

CONG. BURLESON SEES EARLY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON IMPORTANT TIDELANDS ISSUE

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The excitement of the President's Inauguration has subsided, and it is hoped that the Congress can now get down to business. Committees are organized and all

Committee assignments of Members of Congress have been completed. Fortunately for me, I have retained membership on two Committees on which I've been serving. It would have been entirely

reasonable that I would have been dropped from one or the other of the Committees when the Republicans took over.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, of which I am a member, is composed of 29 members — 16 Republicans and 13 Democrats. The Committee on House Administration, on which I've served since 1947, is composed of 25 Members, and it is my fortune to stand at the top in seniority on the Democratic side. This is made possible by the resignation from Congress of Thomas B. Stanley, of Virginia who is a candidate for Governor of that State. Virginia elects their Governor in an "off" political year.

The new Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, has just testified before my Committee, outlining the policies of the new Administration and giving his view on the world situation. Mr. Dulles leaves for Europe the latter part of this month where he will study the entire foreign aid and military program. He will return and give his views and impressions. What he says will doubtless be the basis of future cooperation with Western Europe in defending itself and this country against Russian Communism.

Mr. Dulles believes as does President Eisenhower, that the time is long overdue for the United States to reduce its foreign policy to positive and understandable terms. He waxes that there is a rough road ahead but that it cannot be made smoother by any type of appeasement of Russia. He also restates General Eisenhower's previous declaration that our assistance to foreign nations should be based largely on each nation's willingness to help themselves and that dollars alone are not going to do the job. I share these views and certainly intend to lend support to their accomplishment.

Hand in hand with this policy is an indication of growing weakness in Russia. There is no doubt that Russia is having some internal difficulties. The present purges are proof that all is not well. If Stalin's position becomes insecure, it will probably mean he will be more reasonable in his dealings with the United States. The purges reveal the basic weaknesses of a nation held together by fear. Equally important in the world picture is the questioning of Moscow's authority outside Russia. All this is encouraging from our standpoint.

On the home scene, Mr. Truman's attempt to dedicate Tidelands oil to the Navy by Executive Order has drawn the most interest. It was one of his last official acts.

Geological survey staffs, seeking new mineral deposits in the British Commonwealth, have been tripled since 1946.

Ground Beef and Green Beans In A Zesty Combination



Ground beef shows up on menus in lots of ways, but none more interesting or appetizing than in a new beef, green bean and rice combination called Beef Pattie Ring Around. Easy-to-use canned foods are the key to this easy and economical dish. Canned evaporated milk helps extend the meat, and tomato soup is used in the sauce which gives the canned green beans that extra zip.

Beef Pattie Ring Around
1 pound ground beef
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1/2 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup finely chopped onion, divided
1 1/2 teaspoons salt, divided
1/4 teaspoon pepper, divided
2 tablespoons shortening
1 1/2-pound can green beans
1/2 cup liquid from beans
1 can condensed tomato soup
2 teaspoons vinegar
2 cups hot cooked rice

To ground beef add evaporated milk, rolled oats, half of the onion, 1 teaspoon of the salt and half of the pepper; mix well. With wet hands shape meat mixture into 8 flat patties. Brown patties in hot fat in frying pan. Drain 1/2 cup liquid from beans; add to soup with vinegar, remaining onion, salt and pepper; pour over patties. Cover and cook over very low heat 30 minutes. Remove patties to warm platter. Add green beans to sauce in skillet and heat beans to serving temperature. Arrange rice in a ring around patties. Place green bean mixture around rice ring. YIELD: 4 servings.



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Essentials of Contract Explained

People often have the mistaken idea that contracts have to be made with great formality, expressed in highly technical language, and executed amid coils of red tape. But this is true only in exceptionally important instances. The simple requisites of a binding contract may be completed in the most informal manner. Probably most of the contracts in force today are merely spoken agreements. Many contracts are created by informal letters written

by persons to one another. Many are made over the telephone, as when you call up a store and they agree to deliver some goods to you that you order. Much of the world's grain supply is bought and sold, in the first instance, merely by hand signals in the great Pit in Chicago.

If the contract is of importance, involving substantial sums of money or vital services, it is a good idea to reduce its terms to writing to minimize the possibilities of fraud and misunderstanding. Details of oral understandings are easily forgotten or misinterpreted, but written contract endure unchanged. And, if a difference of opinion must be settled in court, a written agreement speaks for itself.

Certain kinds of contracts, such as those involving the sale of real estate or the lease of real estate for more than a year, will not be enforced in the courts unless written. In the same category are contracts wherein one person undertakes to stand good for the debt of another and those which are not to be performed within one year from the date on which the agreement is made.

In order to create a valid contract of any sort, each party involved must be legally competent to enter into the agreement. Each must be sane and of legal age. A contract entered into by a male or unmarried female under 21 is voidable at the option of the minor (but not at the option of the other party). A married woman is com-

petent to contract if 18 or over, but she is subject to a number of contractual restrictions because of her marriage.

To be enforceable, a contract must be entered into freely by each party involved. Their consent must be genuine. Compulsion or coercion will make the agreement void. Mistake, misrepresentation or fraud may also serve to invalidate a contract.

Another requirement of a contract is that each party shall perform some part of it. Similarly, there must be some object or benefit to be gained by each party. In return for your work, your employer agrees to pay you certain sums of money. He gains the use of your services, while you are benefited by the wages or salary received.

Also, a contract must be entered into for a lawful purpose. You cannot enter into a binding contract to commit a crime or to evade the law. Thus, since gambling and wagers are prohibited by law, gambling debts cannot be collected by legal process. Nor will the courts enforce an agreement to pay interest in excess of the

Home Mamas Aren't Envious Of Career Gals

CINCINNATI, O.—The average housewife may have a lot of gripes but she would rather be bustling around the house than hustling to business.

Some 10 or 15 years ago, women were more career-bent. "But today," says Dr. D. Paul Smelser, "we hardly meet a woman who isn't glad she's a housewife."

Dr. Smelser can speak with some authority. Seventy-five young women tour the states annually under legal maximum provided by statute.

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der his direction to quiz more than 450,000 housewives and bring back information he finds useful as market research director for a soap firm.

Taking a peek into homes across the country through his quiz-gals, he's found out some interesting facts about the average modern-day housewife, such as:

She visits her beauty parlor about once every four months.

She washes her hubby's socks about 100 times a year.

She doesn't want her husband to help with the housework. But she does want him to take over the heavy work—build shelves, fix locks, mow the lawn, etc.

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The Peacock Path

THEY were together up there? "Together, like this." She crossed two slim fingers. "And long before Yale. At some very select little boys school in New York, first. Then Exeter and finally New Haven. The two of them seem to have murdered all-comers, in athletics. I don't know what they use for a motto at New Haven. But if it isn't 'Dumont for Cravath' or 'Cravath for Dumont,' I've been misinformed all my life."

"Sounds like they subbed for one another," I said. "Something like that. Uncle Marney was a half-back. All-American too. And, apparently, every time Uncle Marney got tired Uncle Jack took over. And he was terrific, too, if I may quote Uncle Marney."

"Very smooth sailing, eh?" "They didn't have much of a problem after college, either. They just naturally went into Uncle Marney's brokerage business. It wasn't exactly his, then, of course. His father was still alive. Uncle Marney inherited and Uncle Jack rode along with him. That's all there was to it."

"You say then," I remarked reflectively, "that Mr. Cravath and Mr. Dumont have had very easy and successful lives?" "Nothing much to worry about!"

SHE shifted in her seat. "I'd say that about Uncle Marney, definitely. And about Uncle Jack, up to a point. But—well, Jim, you must have seen for yourself." "I get you," I said. "How did he ever come to do it? Not, mind you, that Dolly couldn't have been attractive once."

"She was," said Sally. "Very pretty, and bright and amusing too. She'd been on the stage. I guess you'd have to say that poor Dolly's just an ex-hooper." "I know a lot of hoopers. And most of them are swell people." She turned to me quickly. "I

wasn't trying to be stuffy. But an... oh, heck, an alcoholic can come from anywhere." "I'm only interested in what made her start drinking." "All I know is that Uncle Jack did everything in the world for her. But it wasn't any use. They had three strikes on them before they ever got married. He didn't understand the life she'd been used to and she was like a fish out of water in his. But she was stuck with his life and she couldn't cope. So she started beating the bottle. That's my idea of what happened."

THAT situation didn't make entire sense to me. "Maybe Dolly Dumont didn't help haul the Daisy Chain at Vassar. But she's obviously not fool. She's certainly Dumont's a sensible man. Why didn't they just mutually call it off?"

"I don't know. It's rather tragic, too. Dolly's a very sweet woman, when she wants to be. She's got a heart as big as the house. I don't think she really means to give Uncle Jack a rough time."

"I should think," I said, "that he'd do something about it. Not just take it."

"Well, short of divorce, he has done things. Dolly's been in cure places any number of times. But it doesn't stick. Well, can I do any other quick thumbsnails, Jim?"

"Just one," I said. "Dave Sladen." "Oh, Dave." Involuntarily, I thought, her eyes traveled away from mine. "Would you rather not discuss him?" I asked. "Why shouldn't I?" She looked at me quickly again. "I shrugged. 'I wouldn't know. Unless it's because the guy's evidently nuts about you.' 'A-pot shot, but it came off. She colored, most fetchingly. 'You're nuts yourself, but even if they were true, it has nothing to do with all this.' No? Dave Sladen and, I suspected, Ames Warburton as well far overboard for Sally, and he was an old motive for murder. (To Be Continued)

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