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SHELTER CAMP IN BERKSHIRES CALLED MODEL

By United Press
NEW MILFORD, Conn.—Although rumblings of war still have been confined to the Old World, the question of evacuation of children from New York—as was done in London—has received consideration here.

One such center, the first in the country, has been constructed and may serve as a model for others should the necessity arise.

This model evacuation camp, located in the foothills of the Berkshire Hills in New Milford, already has undergone a peacetime test, with 96 New York students portraying the roles of "refugees" from war. The students are students at the Dalton Schools, Inc., of New York City.

The center was built on top of Buck's Rock by the Children's Foundation, Inc. This is a Connecticut corporation formed last summer by a group of wealthy New York industrialists to extend financial and educational assistance to child refugees. Housing for 125 children and 15 adult supervisors is provided for on the 128-acre tract. Three buildings are for sleeping quarters and the fourth contains a social hall and classrooms. All are two stories high. The flat roofs are camouflaged to blend with the terrain. The structures are made from redwood with sheet rock insulation.

The "refugees" sleep in compact quarters with two-tiered bunks in the walls. They are divided into age groups. As each group completes a month's training at the center it is replaced by another.

An important aspect of the center is the fact that it is planned to permit the continuance of education even during an emergency. Classes will continue no matter how grave outside circumstances may become. Directing the educational program is Miss Helen Parkhurst, head of the Dalton Schools, Inc., and also head of the International Council of Education.

Miss Parkhurst emphasized the foundation's belief that "education, especially during times of emotional stress, is almost as important to a child as clothing, shelter, or food."

The center will not remain idle during the summer. It will be turned over to English evacuees at present living with "foster parents," so that they may spend a summer with children of their own nationality. They will return to these "foster" homes next fall.

Lovely for Lenses



This is Mary Anne Baird of Long Beach, Calif., and the reason for the picture, if one is needed, is that she'll be one of 200 lovelies parading charms in an annual beach beauty contest for amateur photographers.

Ranger Soldiers Hurt; Man Killed In Cisco Crash

Two Ranger youths, members of Company I, 142nd Infantry, stationed at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, were injured in an automobile accident near Cisco Tuesday night, in which one person was killed and five others injured.

Fatally injured was L. I. Morrison of Lynwood, Calif., driver of a travel bureau car which collided with a car occupied by Lonnie Franklin and J. O. Parrish, both enroute from their home in Ranger to Camp Bowie. Franklin has a scalp wound and Parrish received cuts about the face.

Most seriously injured of the seven is Mrs. Hollie Mae Mason, wife of a soldier at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, who was enroute to Atoka, Okla., to rejoin her husband, who had left the day previously on a furlough. She sustained forehead and eye injuries and a fracture of the left thigh.

Sergeant Willard Wise of Company L, 179th Infantry, Camp Barkeley, riding on the front seat of the travel bureau car with the driver and Mrs. Mason suffered severe scalp wounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cooper, enroute from Sweetwater to Denison and Private James Shores of the 179th Infantry, occupied the rear seat of the car. Cooper sustained a face injury and his wife had cuts and bruises and Shores sustained a sprained ankle. All three said they were asleep at the time of the accident.

Detroit To Vote On A Gas Plant Soon

By United Press
DETROIT, Mich.—Detroit voters will decide at the April 7 election whether they want a municipally owned gas company.

The common council has submitted a charter amendment and two advisory proposals in connection with the proposed condemnation and purchase of the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, a United Light and Power Company subsidiary.

If three-fifths of the voters in the election approve the council's proposals the council will have authority to order condemnation proceedings. A favorable vote would not make it mandatory for the council to act, however.

Earlier plans to allow an alternative method of acquisition through negotiation with the company were discarded.

The proposals authorize the council to reject any court condemnation award within six days after it is returned. The value of the company set by the Michigan Public Service Commission was \$64,000,000, but councilmen behind the purchase plan said they did not expect that the city would pay "near that much" should the sale take place.

JUGOSLAVIA WELDS UNITY OVER COUNTRY

Jugoslavia was reported today to have welded a united home front against possible German aggression and there were indications of diplomatic maneuvers involving Yugoslavia and Russia.

The united home front should block apparent German attempts to drive a wedge between the two largest racial groups of the country, the Serbs and the Croats. It is reported that the Croats, instead of sympathizing with and siding with Germany, were now solidly behind the new regime of King Peter II, and were ready to fight any German aggression.

The possibility of any split between the two factions had been enlarged by Nazi propaganda. Meanwhile Yugoslavia continued calm under increasing Nazi propaganda barrages, which alleged Yugoslav attacks upon and persecution of racial Germans had been intensified.

Behind the scenes diplomatic maneuvers by Britain and Russia apparently were designed to build a strong Balkan block to oppose Nazi forces.

Japan's foreign minister Matsuo, was in Rome today and visited the pope, which brought out a crop of rumors about peace "feelings," which might possibly be launched jointly by Japan and the pope.

Air Warfare Has Brought a Flood Of Slang Terms

LONDON.—As the scope of air warfare widens, the vocabulary of the R. A. F. undergoes progressive changes.

"To straddle a target," for instance, no longer means—as in ground gunnery—merely ranging-finding shots placed each side of the target.

To the bombardier, the phrase describes the split-second trigger of a stick of bombs upon an objective with the assumption that while the first of the spaced missiles may fall overshoot it, those between will score directly, or make a "near miss."

And "a near miss" means a blast close enough to the target to cause effective damage.

In the R. A. F. glossary, clouds are graded from 0-10 to 10-10; that is, from a clear sky to complete inability to see the target.

A "raid" is a bombing attack by two or more aircraft.

A "sortie" is an offensive bombing flight or armed reconnaissance by any single aircraft.

Bombs are released in "sticks" more often than in "salvos" in this war. A "stick," by which the target is "straddled," was found more effective than "salvo" bombardment, in which the explosive load is dropped in a single cluster.

The mechanism which automatically releases the "sticks" at exact intervals is an electrical contrivance built around a series of selector switches. For some reason, pilots and bombardiers, who have a weakness for slang, immediately dubbed this gadget "Mickey Mouse."

Other fanciful R. A. F. terms include "pulpit" or "office," for the cockpit; "driving the train," for leading two squadrons into battle, and "peeling off," for veering away from another aircraft.

A "good show" is an enthusiastic approval of a fellow's good work, and often just a grin, no comment, means much more.

Car Tax Sales For The County Gain Over 1940

Approximately 5,500 automobile license were sold in Eastland County to and including March 31 as compared with 5,000 sold for the same period last year, according to figures released at the County Tax Assessor-Collector's office.

The above figures, however, are subject to correction as a number of sub-stations had not reported their total sales at the time these figures were announced.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS: Mostly cloudy with showers, colder in northwest tonight. Thursday partly cloudy, cooler northeast. Moderate to fresh southeasterly winds on coast becoming westerly late tonight or Thursday.

Billy's Boy



Cadet Billy Southworth, Jr., flies out at Randolph Field, Tex. Son of the manager of the St. Louis Cardinals and an outfielder like his father, young Southworth was named the most valuable player in Canadian-American League in 1939 and played with Toronto last season.

One Fifth of Texas School Children Ride To School In a Public Bus

By Gordon K. Shearer
United Press Staff Correspondent
AUSTIN, Texas.—One school pupil out of five in Texas rides to the school ground in a public bus. The state leads all others in the mileage covered by school buses. The average haul is much longer than in other states due to rural school bus routes in sparsely settled portions of the state.

So important and expensive a part his transportation become in Texas public school work that the department of education has made a survey which shows, among other things, that the state is transporting 290,219 children daily to school in 5,595 buses. The average cost is 7-1-2 cents a day for each pupil.

North Carolina, particularly in the mountainous portions, probably has as high a percentage of pupils taken to school in buses as does Texas, Texas school officials say, but none of the other states approaches the magnitude of Texas' school transportation.

A bill before the present Texas legislature with house committee approval calls for an expenditure of \$2,355,072 a year for the purpose of taking children to school.

The bill proposes to pay \$2 a month for each pupil that is supplied bus transportation. It would go mostly to school districts in West Texas. Under present rural school appropriations \$2 each is paid by the state for high school pupils taken to school by bus and \$1 for grade school pupils.

U. S. Will Reject Axis Protest Over Seizure Of Ships

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The United States decided to reject, formally, the German and Italian protests against seizure of 36 of their ships in American harbors.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull made the announcement today after having studied the formal protests submitted by Italian and German representatives in this country.

Three Re-Elected In Eastland City Election Tuesday

C. W. Hoffmann, L. J. Lambert and H. O. Satterwhite were unanimously elected to a fourth term on the Eastland City commission at Tuesday's election.

The vote, however, was small there being only 84 cast.

During the past three terms Hoffmann has served as Mayor, Holdover members of the Commission are C. B. Wellman and Charlie Lucas.

RANGER MAKES TWO CHANGES IN COMMISSION

There will be two changes in the Ranger City Commission, because of an election held Tuesday, though the winner in one race has not been determined as yet and a runoff will be necessary. Two unopposed commissioners and the mayor will retain their present jobs.

L. H. Flewelling, making his second bid for the position of police and fire commissioner, held a clear majority over Sig Faircloth, present commissioner, and E. N. Varner, the only other candidate in the race. Flewelling received 355 votes, Faircloth got 214 and 68 were cast for Varner.

C. J. Moore, street commissioner for the past two years, was also defeated, while a runoff looms for V. V. Cooper, Jr., who led the ticket with 298 votes, and Calvin Brown, former street commissioner, who polled 204 votes. Moore received a total of 134 votes.

Mayor Hall Walker, who was unopposed, led the ticket with 640 of the 648 votes cast. Edwin George, Jr., finance commissioner, got 634 votes and J. J. Kelly, unopposed as a candidate for water commissioner, received 633.

The city charter provides that where a majority is not received by any one candidate a runoff election must be held not earlier than 10 days nor later than 20 days after the returns are canvassed by the city commission. Since Tuesday was regular commission meeting day the returns were canvassed at the meeting immediately following the commission meeting.

In Spite of All His Troubles Man Is Still Thankful

DALLAS, Tex.—Don't say "hard luck" to Frank Sadoski, 46 year old machinist.

Five years ago Sadoski's wife suffered a stroke of paralysis and the couple left their Deer River, Minn., farm to come to Texas. Doctors said the climate would aid her.

A few months ago he lost his job. They decided it would be better to go back to the farm, so they bought a trailer, packed their belongings in it and started northward. The trailer was overloaded and it broke down. They had to take off 1,000 pounds of furniture, ship it to Minnesota, and pay for repairs on both the trailer and the automobile.

When the Sadoskis got to Deer River the tenant renting their farm refused to move out, so they had to institute legal proceedings to recover their home.

Finally they moved in—and a few days later their stove exploded, setting fire to their home and destroying all their possessions. Even the purse in which they had placed their savings—\$180—was lost in the flames.

Sadoski was seriously burned about the neck, so he and his wife went to Minneapolis, Minn., to live with relatives until the burns healed.

Then he returned to the farm to convert a garage into a temporary home. While he was working a tree he was cutting down fell on him, lacerating his scalp and ear.

"Hard luck? Well," Sadoski said, "I'm still alive."

Compresses Urged To Aid Defense Plan

By United Press
AUSTIN, Tex.—J. E. McDonald, agriculture commissioner, thinks Texas' 300 cotton compresses should be put to work in the national defense program. He wrote to President Roosevelt, suggesting that the compresses be converted into die and stamping machines or be used in fabrication work.

Bossie Leaps From Moving Truck; Lands On Brick Pavement

The cow that "jumped over the moon" may have had a little higher jump than the cow that leaped out of a stock truck as it passed through Eastland and landed on the brick-paved courthouse square, but her landing field doubtless was not so hard.

As a large truck with a capacity load of cattle, lumbered through town late Tuesday evening enroute to Fort Worth one of the cows making up the cargo suddenly decided she had journeyed far enough in that direction and leaped out of the truck, landing on the brick pavement on Main street. She lay quietly for a few moments as if stunned while a crowd of people gathered around, and then got up and walked away in the opposite direction to which the truck was traveling.

The driver of the truck did not see the cow leave his charge and drove on without her.

Lost Eye Watching Air Raid Methods



Major Robert William, who watched German air raids on British Isles as an observer for the U. S. Army, is back in America after losing an eye and suffering other injuries in bombardment.

Changes Are Made In My Home Town Speaking Contests

The 23rd annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will hold forth this year in Mineral Wells, starting Thursday, May 15th. An appealing, unique and constructive feature—as in all WTCC conclaves—will be the My Home Town Contest, conducted for many years by Judge C. M. Caldwell of Abilene.

A change in the method of holding the My Home Town preliminaries for this year has been announced. Due to the ever-growing number of entries from the high schools of the territory and the increasing problem of running off the preliminaries in the convention city and holding the young contestants there for several days, the West Texas chamber this year is trying a new, more simplified and convenient plan of decentralization. That will be the conduct the preliminaries in advance of the convention, holding one in each of its ten districts.

A college or high school, centrally located, has been designated in each district as the sponsoring institution to which the contestants will come and initially deliver their orations about life in their home towns.

For WTCC District No. 5, Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene has been designated as the sponsoring agency and host. Dr. W. R. White, president willingly accepted the responsibility and has designated C. Herschel Schooley, head of the Journalism Department, to have charge of the District 5 preliminaries.

From this and every other district a winner will be selected by a committee of judges. The ten finalists will then move on to Mineral Wells for renewed competition before more judges and before the convention in a general assembly. Cash prizes and college and university scholarships will be awarded there as in past years with each finalist sharing in the cash fund set aside for the purpose.

Letters have gone out from Judge Caldwell to superintendents of schools in more than 200 West Texas towns. Entry blanks, properly signed, are to be mailed to the WTCC headquarters office not later than May 5th. Contestants will be notified by Caldwell's committee as to time and place of their appearance for preliminary competition. Caldwell as usual will chairman the contest and be assisted by ten district chairmen, one from each district. These will be in charge of the preliminary contests, certifying their winners to Caldwell who will take charge and run the show in the final competition at Mineral Wells.

Rules governing eligibility, speeches, selection of local contestants, etc., are unchanged from past years. As usual, judging in both preliminaries and finals will be based 50 per cent on subject matter and 50 per cent on delivery. Speeches will be extemporaneous or from notes—with poetry barred and all contestants on their honor to prepare their own five-minute speeches.

Towns in WTCC District No. 5 whose superintendents are being asked to certify a contestant to preliminaries at Hardin Simmons University, are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Baird, Breckenridge, Caco, Colorado City, Cross Plains, Eastland, Hamlin, Lueders, Merkel, Moran, Putnam, Ranger, Rising Star, Roby, Roscoe, Rotz, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater and Clyde.

FOUR KILLED IN RIOTING OVER STRIKES

United Automobile Workers, of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, went out on strike today at the Ford Motor Company's River Rouge plant, the largest industrial unit in the world, as violence broke out in two other disputes involving national defense industries.

Four men were reported killed and at least five others wounded during strike trouble in the coal mining region of "Bloody Harlan" County, Kentucky.

Gov. Julius P. Hiel of Wisconsin appealed for Federal troops and intervention by President Roosevelt to prevent bloodshed at the strike-bound Milwaukee, Wisconsin plant of Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Co., where 37 were injured last night in a clash between CIO union members and police.

At River Rouge pickets and workers battled with clubs, stones, crowbars and pop bottles and halted production, while Gov. Murphy D. Van Wagoner ordered all state police to the scene to "maintain law and order." Reports of the riot stated that 30 people had been injured in clashes there.

Negro of 115 Can Remember Days of Childhood Vividly

By United Press
LOCKHART, Tex.—When welfare employes asked Ira Huff, negro woman, whether she was old enough to be eligible for old-age assistance, she said "I guess I ought to be."

She claims to be 115.

The mother of nine children, Ira lives here with her 73-year-old "baby daughter." She says she was born near Gonzales, Tex., in November, 1827, and moved to Caldwell County before the Civil War.

Her longevity is nothing unusual for her family, she said. Her father died at 104, and a sister lived to be 102.

The two greatest joys of her life were "when Mister Lincoln set me free" and the daily use of snuff for more than 100 years.

In fairly good health, she takes a daily walk about her house and yard, and takes pleasure in recounting experiences of her childhood. She remembers vividly the Battle of Plum Creek, on Aug. 12, 1840, between Texans and Comanche Indians.

University Head Seeks Proof Form Dies Committee

AUSTIN, April 2.—Dr. Homer Price Rainey of the University of Texas announced today that officials of the University had tried, fruitlessly, for six months to obtain from the Dies Committee any leads by which school officials could investigate charges of un-American influences at the University.

Dies had made a statement to the effect that small groups at the University were responsible for un-American sentiment.

Three Eastland County Students Make Honor Roll

Among the students making the honor roll at John Tarleton, Stephenville, for the first preliminary were Mary Elizabeth Hoarn and Julia Parker of Eastland, and George Gilbert of Carbon.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must make at least 80 in every subject.

J. Thomas Davis, dean of the Stephenville institution, complimented these students highly for their outstanding achievement.

Two Columbus Crew Men Try To Escape

EL PASO, April 2.—Two of the German sailors from the scuttled German luxury liner Columbus recently tried to escape from their internment camp in the Captain Mountains, near Fort Stanton, N. M., the El Paso Herald-Post stated today.

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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.

For Cleaner Elections

The experiment of the Hatch Act—and even its sponsors would be first to admit that it was an experiment, not a final and complete solution of the election problem—has been distinctly worth while.

The first reaction is likely to be that the act was a failure. After all, one of its chief provisions was aimed at limiting to \$3,000,000 the amount that any party could spend on a national election. In this, the act failed. The Senate investigating committee found that the Republicans spent nearly \$15,000,000, the Democrats more than \$6,000,000. Even those are probably not the entire sums spent, for there is no way to tabulate every dollar that may have been spent by obscure organizations or individuals.

The committee recommended tightening up the act and all federal election laws, and this will probably be done. The old difficulty crops up that attends the making of all laws: how can the law be written so as to achieve exactly the results desired, and no others? That is not so easy.

But the general lines are clear. The remedy for most abuses lies in publicizing them. The people are sound. When they know the truth about a situation, they can be trusted to act honestly, and, in the long run, wisely. That was Lincoln's faith; that is the American faith.

What is the danger in campaign contributions and campaign propaganda? It lies so much in the amounts spent, as in lack of knowledge of just who is putting it up. The scurrilousness of many campaign tracts and dodgers is redoubled by lack of exact information on who is responsible. If that factor is known, the electorate is generally able to gauge the value of the material.

Every campaign contribution of any size, not only to the regular national parties, but to any organizations working in a political election, should be known. Every piece of campaign literature should carry names and addresses of the responsible persons issuing it; the vague name of some ephemeral organization is not enough.

The key to honest elections lies there, and it is there that Congress should bend its attention in tightening the Hatch Act.

It is in the dark that the foulest deeds are done; a well-lighted goldfish globe is the best guarantee of honest elections.

An Alabaman, pinched for slashing a card game opponent, found out that a razor doesn't beat four aces.

When anyone is full of himself there isn't room for much else.

Sin and Gin-Drys' Double Target In Illinois' Local Option Elections

Balloting in 300 Communities May Show National Trends; Prohibitionists Assail Liquor as Foe of Defense Effort



BY JAMES E. HELBERT

NEA Service Staff Correspondent SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Banish the barroom Bessies! No hangovers in national defense! That's the cry in Illinois as determined drys troop to the polls in 300 local option elections before April 15th.

The results may be the best index yet of what America thinks of the relation between gin mills and airplane factories, Drafted John Doe and old John Barleycorn and the employment of women in drink emporiums.

From big wet Chicago, through distillery-minded Peoria and down to small farming country, voters will decide these issues as wet and dry organizations watch for an indication of the national trend.

SITUATION SIMILAR TO WORLD WAR DAYS

The drys have tied up the patriotic angle as the first big test of sentiment on the moonshine-and-morals issue since national defense grabbed most of the headline space.

The crusade that ended in prohibition got its greatest push during World War I under similar circumstances. Foes of the flowing bowl charged workers in industry vital to military success were hampered by alcoholic indulgence and that the armed forces would be morally ruined.

The same cry is heard today in the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Illinois charges the whiskey bottle is a main bottleneck in defense production.

DRYS FEAR FOR MORALS OF DRAFTEES

League officials are painting some vividly scarlet scenes which they say are the true background of the liquor picture now that women drink in bars with men and in some states work behind the mahogany or wait on customers. They insist these conditions have injured or will injure the morals of the new army.

"The coalition of liquor, gambling and prostitution is strong in almost every community adjoining camps," charges Clarence Hall, investigator for the Christian Advocate, in a W.C.T.U. broadside.

"Patronage comes not only from men already addicted to such practices, but also from adventurous youths who, separated from home ties, dabble experimentally for the sake of an unaccustomed thrill.

"My suggestion is that the church people of America band together, first force their local governments to clean up liquor and vice conditions, and then unite with others all over the country to put up such a holy howl that federal legislation will have to be enacted—or else."

WANTS MORE STRINGENT LAWS

That is just what Superintendent R. D. Dexeimer of the Illinois Anti-Saloon League is doing in this campaign. He believes that if a majority there mark their



uninterrupted days of writing. There is a three-mile trap line which Mrs. Huzarski covers regularly. She keeps the pantry stocked with preserves, too. And there's the woodpile. Huzarski keeps himself fit by keeping it at an adequate height.

But trapping, housekeeping and wood-cutting in the north woods takes less time than the demands of social life in Madison, the Huzarskis have discovered. Writing has begun to be profitable. And perhaps it won't always be of the hack variety—they're working on the "great American novel."

On the ceiling is a large map, where Huzarski can see his conquered homeland, Poland, as he lies on the davenport. A shaggy dog, Check—presented by Shirley's father as a wedding present—shares the lonely woods cabin.

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But trapping, housekeeping and wood-cutting in the north woods takes less time than the demands of social life in Madison, the Huzarskis have discovered. Writing has begun to be profitable. And perhaps it won't always be of the hack variety—they're working on the "great American novel."

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FRECKELS AND HIS FRIENDS



Hi, there, playmates! What are you featuring? Seeing you all in a bunch again is just too, too shattering!

She hasn't changed! Same old picture, with a different sound-track!

Dad First Sergeant, Son First Lieutenant

By United Press CAMP BEAUREGARD, La.—First Sergeant Edward F. Miller smartly answers "Yes, Sir" when his son, First Lieut. Arlan Miller issues an order.

This is a reversal of a situation that prevailed back home in Tomah, Wis., where the father was president of Miller and Lamson Contracting Company and the son was his foreman.

Let Freedom Ring advertisement for Roper Gas Range. Includes text: 'For Freedom in the Kitchen... COOK WITH GAS AND A NEW ROPER GAS RANGE'. Features an image of a family and a Roper gas range.

Crossword puzzle titled 'FRENCH HEROINE'. Includes a grid and a list of clues for both horizontal and vertical words.

A Writing Career Buds In A Shack

By United Press RHINELANDER, Wis.—While church bells and automobile horns loudly welcomed 1939, a group of New Year's Eve celebrants paraded merrily down a street in Madison, capital of Wisconsin.

OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

SERIAL STORY

DOLLARS TO DOUGHNUTS

BY EDITH ELLINGTON

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YESTERDAY: Bee successfully avoids meeting Jonkin's but watches the full face of Miss Dane's anger when she returns to the store. She knows she can't be fired now, stands for her job. Suddenly Miss Dane bursts into tears, condemns the management that makes her act so stupidly, and to Miss Getz: "It wasn't like this in the old days, was it, Getz?"

DEFEAT FOR AN IDEA

CHAPTER XXI

BEATRICE HUNTINGTON DAVENPORT Backed off, slowly and unbelievably, from the spectacle of Miss Dane sobbing like a baby, her head on the spacious bosom of Miss Getz. Miss Dane's tortured words rang in her ears. "It wasn't like this in the old days, then Mr. Huntington wasn't hardboiled, he didn't drive people..."

This, she thought slowly, this is what's at the root of the whole trouble with this store. Everybody's being driven. The store has become a Frankenstein—running wild on the momentum of its own strength, its own power.

The store made money for Grandfather. But he loved it, too. It was his servant, his child—never his master. And now it's making more money. Now the love is gone. There's nothing but profit behind it. Profit, no matter what the cost.

She looked down at herself, her hands touching her sides curiously. "The store has been run to make money for me. For me. Because I was useless, because Bruce Sheldrake and the trust company thought it was what I wanted..."

A moment later, she denied that to herself. "No! They were doing it for themselves. Because they had the power over it. Because it made them strong and feared. They knew I didn't care. I simply didn't count. I got the money and they had the power."

Her lips tightened, grimly. "That's all over now. I'll show them!" Miss Dane and Miss Getz had disappeared into the cubicle where Miss Dane worked over her purchasing records. Beatrice decided, "I'm going up to see Mr. Bruce Sheldrake right now!"

But when the elevator door opened, Anthony Bradley walked out. "Anthony, listen—she began, before all the other considerations overwhelmed her. She stopped, and suddenly her heart stopped, too. For Anthony's

face was bleak and tired, there wasn't even any joy at seeing her in his eyes.

"Anthony, what's the matter?" "He turned me down," Anthony said hoarsely. "He—he listened to it all. He made me explain a dozen times. And then—" he winced. "Then he laughed. He said I was crazy. He told me—" Oh, the pain in his voice, the bitter, bitter pain! "He told me to go back to floor-walking."

"He dared! He dared to—to—" The enormity of that sneering dismissal stabbed her. "Yes, he dared, all right." Anthony moved his head as if to clear it. "He kicked me out, because he's the merchandise manager and I'm just a hired hand."

"Wait, Anthony! Come back there with me! I'll fix him!" "What could you do?" Anthony asked wearily. "It's no use, Bee. I'm licked."

She stood very still, searching his eyes. Anthony's hands were curled into fists. He struck at a counter, savagely. "No, I'm not licked! I'll show him yet! I'll show them all!" "Anthony," she said steadily, "if you could go right into Bruce Sheldrake's office—if you could take this idea straight to the Duchess herself—would you do it?"

"What did you say?" "If you could march right over the head of the merchandise manager and convince someone higher up that you're right—" "You don't understand!" he cried impatiently. "It's not the satisfaction of getting the best of him! It's not even the prestige of having an idea of my own tried out. That's not what I'm after! I want it proved, don't you see? Any crackpot notion might be presented to Sheldrake, or that Davenport girl, and tried out and it wouldn't mean anything. Just that the guy who presented it knew how to coax and flatter. This thing is mine. It's solid! It's good! I want to shove it down their throats, not have it put over an account of anyone's influence."

He lowered his voice, apologetically. "Oh, the deuce with it! I could have pussyfooted around, pulling strings, but I thought the hard way was better. So that leaves me holding the bag, and it leaves him laughing."

"How could you have pulled strings, Anthony?" "There are always ways..." He was striding to the Budget Department, and she had to run to keep up with him. "Never mind. Our idea's down a sewer. But I won't give up! I'll get another idea sometime!"

BEATRICE realized then that she couldn't march into Bruce Sheldrake's office in the highland, devastating manner she had envisioned a moment ago. Something Anthony had said, a moment ago, stuck in her mind. "I want it proved."

She wanted her conclusions about this store proved, too. Just to descend on Mr. Sheldrake, screaming that the store was heartless and unjust, could too easily be put down to a temperamental vagary, she saw slowly. He'd soothe her, he'd get oily and tactful after she had summoned Mr. Weeming and the president of the trust company. But they'd all be like grownups handling a child in a tantrum. They wouldn't take her seriously.

The indignity of realizing how richly she merited not being taken seriously was like a cold slap of water in her face. "But all they know about me is that I was wildly extravagant, and bought Clarence an airplane and suits and a string of polo ponies. They think I'm spoiled, stupid, and criminally irresponsible."

Unconsciously, she had slowed down her pace behind Anthony through the crowded aisles. She stopped at a counter, now, and stared at a shining chromium toaster. "I've got to do this the hard way, like Anthony. I must have proof. How can I get it?"

THROUGH her mind there whirled half-remembered details of financial reports, profit statements, employee turnover, loss of work hours. . . . She couldn't straighten them out and realized, sadly, she wasn't fitted to cope with them.

"I need a lawyer. I need Weeming! But I can't go to him now. He'd think, too, I didn't trust his former stewardship..." Only, Mr. Weeming hadn't had anything to do with the store. That was the trust company, and Mr. Sheldrake. "I need a lawyer. I need a brilliant, honest, humane lawyer. I need someone to go into every nook and cranny and every single detail of the organization and operation of this store. Accountants, maybe. Personnel experts. Dozens of people..."

Grandfather had always said, "Beatrice, the possession of great wealth is a tremendous, a solemn responsibility." She had never believed him. But now she stood at a counter of the store she owned, and tears stung her eyes. A voice inside her sobbed, "Oh, Grandfather, you were right! What shall I do?"

(To Be Continued)



Army Day To Be Celebrated Monday

ABILENE, Texas.—Governors of five states and ranking army officers of the entire Southwest are invited to Army Day celebrations here in Abilene on next Monday, April 7, with thousands of 45th Division soldiers scheduled to march in the big parade that will highlight activities of the day.

OUR DEMOCRACY



HIS GIN HAD MADE COTTON KING—BUT PAID HIM NOTHING TILL YEARS LATER, IN 1812. BACK IN NEW HAVEN HE GOT SOME FRIENDS TO INVEST, AND BUILT A FACTORY FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE. IT SEEMED A FLAT FAILURE, BUT EVENTUALLY HIS PATIENCE AND ENTERPRISE PROVED OUT. IN THIS FACTORY MASS PRODUCTION—INTERCHANGEABLE PARTS—FOUNDATION STONES OF MODERN INDUSTRY AND TODAY'S NATIONAL DEFENSE WERE BOTH DEVELOPED BY ELI WHITNEY.—BY 1806 HE PRODUCED 10,000 MUSKETS WITH EACH LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL INTERCHANGEABLE.

Best Wheat Crop In Decades Grows In the Panhandle

LUBBOCK, Tex.—One on the high, dry plains of the Panhandle—Texas' own little breadbasket—grows the best wheat crop in a decade. A lot of it was planted late, one sown dry, and much of it set out when there was little prospect of moisture. But today there's a bumper crop growing on the land above the caprock. Unexpected November and December moisture gave the crop start and an open winter, with little freezing temperature, was advantageous to the growth. Even the spring winds that usually carry off top soil layers have been kind to the wheat. The lack of sudden frost and thaw made the soil less susceptible to

blowing and periodic rains kept it damp enough that in most areas winds were not strong enough to carry away the dirt.

Some regions, however, have been hard hit by blows. South of a line that extends east from Farwell on the New Mexico state line, through Southern Castro, Swisher and Briscoe counties to the caprock near Silvertown, Texas, the wheat is in exceptionally good condition. H. B. Hanks, elevator operator, said that crops in that area are better than those north of the line, extending to the Oklahoma Panhandle.

"On the whole conditions are better than at any time in the past 10 years," he added. Wheat farmers of the area report that, generally speaking, root systems of the young plants are stronger this season than for a number of years. They have been deeply entrenched in the soil and moisture, while arriving late in the fall, has been sufficient to permit a good stand and nourish roots until they were able to penetrate into the sub-soil, which does not readily dry out under the hot Texas sun.

Barring an April freeze, a bumper crop is in prospect. In 1938 and 1939 blizzards in early April wrought widespread damage and a similar recurrence this year is not beyond the realm of possibility. Even wheat lands under irrigation are showing good results. Estimates place the acreage planted to wheat under irrigation at 150,000 with probably the largest portion in Hale County. There are about 450 wells in the county supplying water to wheat lands. Swisher County had 300 irrigation wells, with an average of 100 acres per well, John W. Palmore, Jr., farm agent, estimates.

Invitations have been sent to Governor W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas, and the governors of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona. Troops of the 45th Division come from these four states, to their newly built cantonment home at Camp Barkeley.

"The parade starting at 10 o'clock, will be an education in modern military equipment and organization," T. N. Carswell, commander of Parramore Post of the American Legion, sponsoring the Army Day observance, said today. The Veterans of Foreign Wars post and Abilene Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsors of the celebration.

"The parade will be educational since the public cannot see the army on parade at the camp or on the maneuver grounds," said Carswell in suggesting that schools be dismissed in time for the parade.

Several bands, from the 45th Division, will march and play for the parading soldiers.

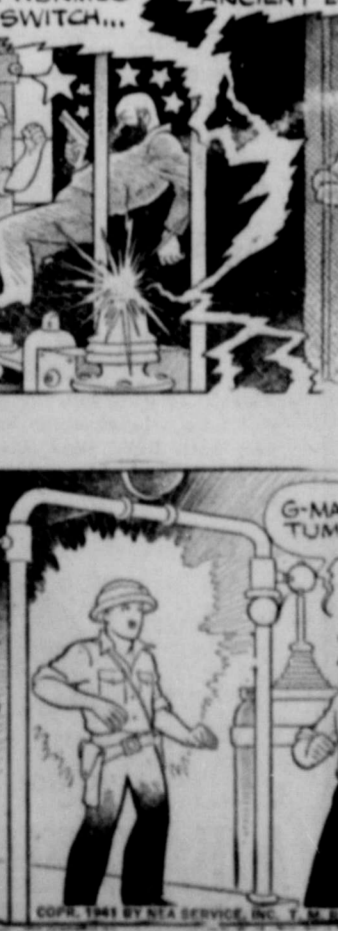
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BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

GREAT ALUMINUM CRISIS MYSTERY SOLVED; A CASE OF SHIRT NOT BEING KEPT ON

BY PETER EDSON NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—There are at least 400 organizations and no telling how many individuals in Washington intent on influencing public opinion, Congress and every department of government. In spite of this surplus, however, there is or should be room for one more pressure group—the National Society for Keeping Your Shirt On. Also your pantywaist. This observation is made, gratis, as a result of one recent, unfortunate misunderstanding which, given official misinterpretation by an Office of Production Management spokesman, nearly threw an entire American industry into a panic, caused a price rise scare among dealers and consumers, and will take unlimited time to correct. Here's the story, and though it concerns pots and pans, it might just as well have been porkchops or prunes. A short time ago, manufacturers of aluminum ware and cooking utensils were called to Washington to determine what could be done about cutting down consumption of metal, thus releasing more for defense industries. Twenty of the leading manufacturers in this branch of the industry used about 10 per cent of the national aluminum consumption last year. Currently, the industry is using about 4 per cent of production, has about three to five months' supply in stock, supplementing about two months' stock on dealers' shelves. There is, therefore, enough aluminum ware available to take care of normal consumer demand for the rest of the year.

THE PAY OFF

BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Service Sports Editor

MAJOR league patrons will see plenty of fancy double play-making this season. If Phil Rizzuto is drafted, American League crowds will have to wait a year to witness something new in the art. Rizzuto and Gerald Priddy really shag the ball and flip it around. They figured in 193 double killings for Kansas City last trip—51-time baseball record. But Rizzuto's loss wouldn't leave the Yankees without a slick combination. Frank Crossett's nose dive at the dish did not affect his fielding, and he'd be spurred by the younger Priddy. Observers with tired old eyes compare Lou Boudreau and Ray Mack of the Indians with masters of the misty past. Johnny Berardino and Don Heffner of the Browns topped both majors in double killings in 1940. Eddie Miller, rated by many the stiffest of all shortstops, and the surprising Bama Rowell of the Bees are among the leaders. Pee Wee Reese made a bench manager of Leo Durocher, still one of the finest of shortfielders, and the Louisville Flash has a capable partner in Pete Coscarart. WITH steady Jimmy Brown alongside him, tall Martin Marion will start and act as the middle man on a full share of two-try killings for the Cardinals. Billy Myers and Billy Herman of the Cubs combine experience and skill. The Reds aren't exactly weak around the key bag... with Bobby Mattick or versatile Eddie Joost on one side and Lonnie Frey on the other. Eric McNair is expected to see the ancient and honorable Charley Gehring through one more year with the Tigers. Luke Appling and Bill Knickerbocker will be adequate for the White Sox. Joe Cronin has lost much of his speed, but still comes up with good plays for the Red Sox, and Bobby Doerr is a whiz. WASHINGTON won't be too badly off, especially if Buddy Myer bounces back. Jimmy Bloodworth has improved and Cecil Travis will do at shortstop. Bill Jurgens' future is uncertain, but Joe Orango will play considerable shortstop for the Giants, and will be ably assisted by Burgess Whitehead. Arky Vaughan always was a bit slow in getting the ball away, but Frank Gustine lends him a helpful hand from Pittsburgh. Only the Philadelphia clubs have genuine problems around second base, and they're used to them and aren't going any place, anyway.

JUST A SMALL MISUNDERSTANDING

AT the Washington conference

however, one manufacturer was overheard asking in effect, "Well, if we go out of business, what are we going to do?" It was this question, apparently, which in slightly garbled form was passed on to Robert L. Mebornay, one of the dollar-a-year men in O. P. M. Mebornay, in Cleveland to make a speech, held a press interview in which he gave the impression that the aluminum utensils industry was out of business for the war, and with his remarks the fat was out of the aluminum frying pan and in to the fire. The 13,000 workers in the industry read it and wondered about their jobs. The dealers who sell the ware took a look at their stocks and started to rush in orders for a reserve. A few stores may have been led to raise prices, Consumer demand increased, which had the effect of hoarding aluminum. Now, all this tangled daisy-chain of events was totally unnecessary and it could have been avoided if a few men, the manufacturer who asked a needless question or others who gave credence, had not started a panicky rumor. Aluminum is of course a strategic material, and there is not an overabundance for all purposes, but by careful rationing, there is no reason why there should be serious shortages for any industry—yet—if the supply is well managed. DEFENSE production naturally gets first call, but defense production in aluminum can mean manufacture of soup kettles for army field kitchens, or pots and pans for navy destroyers or mess kits for both. Therefore, after defense industries have had their quotas allotted, whatever is left will be divided up proportionately among other industries.

BARON RUNCHAUSEN

BY HARRY GRAYSON



ANSWER: Vegetable, Squash; Bird, Duck on the Rock; Amphibian, Leap Frog; Mammal, Run Sheep Run; Insect, Cricket.

