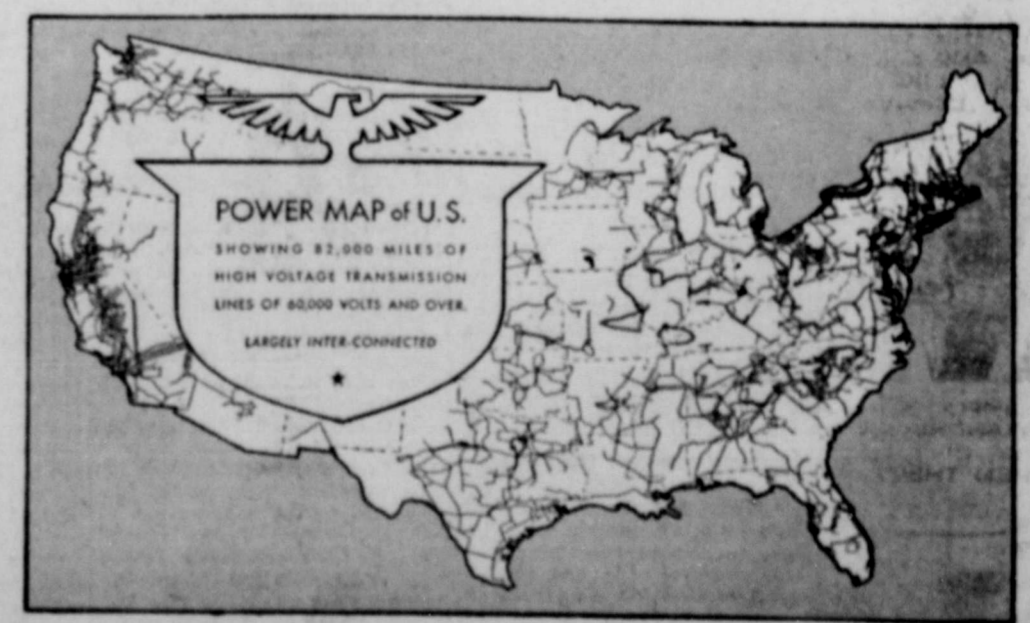
But what about our industrial defense? What about electric power? Must that too start from "scratch"? No! The nation's electric power is ready now. The electric power industry has built ahead.

America has the most efficient, most economical system of power plants and inter-connected transmission lines of any nation in the world... more capacity and facilities than Germany... Italy... or England... yes, more than all these combined.

Texas Electric Service Company is just one great system that serves the section YOU know. This and other inter-connected Texas systems give our state more miles of transmission line than all the British grid.

As it is in Texas, so it is nation-wide. All these systems combined fortify the nation... guarantee power and light

for intensified production of munitions and goods to build the mightiest machine for American defense the world has ever known. America's power companies have the resources and the will to meet any demands.



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J. B. THOMAS, President

SERIAL STORY

DRAFTED FOR LOVE

BY RUTH AYERS

YESTERDAY: April is falling in love with her sister's sweetest...

THE LIE THAT WAS TRUE

CHAPTER VIII

THE hills were so close and blue; the sky, unchanged; the smell of the wood fire still lingered...

It's like that when you part from rose-colored clouds and land feet first on hard brown earth.

At first, she was too stunned to be angry. It seemed, in fact, as if she were sitting beside a stranger...

Now that he had started plunging ahead. He loved her, her sister; he had a deep desire to protect her...

"Oh, April may turn out all right someday," he said with a winking attempt to be fair.

April nodded, found herself fumbling something silly that sounded like, "Sure—yes, I think so."

"The trouble with April is that she never looks beyond her mirror. Everyone raves about how beautiful she is, how stunning...

"No?" "She has a greedy complex, she thinks that she's so ravishing she can get anything she wants, no matter whose toes she treads on."

"That's right," April mumbled again and all the time she kept thinking, "This isn't me he's talking about."

BUT it was and she must take it. Once or twice she even found her lips twitching with a half smile. It had its funny side...

"She's spoiled," Kent said. "Everyone has spoiled April."

"Not Octavia." "Who—oh, Octavia. Well, Octavia can't be fooled like outsiders. She knows!"

"That's true," Kent went on, "the Glitterbug figures she's the belle of the town and everyone owes her homage."

April made a stab to defend herself. "Oh, I don't think that, Kent. She doesn't mean to. It's just she is, well, maybe a little thoughtless."

"A little?" he snorted. "Your trouble, Ann, is that you've always been loyal to her. Whether she meant to or not, she was giving you an inferiority complex. All those boy friends hanging around her, all that so-called popularity, naturally made you feel you were being pushed aside. I've always told you that, but you've learned it for yourself now."

"Yes—I guess maybe I have," April agreed and felt the ghost of a smile on her lips again. Indeed she had learned for herself what April Burnett was like!

Kent pulled a pipe from his pocket, fumbled for tobacco. Then he leaned contentedly close to April as she held a match to the bowl.

"Sorry," he chuckled. "I didn't mean to waste time talking about April. It was only because I'm so glad you've pulled out of the pocket before you did anything desperate. It makes that quarrel we had seem awfully silly now, doesn't it, my love?"

"Oh yes," April choked the words out. "I'd forgotten we quarreled at all."

"As it should be." "We'll forget about April, too," he said. "Let her go her glittery way and make heaven for her."

"That's what I say." "I'm afraid though, she's going to have a rude awakening one of these days."

Something impish rose in April, even while she smarted and stung with the terrible hurt of his words. "Yes," she said, "and I bet it will be soon."

KENT drew her to him and the touch of his lips brushing her cheek was her undoing. It wasn't fair. What he'd said was wrong and heartless. And because she was so hurt, she wanted to fight back. The April storm side of her began to rise up like thunder. She'd speak out now.

"Happy, darling?" Kent was asking.

Even behind the dark glasses she could feel the look of agitation in the temporarily unseeing eyes. He loved Ann. He thought it was she beside him.

Ahead of him were critical days in the hospital, a battle he'd have to fight out in the darkness. This was his day. It must end in peace for him no matter what happened. If she shattered it, she would be even worse than he had described her. She would be the worst of all, a cruel person.

Yes, she would carry out the masquerade a little longer. This would be the last time she'd see him—the end of the love that for her could have been the real thing.

"You're shivering," he said. "You're trembling."

"It's blown up a little colder." Then because she must play the part of Ann a little longer, she forced herself to sit beside him, cradling his head, stroking the brief, crisp wave in his hair.

"We must go," she said at last. "I'll bank the fire so there won't be any life left in it."

THERE were things to do and she was glad to be busy. Folding the blanket, packing the kit, tramping in the snow where the grill had been. She felt the blisters on her fingers smarting and stray wisps of hair which she had tried to wear like Ann, stuck to her forehead.

If Kent could see her now he'd been more than convinced that he wasn't beautiful. She pulled up the collar of Ann's coat. She hated the sight of the gay red slacks.

Kent called to her as he stacked the blanket and the kit in his arms. "Sometimes you get very hunchy when your eyes are gone," he said.

She jumped. Did he know? Had he guessed? "I've a feeling," he went on, "that there's a fog rolling up over the hills."

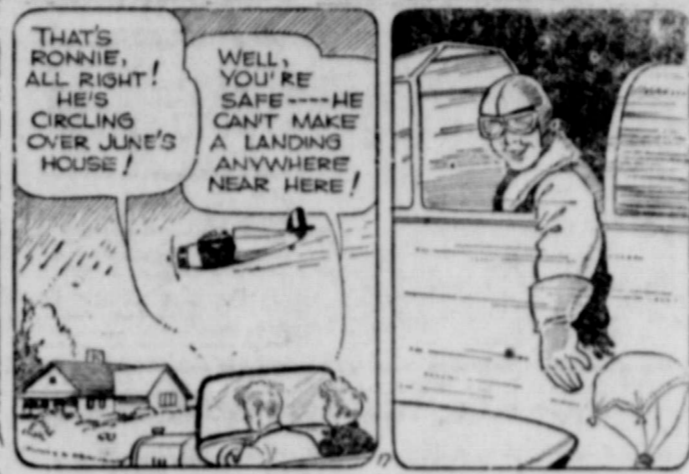
Nip, who had been sleeping soundly on a full stomach, came bounding. "What you could tell, old boy, if you could talk," April whispered.

Kent was taking a last survey, as if in not seeing the majestic panorama of hills and brown fields, he yet was seeing it with some eye of the mind.

"Beautiful day," he said, "and beautiful you." She held his arm to guide him back to the car. And then in one desperate, reckless plunge she added the last salute. Oh, it was wrong, wicked, a lie and yet the truest thing she'd ever said.

"No matter what happens," she whispered, "I love you." (To Be Continued)

FRECKELS AND HIS FRIENDS



THIS CURIOUS WORLD



RED RYDER

By Ha. man



Three Cheers for Red, White and Blue



ALDEN DESCENDANT ENLIST

BOSTON.—John Alden, 17, of Walpole, direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, has enlisted in the navy. He told recruiting officers he is an 11th generation member of the old Pilgrim family whose romance was described in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish."

Another chorus girl has married a rich man's son. We wonder if she took him at his own value. One thing wrong with a lot of homes is too many couples think a fair beats a full house.

"AM I HAPPY!" SMILES M.E. LENZ



Advertisement for Prince Albert cigarettes, featuring a pack and a man smoking.

Candidly, Willkie Was Worn Out



Willkie was the name for this man as Wendell Willkie gave his views on war and peace to Britain, for senators opposing the bill took many a hot shot at Willkie's attitude.

Dog Enjoys His Lookout Tower



Plumb tuckered out was the man who ran for President last year after his testimony. Said he as Senator Bennett Clark squared off with him: "Let's forget it. You're trying to make it appear that I'm afraid of you."

Big Boy Gives Ideas of Show Business



Fritz gives Cutler's Sunny Jim a St. Bernard's idea of show business at Westminster Kennel Club show at Madison Square Garden. Fritz belongs to Betty Ann Smith of Chicago, Cutler's Sunny Jim to Ben Cutler of Rock Island.

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



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Society Notes

Royal Neighbors To Meet

The Ranger Camp of the Royal Neighbors of America will meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening in the L. O. O. F. hall. All members are especially urged to attend as initiation will be held.

Auxiliary Holds Open House

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary entertained Saturday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock in the Blue Room of the Gholson Hotel, honoring visiting Legionnaires and their wives and members of the Auxiliary.

The tea table was covered with a lace cloth and appointed with silver. An attractive arrangement of flags formed the centerpiece for the table which was lighted by white candles in silver candelabra. The patriotic theme was further emphasized in the red, white and blue mints.

Members of the Auxiliary formed the house party and Misses

Lonelle Herring and Francine Hatley assisted in the serving. During the afternoon musical numbers were given by Jack Pearsall, Charles Osteen, Billie Ross Hodges and Marjorie Pearsall, violinists who were accompanied by Mrs. F. S. Pearsall, Misses Mildred Balch, Lillian Ruth Carter and Francine Hatley, accompanied by Gwendolyn Tunnell gave vocal numbers.

Cooper P. T. A. To Meet

The Cooper School Parents-Teachers Association will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the school. Mrs. C. C. Cross will be leader for the afternoon and L. H. Flewilen will speak to the group on the subject, "A Responsible Participation in Our Democracy."

CLASSIFIED

1—LOST, STRAYED, STOLEN

LOST—Party who took drip part of arm out of Ford V-8 Saturday night in front of the American Legion Hall, please return to Sig Faircloth, Ranger Times or A. H. Fossell. Liberal reward with no questions asked.

LOST On Merriman Road, 5-inch

elbow and pipe for portable feed mill. Reward—N. ROBERTSON, Allee and Ray Streets.

9—LODGE NOTICES

Call meeting Ranger Masonic Lodge Tuesday evening at 7:30. All Masons urged to attend. A Masters Degree will be conferred. Visitors welcome.

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7—SPECIAL NOTICES

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Society Personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hartnett spent the week-end in Weatherford.

Miss Inez Harrell of Mineral Wells was the week-end guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harrell.

Mrs. H. A. Stitt of Fort Worth, formerly of Ranger, is visiting here today.

John Beggs is in the West Texas Hospital for treatment of injuries received in an accident early Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Van Bibber had as their guests for the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Crump and daughter, June. Mrs. Bill Hughes and Miss Ruby Gould, all of Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Arrendale had as their guests for the week-end, Albert Leedy, Miss Victoria Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Ferguson and children, Wanda and Robert, all of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Price Crawley who has been a patient in the City-County hospital has been removed to her home.

Mrs. W. O. Cox has been dismissed from the City-County hospital.

D. L. James who recently underwent surgery at the City-County

State Hospital Employee Tells Of Herb Relief

Mr. Farr, of Wichita Falls, Says Hoyt's Compound Ended Stomach Distress, Kidney Misery and Bowel Irregularity.

An employee for the State Hospital for the Insane is Mr. Horace Farr, Box 360, Wichita Falls, Texas, who states: "I have been



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Jack White of Strawn who underwent surgery at the City-County hospital this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Clemmer announce the birth of a baby boy at the City-County hospital, Feb. 12. The baby has been named John Lee.

C. E. Maddocks who is a patient in the City-County hospital is reported to be some improved.

Mrs. H. E. Angus and daughter Paula Rae, spent the week-end in Brownwood with Captain Angus. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Mason of Duncan, Oklahoma, are the guests of Mr. Mason's sister, Mrs. O. G. Lanier and Mr. Lanier.

Mrs. Perry Pitman and Annette of Archer City spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson.

Motorcade To Be In Ranger Next Friday A Fort Worth motorcade, with the trippers dressed as "drug store" cowboys, will arrive in Ranger Friday afternoon, Feb. 21 at 4:05 o'clock, to advertise the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

Accompanying the trippers will be a fiddle band, singers and other entertainers, stickers and souvenirs will be distributed throughout the town.

John Garner says he isn't going to express himself publicly for a year. Force of habit?

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The public will be favored with a double header as Clifton College Girls meet Eastland High School girls here also.

The boys game bids fair to be an interesting contest. The teams are well matched and our local Junior College boys are anticipating a stiff contest.

The Clifton teams accompanied by some faculty members will spend the night in Ranger and from here they go to Wichita Falls enroute on a short tour they are making.

Students and friends of the college are invited to attend. A small admission charge is made.

"MARIA" INTO ECLIPSE

TROY, N. Y.—The "Black Maria" is no match for radio-equipped police patrol automobiles, according to Chief John B. Conroy. He reported the radio cars have cut the local police van's business from 100 calls per month to a bare 100 annually.

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Man Who Is "Dead" Gets Draft Inquiry

By United Press FAINESVILLE, O.—Ralph W. Clark, came late to inquire about his number in the draft, but Lake County Sheriff James Maloney didn't expect him at all.

Clark found that he had been listed in the sheriff's records as dead for more than a month. A body found in a burning barn at Mentor, O., was "identified" as Clark's by a left shoe, a necktie and a pair of glasses.

Uncle Sam is going to see to it that there aren't any misfits in the army. How about those sweat-ers from home?

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