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## West Texas May Get Zero Weather

### MRS. HAGAMAN HONORED BY STATE GROUP

Mrs. M. H. Hagaman, one of the founders of women's club activities in Ranger and one of the most ardent club workers not only in Ranger but in state circles, has been honored for her work by the Texas Federation Of Women's Clubs.

She has been made a life member of the Texas Federation and in the current issue of the Texas Federation News, publication of the Texas Federation, there appears a large picture of Mrs. Hagaman and the following account of her activities through the years:

With the conferring of life memberships upon Mrs. M. H. Hagaman of Ranger and Mrs. Alex Adams of San Antonio, the TFWC Board of Directors has added two more distinguished names to the impressive list of State life members.

Mrs. Hagaman's club activities began in 1903 when she organized the 1903 Club of Ranger—now the 1929 Club—and federated it with the Texas and General Federations. She was the first president of this group and has since served it annually as an officer or department chairman. She also organized the New Era Club of Ranger and assisted in organizing the Eastland County Federation.

Her record of work in Sixth district includes service in the capacity of legislative chairman, first vice president, membership chairman and president. She is currently the Sixth District's representative on the Board of Trustees for Headquarters Building.

During Mrs. Hagaman's administration as Sixth District president, the district's quota for the Golden Jubilee Endowment for GFWC was raised, 20 clubs were added to the district roster, and the administration closed with no delinquent clubs. Most of the incomplete pledges to Texas Federation Headquarters were completed, and several new pledges were made and paid in full.

In 1940 Mrs. Hagaman was awarded the District Pioneer Medal for the most outstanding service to district, state and general federation.

Mrs. Hagaman's State service record is impressive. She has held the important posts of Legislative Chairman, Education Chairman (during two administrations), Chairman of Institutions of Higher Learning, second vice-president, and appointed member of Executive Committee. She had a part in the passage of much remedial legislation such as the establishment of our Home Demonstration Agents and Agricultural Agents, the increasing of public schools appropriations, strengthening of existing child labor laws, improvement in working conditions and working hours for women in industry, consolidation of rural schools and provision of transportation for pupils.

Governor Ross Sterling appointed her a member of the Board of Regents of Texas State College for Women, Denton, in 1931, where she served as chairman of the building committee for the many new buildings at the school. She was also instrumental in creating the Fannie Potter Scholarship to Texas State College for Women.

**MEETING POSTPONED**  
The meeting of the Ranger Quarterback Club, which was scheduled for tonight, has been postponed due to weather conditions.

**Tax Bill Approved**  
WASHINGTON (UP)—The House ways and means committee approved the Knutson bill to cut income taxes.



David M. Dean, legislative chairman of the Men Teachers' Club of Chicago, prepares some of the picket signs which may be used if the budget sought by the school board is not approved when the city council meets. Refusal of the council last week to approve funds has delayed payments of teachers' salaries, which include pay boosts. (NEA Telephoto).

### STRAWN BUSINESS, POST OFFICE SWEEP BY FIRE

A fire which originated in the back of the grocery department of the Strawn Merchandise Company Monday night completely destroyed that business and spread to the postoffice which was partially destroyed.

Mayor J. R. Stuart stated this morning that while no official estimate of the damage had been made that it would run into several hundred thousand dollars.

The fire started shortly after 7 p.m. Monday and was not completely extinguished until the early morning hours. Both the Mineral Wells and Ranger fire departments were called for aid and Fire Chief Charlie Isabel and Denton Helemasteler answered the call with the Ranger fire department's GMC pumper truck. The two from Ranger left here about 2 o'clock this morning. Volunteers were called in at the Ranger department to assure ample protection for Ranger.

Everything in the merchandise company was destroyed except the garage and trucks which were used by the dynamite shooting crew. The store included ladies and mens ready to wear departments, piece good, hardware, furniture, grocery and market and funeral home.

Forty cases of dynamite that were in the building were removed but dynamite caps could not be removed and caused considerable excitement by exploding during the fire.

Mail was removed from the postoffice and this morning a temporary office had been set up in another building.

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### French Group Disapproves Of Free Gold Mkt.

PARIS—The Finance Commission of the National Assembly today disapproved the governments proposal to set up a free market in gold.

The assembly Commission rejected the measure legalizing gold holdings by a vote of 21 to 14, with one abstention.

The Commission action closely followed a decision by the Socialist party to vote against the measure which it was to come to a test in the Assembly after debate opening this evening.

The government appeared to be heading into heavy weather on elaborate new fiscal program.

However, it was believed that Premier Robert Schuman would stake the confidence of his government on the Assembly vote and that the plan would be approved on that basis despite the objections of the Socialists.

People Warned About Thawing Pipes With Fire

Fire Chief Charlie Isabel today issued a warning to the people of Ranger to be cautious in thawing out frozen pipes.

He stated that many people use blow torches and other fire methods to thaw out pipes and that it is a dangerous practice. He pointed out that pipes are always adjacent to either floors or walls of buildings and that it would be easy to ignite them while thawing pipes.

He also stated that the type of weather we are now having makes fire fighting very difficult and every precaution should be taken to avoid them.

### C. T Hutchison Dies In Abilene; Funeral Today

Charles T. Hutchison, 79, prominent Abilene businessman and father of the late Mrs. Hall Walker of Ranger, died at his residence in Abilene about 4 P. M. Monday following an illness of two years.

Mr. Hutchison was born Dec. 18, 1868, at Aeton in Hood county, moving to Callahan county in 1893. He and his late father drove 1,200 head of cattle from Hood to Callahan county. He married Emma Edwards of Callahan county on Dec. 18, 1889, his 21st birthday. Mr. Hutchison ranched in Callahan county and was later in the mercantile business and president of the Farmers State Bank at Putnam.

In 1917 Mr. Hutchison moved to Abilene, serving as president of the old Central State Bank here until it was merged in 1931 with the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Since that time Mr. Hutchison had been in the loan business. He served many years as a member of the board of trustees of Abilene Christian College, retiring two years ago because of poor health. He served as city commissioner four years.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Tuesday in Sewell auditorium, A.C.C. with Glenn L. Walnunch of Christ, and Isaac, minister of the College Church of Christ, and O. B. Proctor, minister of the North Park Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Hill cemetery under-director of Kiker-Warren Funeral Home.

Survivors are the widow; one son, Alton Hutchison, of Putnam; one daughter, Ola Hutchison, of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Harwell of Abilene and Mrs. Mollie Coulter of Dallas; and two grandchildren, Wesley Walker of Ranger and Nancy Hutchison of Putnam.

Funeral services for A. K. Wylie, who died in a Stephenville hospital Monday morning, will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at X-Ray, Morris Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Wylie is survived by the following sons and daughters: John Wylie of Lingleville; Kelsey Wylie of Dallas; W. J. Wylie of Colton, California; Henry Wylie of Hobbs, New Mexico; P. D. Dick, Cagle, and Victor Wylie, all of X-Ray; Mrs. C. E. Miller of Ranger; and Mrs. Rex Cates of Stephenville. Nineteen grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren also survive.

Odd Accident Injures Lufkin Man Near Here

The West Texas Hospital reported no accident cases this morning and the Ranger General Hospital reported only one and that not a result of the weather.

John Odum of Lufkin stepped from his truck on Ranger Mountain and the particular angle at which he touched the ground caused him to sustain a broken leg.

Attendants at the hospital reported that Odum did not even fall and the break could not be laid to the icy highway.

**FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK**  
Cattle 400. Active. Yearlings and cows strong in 50c or more higher. Medium and good steers and heifers 22-28. Load steers 28. Best yearlings 26. Good cows 20-21.50. Canners and cutters 12-16. Bulls 16-22.

### Industrialist Urges Passage Of Aid Plan

WASHINGTON—A top ranking industrialist said today that failure to enact the European recovery program (Marshall plan) would convert Europe into a "political and economic concentration camp."

Philip D. Reed, chairman of the board of General Electric Co., told the House foreign affairs committee the eventual result of such failure might be the end of the free enterprise system in this country and a \$5,000,000,000 a year increase in the U. S. military budget.

Meanwhile, Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder told the Senate foreign relations committee that the United States must continue its drive for lower tariffs to insure the success of the European recovery program.

In a lengthy memorandum to the committee, Snyder said this country must foster expansion of world trade if it is to assist Europe in achieving "a satisfactory long-run solution" to her economic problems.

Rowley Lambert Dies; Funeral To Be Wednesday

Funeral services for Rowley Lambert, 53, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the family's old homestead in Baird. Mrs. Lambert who was in charge of the Glascock ranch north of Ranger died at his home Monday.

He was born in Baird in 1893 and had lived around Ranger a number of years. He was married to Mrs. Cordia Glascock.

Earl Pittman Given Office

It was announced today that Earl Pittman has been named secretary-treasurer of the Ranger Country Club to fill the vacancy created by a resignation.

Pittman was appointed by the board of directors.

It was also stated this morning that despite the fact that conflicts had developed that the dates June 4, 5, 6, for the annual invitation golf tournament will stand.

### Strawn Mayor Grateful For Aid Last Night

Mayor J. R. Stuart of Strawn today asked this newspaper to express his thanks and the thanks of the Strawn people to the Ranger fire department and to the people of Ranger for the timely aid given Monday night when the fire which started in the Strawn Merchandise Company threatened the business district of the town.

Mayor Stuart said that Ranger had always been a good friend to Strawn and that last night's aid was only typical of the fine spirit between the two towns.

He stated that there was no way of estimating the value of the aid given by the Ranger department and that he felt that it was the added protection of the Ranger truck and two firemen that saved a feed store and hotel that were definitely threatened.

"There's just no way that I can tell you how much we appreciate your help," Mayor Stuart told a member of the Times staff.

Little Hope For Immediate Relief In The Weather

A recurrence of snow and a minimum temperature of 15 1/2 degrees promised little relief in Ranger weather this morning.

At 8 o'clock this morning the temperature was 16 which was the minimum for the 24 hour period ending at 8 o'clock and the highest of the same period was 28 degrees.

At mid-morning the thermometer stood at 15 1/2 degrees. Low for the season is 16 degrees registered on January 16.

Traffic was almost at a standstill but travel reported that highways were negotiable with chains. Buses had not resumed their regular runs and trains were slightly behind schedule.

Neither of the Ranger hospitals had any accident cases which were the result of the weather.

Predicts Cave-Dwelling

BOSTON (UP)—A Boston architect says an atomic war would turn the United States into a nation of cave dwellers.

### ICE BLANKET, SNOW DISRUPT NORMALITY OF ACTIVITIES

The mercury flirted with the zero mark in West Texas today as the bitterest wintry blast of the season encased a vast spread of the state in a glittering dangerous ice coat and snow which disrupted communication and transportation.

An estimated 90 per cent of the state was subjected to sub-freezing temperatures.

In the Panhandle and south plains, a newly fallen coat of snow ranging up to more than two inches in depth lay on the ground.

Rural schools by the hundreds closed, mainly because roads were too dangerous for school buses to operate.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company spokesmen at Dallas said more than 500 toll circuits were out of order, broken or otherwise removed from service because of heavy ice coats. Coaxman circuits were reduced sharply over long distance lines in the north and West Texas area from Abilene to Wichita Falls.

Some of the telephone wires had an ice cover one inch in diameter.

Icing conditions threatened city or utility lines both in other rural areas of the "Texas icebox"—all of the state from Red River southward as far as San Antonio.

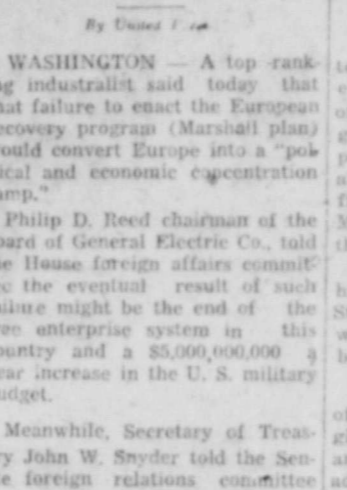
The piney forests of East Texas shone beautifully in a gigantic ice "jacket," but officials of the forest service had their fingers crossed 1,000 feet from limb and branch breakage under the weight of the ice will be heavy, they said and they feared even greater possibility of fires breaking out at a time when the telephone network was endangered.

Directly or indirectly, the weather had taken eight lives across the state since Sunday. Latest victim was John King Harrison, 50 year old Dallas water, asphyxiated by fumes from a roaring gas stove in a hotel room.

The State Highway Department for the third straight day, counseled motorists to do none but essential driving. Throughout the north, east, west and central portions of the state every highway had numerous danger spots and in the Panhandle the snow piled atop an ice covering presented a double hazard.

From the northwest came reports of snow still falling early today. Flurries were reported as far east as Bonham and as far south as Abilene and Big Spring.

### Oil Plant Burns



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At the County Sheriff's office it was stated that it was not believed Schlaepfer would be laid up very long since the bullet in passing through the leg did not come in contact with the bone.

Lowest death rates in traffic accidents are in June and July, according to the National Safety Council.

Schools To Remain Closed Wednesday

Dr. G. C. Boswell stated today that due to the fact that even colder weather is expected tonight that school will not be resumed Wednesday.

He stated that he believes that it will be possible to reopen school Thursday and unless otherwise announced, school will open at the regular hour Thursday morning.

Drives Them Straight

ANDOVER, Mass. (UP)—An ardent golfer, Dr. Claude M. Fuess, 62, biographer of the late with four holes-in-one. Coolidge, is credited with four holes-in-one.

The JayCees Say

Your vote is the key to good government. You can vote in Texas only if you pay your poll tax or apply for exemption before January 31.



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## WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON  
NEA Washington Correspondent

**WASHINGTON—(NEA)**—Elder statesman Bernard M. Baruch, in his last two appearances before congressional committees, has made statements that must have scared the nightshirts off all the angels of peace in heaven.

In spite of his avowal that "I do not believe that we are going to use guns or that we are going to war," everything he says adds up to preparedness for another war. Coupled with some of the other things that have been going on around here—like the recommendations from President Truman's commissions on building up air power and establishing universal military training—the outlook is positively frightening. But if that's the way things are going, it's just as well to know about them and prepare for them.

Last October, Baruch testified before Sen. Owen Brewster's War Investigating Committee on mobilization plans. He presented a 17-point program for economic, military and spiritual preparedness. It provided for work-or-fight compulsory service, an M-day industrial mobilization plan, taking unfair profits out of war, stockpiling, intensified scientific research and intelligence work, decentralization of cities, and the building of underground war plants.

BARUCH properly qualified these ideas by saying, "If these things are done . . . they will help prevent war." He expressed high hopes for the United Nations as the instrument through which peace might be attained ultimately. But he said that, until the UN becomes effective, the U. S. should not drift along without a plan. In his testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he endorsed the objectives of the Marshall Plan, Baruch spelled out an 11-point, two-year program of his own for putting the country on what, to many ears, may sound like a 100 per cent regimented economy. Not for use in time of war, but for use now.

Price cutbacks and freezes, wage stabilization, a longer work week. Continued rent controls. No tax cuts, save through a return to wartime amortization. This would be offset, however, by restoring at least 50 per cent of the excess profits tax. Postponement of public works except on schools, hospitals and housing.

To top this off, Baruch proposed setting up a "Recovery Administration" to run both foreign and domestic economy, subject only to control by the President and secretary of state. In effect, this new administrator would appear to be pretty much of a second President, a potential man on horseback and dictator.

AS if this weren't enough, Baruch even proposed that the U. S. acquire joint military bases overseas, with the U. S. and Marshall Plan countries making mutual defense pacts. Republicans and many European countries may be expected to want no part of this letter. They will consider it to measure to drag them into a possible war between the U. S. and Soviet Russia. Plenty of Americans won't be having any of this, either.

But wait until Henry Wallace and the Moscow radio get hold of it. They won't have to strain very hard to make out that these Baruch plans—all 28 points of them—are vicious warmongering. All the qualifications of Baruch's statements to the senators will be overlooked. Baruch believes that this bold and resolute action will beat back the clawing fears of inflation at home, and magically lift the fear of another war from the world's shoulders.

If it will do that, okay. But if Dr. Baruch's diagnosis is correct, the world is a lot sicker than most people have realized. And they will have to swallow awfully hard to get his prescription down. If Harry Truman suggested this program, Republicans and business generally would accuse him of playing politics, wanting to be a dictator and run a planned economy. Since it is Baruch who is making proposals far more drastic than the President proposed in his recent message to Congress, all anyone can do is bow three times, touch forehead to the ground and say, "Allah has spoken."

## Buy United States Savings Bonds

### SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Sports Editor

**NEW YORK—(NEA)**—Whatever became of Joe Baksi? That's an international conundrum, not one confined to this country. The British and the Swedes and a lot of other people on the other side, as well as fast followers in the United States, cannot understand how a young heavyweight at the peak of his form could pass up a world heavyweight championship match, especially one with a titleholder as ripe for plucking as Joe Louis.

Worse than that, they can't comprehend how Baksi, who will not be 26 until next month, gave another, Jersey Joe Walcott, the grand opportunity to take the play away from him completely.

A THIRD count against Baksi is his not being in condition for a soft, rematch with Ollie Tandberg.

Walcott now has another match with Louis at Yankee Stadium, June 20, for the signing. Tandberg has been slapped into the discard by Joey Maxim, a light-heavyweight.

Baksi was riding the crest of the wave after knocking out Freddie Mills and Bruce Woodcock in England last summer.

Sol Strauss, promoting for Mike Jacobs, practically got down on his hands and knees and begged him to accept the chance sought by every heavyweight worth sun-bleached, Strauss even sent Lew Burston to England to sign Baksi.

But instead of returning to these shores, Baksi hid himself to Stockholm to be knocked off by the almost totally-unknown Tandberg.

**Says 'Flu Vaccine Has Been Improved'**  
CLEVELAND (UP)—A new type of influenza vaccine has been developed, Dr. A. E. Feller told the Academy of Medicine here.

The associate professor of preventive medicine at Western Reserve University said the vaccine used against influenza in the early part of last year was "very poor."

The failure of the vaccine may have been due to a slight change in the type "A" virus causing one form of the disease, he said. "We now have the problem of being constantly on the alert for new strains of virus, and incorporating them into the vaccine," said Dr. Feller.

## Will The Third Time Prove The Charm?



## Robot For Factories And Farms Envisaged By Students of Physics

CINCINNATI, O. (UP)—Abraham Sobie, a University of Cincinnati mathematics student working on his Ph. D. degree, believes he has worked out a theory which will speed the day when mechanical brains can take over factories and farms.

Sobie is 26. He taught physics at the University of Delaware for three years in the Navy working on automatic control of planes and ships. His theory establishes the reaction of automatic controls in time to determine the reaction time by which forces resistants to test each control in the laboratory and establish individual figures for each.

"A robot has a reaction time just like a man," Sobie says. "With mathematical equations and formulas for reaction periods, a manufacturer of automatic controls can calculate in advance the effect of this reaction time. He can compensate for it in the design. Hence, controllers can be made more precise and applied to more operations in industry and agriculture."

As an example, Sobie says a tractor automatically plowing a field, guided by a seeing eye tracing men, would be thrown off course with each turn by the reaction time. Soon the tractor would be entirely off course.

The same thing holds true for automatic pilots on ships and airplanes, the youthful physics student says. Errors caused by reaction time require human adjustment every now and then.

By applying the theory into the design of the machinery, Sobie would eliminate the continual checking of instruments by humans.

## Dog Biting Man Made News In This Instance

NEW YORK (UP)—Patrolman James McNiff, who was bitten in the seat of his pants by a Boston bull when he broke up a fight between two men, got Christmas cards and letters from all parts of the country.

The writers expressed sympathy for the dog, not McNiff. "What do you mean by putting out poor, scared, defenseless little dogs behind bars?" Mrs. O. E. Heaner of Omaha, Neb., demanded.

"It's a fine thing when a great big top takes out his revenge by putting a poor, dog little dog in jail," wrote Joseph L. Stover, of Boston.

Police officials said the dog was not put in jail, but in a Hamam foreign shelter for observation against possible rabies infection.

## Proliferating Pets Aggravate Papa

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (UP)—When Richard Brown told his son he could take his pets home on a return trip from Springfield, Ill., he got more than he bargained for.

While they were preparing to return to Champaign the pet dog had five pups, a pet rabbit had seven offspring, and 13 chicks which Brown's parents had been

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## MURDER AT MY HOUSE

By Rene Ryerson Mart

THE STORY: Leiphah's casual remark that "poison is a woman's weapon" makes me wonder about Lis. My effeminate collaborator would be likely to use poison if he wanted to kill someone. Next day I set to work early, intending to search Lis' desk for a clue. But I had nothing—except blurring on his blotter which might indicate a letter beginning "Dearest Avis." This hints at far more intimacy between Lis and the dead wife than I had suspected. My mind reels on it.

I STARTED to tear that part of the blotter out so that I could show it to Bob Leiphah and at least convince him that there was an angle which would bear investigating, and then I thought better of it and decided to take the whole blotter. A piece torn out of it would certainly arouse Lis' suspicion if he were guilty, while if the whole blotter was missing he might think simply that the janitor had removed it and forgotten to put in a clean one.

I pulled the blotter out of the cardboard frame that held it and started to roll it up and in my haste I pushed my opened purse off the desk and it fell to the floor with a clatter and its contents spilled all over the place. I got down on my knees and gathered my belongings and stuffed them back into the purse. Rather hurriedly, I didn't want to be caught there by Lis Leyden with the blotter from his desk in my possession.

I went out to the parking lot and got my car and headed downtown for police headquarters, still carrying what I hoped was the incriminating blotter. Bob Leiphah was in his office. He looked surprised when I came barging in. None too obediently I began to explain my call: "I've been doing a little detecting on my own, and I think I've found a possible clue . . . on this blotter. It was on Lisbon Leyden's desk in our office. It seems that he and Avis were pretty intimate. He may even have been nifty and

"Don't look like that," he said. I suppose it was the unexpected gentleness of his voice that did it. I started to cry and couldn't stop. The tears gushed from my eyes and ran down my cheeks and into the corner of my mouth warm and salty and bitter. I tried to fix a handkerchief in my purse without any success.

"Here—" Bob Leiphah said. I took the square white handkerchief he pushed into my hand and started mopping.

Leiphah said, "Sit down in that chair and put on some lipstick. You'll feel better." I rummaged through my purse again and couldn't find my lipstick either, and remembered spilling everything out of my purse when I was getting the blotter from Leyden's desk. I must have missed my lipstick when I picked up the other things. It was probably still there in the office at the studio.

LEIPHAN went back and sat at his desk. "If it will make you feel any better," he said, "I'm not going to arrest you . . . now." His gray eyes met mine directly and surprisingly he flushed a little. "I'm hoping that I won't have to arrest you. But you are in a bad spot. There's plenty of circumstantial evidence against you, in addition to everything else, there is this."

He brought a small white, familiar-looking packet out of his coat pocket and laid it on the desk before him. "I just got it back from the chemist this morning . . . it was found in your house. The chemist is not prepared to swear that it is the same poison that killed Avis Vaughn and Art Clevin but it is the same type of poison. One of the alkaloids—atropin sulfate. Pretty deadly stuff, Miss-Donn, to have lying around."

The room was absolutely still for a moment. Of course, I could have explained to him how I happened to have the poison, but it would have sounded pretty lame at this late date. If only I had had the sense to tell him everything when I had told him about Oscar.

(To Be Continued)

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. (UP)—S. M. Goodwin was speechless when his fellow club members walked out on him as he started a speech. It was only a gag engineered to test how much Goodwin believed in what he was going to speak about. His topic was, "We Take Ourselves Too Seriously."

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## ONCE FOR GENERALS, THESE BOOTS NOW GO CIVILIANS

By Gerald L. Freeman  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
OMAHA, Neb. (UP)—The man who made boots for the late Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., is studying today the etiquette of fox hunting as he reconverts his plant to the peace-time market.

H. E. Dehner, president of Dehner Co., Inc., custom maker of military boots, said that since the war's end, his company for the first time in its 37-year history was concentrating on pleasure riding boots rather than military footwear.

But in the company's files are the military footprints of the nation's great. There are the leg measurements and the penciled outlines of the feet of such wartime generals as Jacob L. Devers, former commander of the ground forces (size 8 1-2) and G. L. Scott, World War II leader of the 1st Armored Division (size 7 1-2 B).

The best customer of the "boot-maker for generals" was "Blood and Guts" Patton.

Dehner boots were on Patton's feet through most of his military career. He first was fitted by the founder of the company, the late Charlton C. Dehner, shortly after Patton's graduation by West Point. He wore boots made by the same company through the entire European campaign.

Chances are, too, that it was a pair of boots manufactured by the Omaha concern that were fastened to the empty saddle on the general's horse when Patton's funeral procession wound slowly through a conquered Germany.

Patton, who wore size 8 1-2D, was partial during the war to the low "tank boots" which he helped develop, Ketzler said. The last order the company received from him was in 1941 and was for that type.

Before the war, the general wore a high, three-buckled field boot, Ketzler said. The office file showed patterns cut to fit Patton's feet and legs when he was a lieutenant-colonel in 1938. The fitting, made at the company's Fort Riley branch, was the last. All later orders were cut to that pattern.

Ketzler was careful to point out that, although he makes boots for generals, he also makes them for privates.

Ketzler, gray-haired and mus-

tached, who seldom wears boots, said that during the war he shipped about 40 pairs of tank boots a day to overseas officers and enlisted men alike. He now ships to occupation forces, although the number of orders has dropped to eight or ten a day.

Some of the Dehner company's main business now comes from military schools. Other orders come from state and city police departments.

But with the end of the war and the dissolution of the cavalry, the main business is the manufacture of pleasure riding boots.

"I'm studying up on the etiquette of fox hunting," Ketzler said. "They wear different kinds of boots for every position in the hunt. It's complicated. And I have to learn it all."

## Construction May Set Record Experts State

By Joseph W. Michalski  
United Press Financial Writer  
NEW YORK, (UP)—New construction throughout the United States in 1948 may be the greatest in the nation's history, in the opinion of building industry leaders.



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The country has just completed a year of record building, amounting to \$18,706,000,000, according to Government estimates, and L. E. experts say that the 1947 peak figure will be surpassed by a wide margin.

To bear this out, Harold R. Berlin, vice president of Johns-Manville Corporation, in his year-end statement said that, "if business in general remains at a high level next year and the building industry exercises restraint in the matter of costs and prices, approximately \$15,000,000,000 of new construction appears entirely possible."

Berlin added that "together with \$5,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000 of repair maintenance and remodeling construction, a \$20,000,000,000 year is entirely possible."

He further pointed out that in order to attain the \$20,000,000,000 figure the building industry must hurdle such obstacles as threats of governmental controls, labor unrest, shortages and inflation.

"The biggest factor," he added, "should be residential as here the need is greatest. Residential expenditures should run at least \$1,000,000,000 more than in 1947."

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Public utility construction in 1947, private residential construction alone amounted to \$4,233,000,000, setting a record for this type of building and contrasted with the depression low of \$278,000,000 in 1933.

1947 rose to \$1,275,000,000 from \$856,000,000 in 1946. Private non-residential construction was the only section of the building to slip off in 1947. Volume in that group amounted to \$3,307,000,000, compared with \$3,350,000,000 in the year before.

Miscellaneous construction which includes farm, Federal, state and municipal building and Federal work relief, in 1947 rose to \$3,391,000,000 from \$2,501,000,000 in 1946. Maintenance for the past year amounted to \$6,500,000,000 compared with \$5,650,000,000 a year earlier.

## When You Get A Plumber For Free That's News

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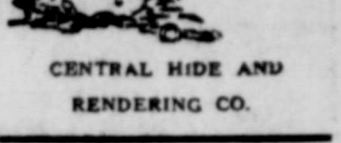
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### SOCIETY

NEW ERA CLUB TO MEET FEBRUARY 4

The New Era Club meeting, scheduled for Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. George Robinson, will not be held due to the weather.

### League Meeting Is Postponed

The meeting of the Ranger Civic League which was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock has been postponed and no regular meeting will be held until the third Wednesday in February.

Mrs. T. C. Jordan was in Temple over the week-end where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Johnny Blankenship, and family.

### Mrs. Ham Leads W. M. U. Bible Study Monday

The Womens Missionary Union met Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. David C. Ham for Bible study.

The president, Mrs. Arlie Carter, presided over a short business session, after which Mrs. Ham led the Bible study and general discussion on "Baptism", the importance of it and what it symbolizes.

Refreshments were served to 14 members.

### Grove Luncheon Is Postponed

The luncheon for members of the Julia Alexander Grove of the Woodmen Circle which was scheduled to be held Wednesday at noon in the home of Mrs. Ted Bott has been postponed until a later date because of the weather.

### 1947 CLUB MEET POSTPONED A WEEK

The regular meeting of the 1947 Club which was to be held tonight at the Community Club House has been postponed until Tuesday, February 3.

### VESPER CHOIR WILL NOT MEET WEDNESDAY

Mrs. David D. Pickrell announced today that there will be no rehearsal of the Vesper Choir at the Methodist Church Wednesday evening.

Date and time of the next rehearsal will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson and Mrs. M. E. Snyder visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Maedgen in Troy over the week-end. Mrs. Maedgen is the former Miss Caroline Robinson.

### John Smith's Name Gives Vet Bureau Trouble

By Dean Dittmer  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON (UP)—Estyleene Rued is one of scores of government girls suffering from indigestion. It is an affliction that keeps her head buzzing with names—about 25,000,000 of them.

That's the number of names in this block-long master index file of the veterans administration where Estyleene and other clerks try to identify properly the millions of veterans who correspond monthly with the VA central office.

The name "John Smith" gives them their biggest headache.

If "John Smith" writes out a check for his national service life insurance premium, but forgets to include his address or maybe gives the wrong one, then Estyleene's troubles start.

She starts fingering through the "John Smith" filing cards. No simple task. There are 12,000 "John Smith's" in the VA files.

She soon reduces it to 800. That's the number of "John Smith's" who have no middle name or initial.

Estyleene's next move is to see if the postmark is legible. If it is mailed from Podunk, Ky., and there's only one "John Smith" in Podunk, her problem probably is solved.

What vexes even more is the habit of some veterans who send in unsigned letters containing cash, unsigned checks and some checks simply "insurance."

Another Meanest Man  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UP)—Little Rock officers are looking for the "kind" fellow who offered to help a blind broom peddler get rid of his wares—and walked off with the \$6 he received from his first six sales.

### Millionth Visitor



Irene Moss, 16-year-old Westville, Oklahoma, high school girl, was the one-millionth person to view the Freedom Train during its first Oklahoma stop at Muskogee, Muskogee Mayor J. Ollie Lee, second from left, and train director Walter H. S. O'Brien, second from right, escorted her through the exhibit. Cpl. John R. Alexander is the Marine Corp guard standing at right. (NEA Telephoto).

### Invents Better Artificial Foot

ALABAMA, N.Y. (UP)—Harold J. Quintal, 81-year-old amputee, has invented an artificial foot which he hoped will prove a boon to similarly injured war veterans.

The Quintal foot "looks more natural and it's less bulky, because it has only one steel brace, up the back of the calf," the inventor says, instead of the two side braces on a conventional artificial foot.

Quintal, who lost his foot in a 1932 railroad accident, decided more than two years ago that the artificial foot he was wearing was cumbersome, conspicuous and allowed no sideways movements of the ankle joint.

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—The Houston Museum of Natural History, wanting a sizeable snake collection, now is paying 15 cents per foot for non-poisonous reptiles and \$1 a foot for poisonous varieties.

The catch is that the museum has a "bring-em-back-alive" policy. No dead snakes are considered.

"A dead snake goes flat and limp and is of no use for our mounting process," said Robert A. Vines, museum curator.

### Blind, She Makes Living In The Laundry Business

OMAHA, Neb. (UP)—Mrs. Vivian Cottey, blind almost since birth, earns her living by doing neighbors' washing and mangleing.

State assistance department officials believe she is the only sightless person in the country earning her living that way. She takes in about \$25 a week, according to Harry L. Hines, director of the blind program.

Officials of a washing machine company sold the equipment at cost and taught Mrs. Cottey to use the washing machine and the ironer. Dials, Hines said, were especially marked so that she could set them by touch.

### Here's Way To Get Acre Of Land Free

FALLS CITY, Neb. (UP)—A Richardson County farmer still is not sure whether he was on the short end of a shrewd "horse trade," even though the transaction involved an acre of land instead of a horse.

A neighbor suggested that an acre of waste land owned by the farmer be cleared and offered to do the job. After the land was cleared, the neighbor offered to buy the acre for \$150. The farmer sold it.

Shortly afterward, the neighbor sent the farmer a bill for \$150 for cleaning up the acre.

### College Students Pay For Traffic Mistakes

COLUMBUS, O. (UP)—A college education can prove increasingly expensive if College Joe drives an automobile.

The Ohio State University traffic department announced it had collected \$5,385 for student violations of parking regulations during the autumn quarter. The traf-

### Illinois Sales Tax Enriches Treasury

CHICAGO (UP)—Three sales taxes channeled \$232,404,576 into the state treasury last year, according to figures released by the treasurer's office.

A general sales tax accounted for the largest part of the revenue

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