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Pardon Board Head Asked To Quit

Office Of Governors Under Fire

AUSTIN (P)—Gross abuses and failures by the board of pardons and paroles and laxity in the governor's office in many cases of granting clemencies was reported to the Senate Monday by its general investigating committee.

The committee recommended that the Chairman Abner L. Lewis of the board of pardons and paroles "should tender his resignation to be immediately effective," and Lewis came right back with a statement that the committee had been "unfair and unreasonable." He said he would not resign.

The findings and recommendations, including one that the state return to the old system under which the power of granting clemency was the sole responsibility of the governor, were the result of a series of hearings held by the committee headed by Senator A. M. Aikin, Jr., of Paris.

The committee recommended that Aikin followed this up immediately by introducing in the Senate a proposed constitutional amendment to that effect.

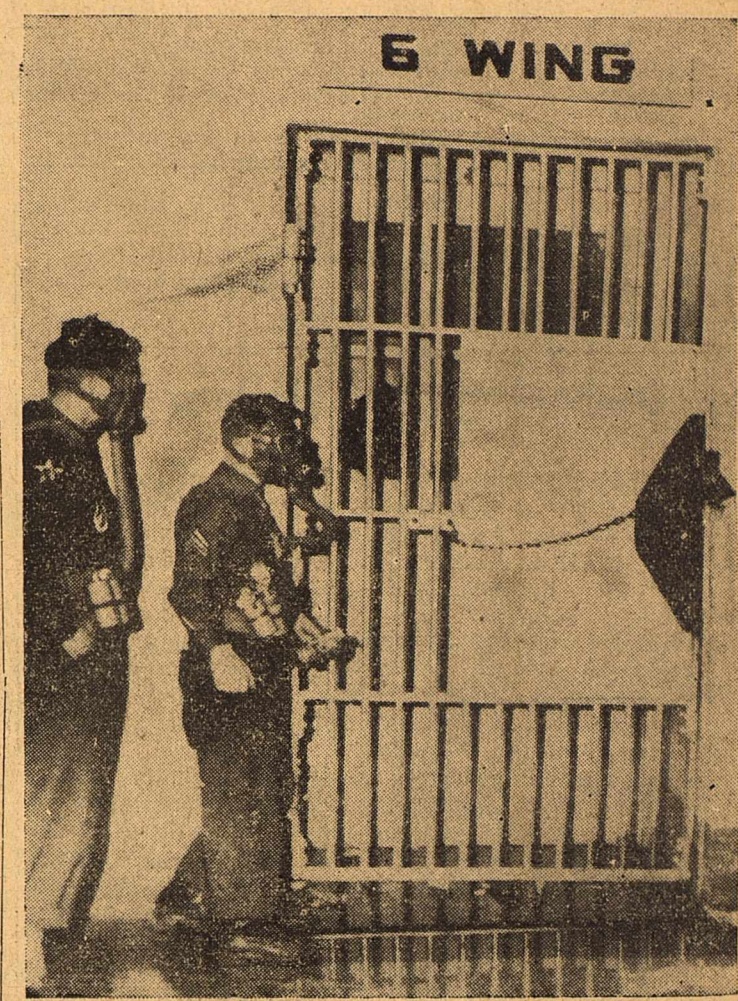
"The committee believes that by reason of the patent abuses of discretion in the numerous cases approved for clemency by Lewis, his usefulness has been impaired to such extent that any further official connection with the board would be looked on with considerable question," the committee's report said.

The report sharply criticized practices followed by the governor's office "in delegating to minor employees authority to exercise functions of sovereignty in acting upon clemency recommendations."

The committee took testimony only from former Gov. Coke R. Stevenson and employees of his office, but the entire story went back to 1936, the year the board of pardons and paroles was set up, said Aikin.

He added that the policies of Gov. Beauford H. Jester's office had not had time to be definitely formulated when the investigation was initiated.

One Prisoner Killed In Riot



Soldier guards wear gas masks as they stand outside doors of cell block six where last of 800 prisoners who rioted were held. One Army prisoner was killed in the two-day disturbance started by what is said to have been racial troubles.

Greatest Manhunt In History Of Palestine Starts As British Go After Jews' Underground Force

ACRE, PALESTINE (P)—Mounted troops of the Transjordan frontier force joined red-bereted British airborne units Monday in scouring Northern Palestine for 227 Jews and Arabs liberated from Acre prison Sunday in a mass delivery engineered by the Jewish underground.

The hunt was reported centering in the mountains around the ancient Jewish town of Safad, northwest of Galilee—where by coincidence are buried the bodies of four Jewish extremists whose execution two weeks ago signaled a new reign of violence in the Holy Land.

Available figures on the casualties which resulted from the prison delivery and attendant gunfire varied, but unofficial information indicated 16 persons—including members of the underground band which blasted a two-yard hole in the wall of the ancient citadel, had been killed.

The manhunt, greatest in the history of Palestine, reached from the Sea of Galilee and north into the Jewish colony area at the headwaters of the Jordan River.

A total of 120 Jews and 131 Arabs were included in the 251 prisoners who took part in the break. Of these 80 were described as members of the Jewish underground serving sentences as terrorists.

Col. Perkins Named Vice-President Of Reserve Officers

SAN ANTONIO (P)—Col. John Perkins of Midland was elected a regional vice-president of the Texas Department, Reserve Officers' Association, at the group's final convention session here Sunday.

Col. Coulter R. Sublett of Tyler was named president, and Fort Worth was selected as the 1948 convention city.

Recession In Building Chanted In 37 States

DALLAS (P)—Evidence of a recession from the high volume of construction indicated earlier in the year was reported Monday by P. W. Dodge Corporation on the basis of a study of data compiled from project contracts awarded in the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains.

The severity of the drop is shown in a compilation of contract volume, which was maintained at a rate of 24 million dollars per business day in the first three weeks of April compared to 28 million in March and 33 million in April of last year. The decline is general, affecting non-residential building, residential building, and heavy engineering construction.

Allen Joins Police Department Monday

Dave Allen began duties Monday as a meter and traffic officer with the Midland Police Department.

Allen is married and has one child. He is a veteran of Navy service and was a Japanese prisoner of war.

TO WIDEN U. S. 80 IN HUDSPETH COUNTY

EL PASO — U. S. Highway 80 in Hudspeth County, from the El Paso County line to Arroyo Diablo, a distance of 15.7 miles, is to be widened from its present width of 18 feet to 24 feet, P. S. Bailey, district highway engineer, announced.

ASK FOR AIRPORT FUNDS

WASHINGTON (P)—The Civil Aeronautics Administration is asking Congress to authorize \$65,000,000 for airport development during the fiscal year 1948, which starts July 1, 1947. Appropriations include: Texas, \$2,937,345.

Budget Slash Of 23 Percent Is Approved

WASHINGTON (P)—A 23 per cent cut in the combined 1948 budget of three government departments and the federal courts was recommended Monday by the House Appropriations Committee.

The committee sent the \$535,723,000 omnibus supply bill to the House floor with a sharp report warning all federal agencies against a "spending psychosis."

The bill finances activities of the agencies for the fiscal year starting next July 1. It is scheduled for House consideration late this week.

In a lengthy report explaining its actions, the committee suggested that the State Department get out of "the news business" and criticized the Commerce Department for "nursing business rather than aiding it."

Stassen Favors Loan To Greece But Opposes Aid To Arm Anti-Guerrillas

WASHINGTON (P)—Harold E. Stassen, although saying he favors the \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid program, declared Monday it would be a "strategic" mistake for the United States to arm an all-out offensive against guerrilla opponents of the present Greek government.

At a news conference where he discussed the program, the former Minnesota governor also termed the general doctrine back of President Truman's policy a negative one.

He said he endorses the aid program in the form approved by the Senate, but hopes that military expenditures will not be such as to bring about a full scale civil war in Greece.

Instead, Stassen said, the United States should concentrate on attempting to build a stable and prosperous regime in the valleys of Greece which by its very prosperity would weaken the appeal of Communism to the mountain guerrillas.

Soviet Newspaper Says Marshall Is Not Right

MOSCOW (P)—The newspaper Izvestia Monday accused U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall of making an "incorrect appraisal" of the Moscow Foreign Ministers' conference in his recent radio address to the American people.

The editorial also criticized John Foster Dulles, Republican member of the U. S. delegation to the conference, for "distorting the facts" in his summing up of the conference.

In Marshall's speech of April 28, Izvestia said, "efforts were made to place responsibility for the results of the work at the Moscow sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers on the Soviet delegation."

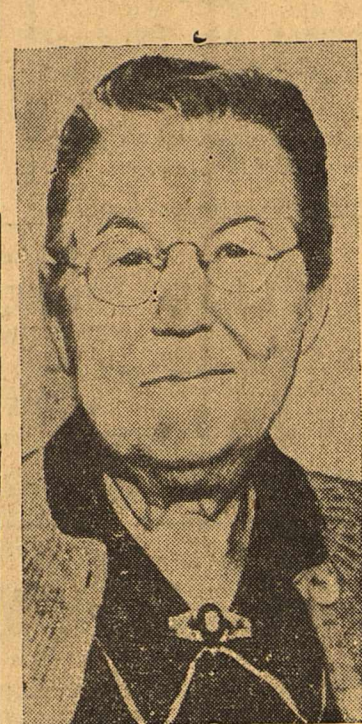
"The Secretary of State does not conform to the facts in his analysis of the situation. He gives a picture of the Soviet delegation in a false light and distorts the meaning of the Soviet proposals."

Weather

Partly cloudy Monday afternoon, night and Tuesday. A few scattered showers or early evening thundershowers in the Panhandle, South Plains and Pecos Valley eastward. Warner.

Maximum temperature Sunday was 100.8 degrees.

'Arsenic-Old Lace'



(NEA Telephoto)
Mrs. Lillie Winter, 77, acquitted last October of the "Arsenic and Old Lace" murder of her three-year-old great-grandson, is back in the Wayne County, Ill., jail. This time she is charged with having attempted to kill her daughter and granddaughter by putting arsenic in their milk.

Post Office May Curtail Operations

Possibility of a curtailment of service at the Midland Post Office was indicated Monday by Acting Postmaster N. G. Oates who said the quarterly operation allowance just received from the department was the lowest in years.

SUN GETS PAY ZONE LOW IN S-E JAMESON FLANKER

Sun Oil Company No. 2 Fred Jameson, southeast steep from production from the crinoidal zone of the Pennsylvanian in the Jameson area of Northwest Coke County, and 1,890 feet from south and east lines of section 315, block 1-A H&TC survey, topped the crinoidal reef at 6,270 feet. It found the pay at 6,302 feet.

Army Prisoner Barracks Back To Normal Routine

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KAS. (P)—The Army continued its investigation Monday into the Fort Leavenworth disciplinary barracks riot in which one person was killed and 11 injured, but made no comment on its preliminary findings.

Normal routine was resumed at the barracks.

UNION DRILLING AHEAD AT CENTRAL COKE PROSPECTOR

Union Oil Company of California No. 1 McCutcheon, Central Coke County wildcat, three miles east of Robert Lee, and in northwest quarter of section 44, block 1-A, H&TC survey, had penetrated below 4,800 feet, in an unidentified shale section, and was continuing. It is contracted to 7,000 feet, unless it finds the Ellenburger above that level.

LATE NEWS FLASHES

NEW YORK (AP)—Employees of the New York Telephone Company, members of four independent unions which agreed to a \$4 weekly wage increase, started back to their jobs Monday, crossing picket lines of other unions still on strike.

NEW YORK (AP)—Henry Mayer, counsel for some of the unions of the National Federation of Telephone Workers (Ind) said Monday there might be a settlement of the nationwide telephone strike "by nightfall."

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States proposed to Panama Monday a new agreement for defense of the canal providing for continued use of military bases on territory of the Republic of Panama.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—With 15 infant deaths already recorded from an outbreak of gastroenteritis in Allentown, Pa., Temple University Hospital said Monday danger of additional fatalities among 13 infant sufferers from the disease has "considerably lightened."

Picket Service With No Smile



(NEA Telephoto)
Eddie Truick, 15 months old, demonstrates what his placard says. His "voice with no smile," may be a protest in behalf of striking Denver telephone workers for whom he pickets—or, it may be it's just plain hungry.

New Developments In Phone Strike Stalemate Spurs Hopes For Nationwide Settlement Soon

WASHINGTON (P)—Possibilities of a two-way development in wage negotiations spurred hopes of federal conciliators Monday for settlement of the nationwide telephone strike.

Security Council To Debate Global Force This Week

LAKE SUCCESS (P)—The United Nations Security Council will open debate this week on organization of a global police force, taking as a basis the widely split report of its military staff committee.

UN officials said the council session would be held Wednesday or Thursday.

Picketing Revived At Telephone Plant

A picket line was established again Monday at the Midland exchange of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as union strikers paraded around the plant, carrying placards which were used in picketing the exchange the first two days of the strike.

Howard O. Davy, city strike director for the union, said the picketing was revived to show that 98 per cent of the union members in Midland still are on strike and that they intend to stay out until the issue is settled.

Three men and one woman reportedly have gone back to work at the telephone plant here.

Taft Calls On Fellow GOPers To Set Policy

WASHINGTON (P)—Senator Taft of Ohio called on Senate and House Republicans Monday to decide how far they want to go this year in expanding government activities in such fields as social security, housing, health and education.

Taft, who heads the Senate Republican Policy Committee, told a reporter he will name a subcommittee soon to confer with a similar group on general GOP policy toward measures which call for increased federal expenditures at a time when the party is trying desperately to cut President Truman's budget.

He made it plain that despite his sponsorship of bills to provide housing, health and education assistance, he is willing to abide by the composite Republican decision on these and similar matters.

CHARGES AGAINST GATESVILLE SCHOOL CALLED RIDICULOUS

AUSTIN (P)—The week-long controversy over conditions at the Gatesville reformatory for boys erupted again in the House Monday when Rep. Sid Gregory of Gatesville defended the school's administration and denounced as "absolutely ridiculous" the charges made against the school.

At the same time, Rep. Isom Hydrick of Marshall served notice he would introduce a measure calling for a state penal and eleemosynary commission, appointed by the governor and empowered to investigate eleemosynary institutions and issue orders for the "proper execution of humanitarian principles."

JESTER WANTS VET GROUP

AUSTIN (P)—Gov. Beauford H. Jester Monday formally submitted as an emergency matter the establishment of a veterans' commission to absorb the present state service office and coordinate the handling of veterans' affairs.

OPERA AIDS TEXAS CITY

DALLAS (P)—A benefit performance of the Metropolitan Opera Company raised an estimated \$10,000 for the Texas City disaster fund here Sunday night.

CIO-FORD TALKS START

DETROIT (P)—The CIO United Auto Workers opened negotiations Monday with the Ford Motor Company on the union's original demand from the auto industry for a 23 1/2-cent hourly wage boost.

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The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.—Deuteronomy 28:20.

Overemphasis On Mr. Wallace

President Truman seems to have taken the wisest course in the Henry Wallace affair by publicly ignoring it. It seems to us that some congressmen might well have followed the President's lead to the extent of treating Wallace's windy overseas oratory with the calmness that it deserved.

This is not to suggest that their wrath was not righteous, or that they should not have expressed it. But they increased Wallace's stature by their exaggerated demands that he be silenced, prosecuted, deprived of his passport, and denounced by the President.

All this tended to make a martyr of Wallace. It also might have given foreigners the idea that champions of Truman's foreign policies were powerfully afraid of the Wallace opposition. Even a man less conscious of a sacred mission than Wallace might find it hard to refuse the slings and arrows of political martyrdom, or the mantle of acknowledged leader of a militant group of "liberals."

Actually, though Wallace has donned that mantle, his past history creates the suspicion that he has been pushed as often as he has led. Some critics have gone so far as to brand his recent speeches as treasonable. But his thinking is hardly specific and practical enough to stamp him as a leader of a conspiracy.

Wallace's most consistent campaigns in the last two years have been against those who oppose his policy of appeasing Russia, and those in the Democratic Party who have strayed from what he believes Roosevelt's policies would be today. Otherwise he has not always been consistent or confident.

As secretary of commerce, Wallace enlarged upon the weaknesses of capitalism when addressing labor groups. But he never offended an audience of businessmen by expressing any doubts of the virtues of private enterprise.

Recently he has deplored the stranglehold that British imperialism has fastened on the American government. But once he got to England, Truman became No. 1 imperialist, and Wallace's hearers discovered that they and their government were the salt of the earth and the hope of the world.

Wallace is really too kind-hearted to be a villain. He is a sort of political Don Quixote. An earnest, high-minded, slightly befuddled warrior, he is forever riding forth to do battle with all sorts of menacing forces in defense of his Dulcinea, the common man.

His crusades, especially against this government's attitude toward Russia and communism, have caused a lot of resentment in and out of Congress. His speeches in England probably did almost as much as Senator Vandenberg's efforts to enlist public support for the Truman doctrine.

Now that support seems almost certain to result in Congress approving Truman's request for the loan to Greece and Turkey by a big majority. In that event the world will have a definite answer to the question of how truly Wallace represents American opinion. Then his speeches—and his martyrdom—probably will be forgotten quickly, both here and abroad.

Every time you draw a breath Uncle Sam spends about \$1,000—but don't try holding your breath, as the spending goes on anyway.

British Princess

Answer to Previous Puzzle

HORIZONTAL

- 3 Network
- 1,9 Pictured British princess
- 13 Biblical character
- 14 Ventilated
- 15 Rested
- 16 Paired
- 18 Three (comb. form)
- 19 Full (suffix)
- 20 Seniors
- 21 Placed
- 22 Nickel (symbol)
- 23 Negative
- 24 Meal course
- 28 Different
- 31 Age
- 32 Fish eggs
- 33 Marine
- 35 Bunk
- 38 Belonging to
- 39 Artificial language
- 40 Mineral rock
- 42 Revenue
- 48 Stimulate
- 49 Man's nickname
- 50 Pouring vessel
- 51 Chill
- 52 Habitat plant
- 54 Ecstasies
- 56 Identical
- 57 Thinnest

VERTICAL

- 1 Stone cutters
- 2 Walking defect
- 27 Split pulse
- 28 Sphere
- 29 Pedal digit
- 30 Pronoun
- 33 Slip-knots
- 34 She is now touring South
- 36 Vestiges
- 37 Trustworthy
- 41 Kind of cheese
- 42 Belongs to it
- 43 Compass point
- 44 Vehicles
- 45 Eel-like fish
- 46 Droop
- 47 Diminutive suffix
- 48 Flame
- 53 Down
- 55 Abraham's home

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Crane News

CRANE — Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Russell and daughters, Sharon Kay and Diane, are vacationing in Houston and other South Texas points.

E. R. Avent, Mrs. V. M. Stacy and Mrs. A. R. Watkins had as their guests last week their uncle and aunt, J. N. Brister and Mrs. Docia McMullan, and a cousin, Arnold Stovall, of San Antonio.

Paul Patterson, journalism teacher at Crane High School, and members of his class attended the State Interscholastic League meet in Austin Friday and Saturday. Helen White and Helen Hickey, third and fifth place winners in shorthand at the regional meet at El Paso, also entered the state meet.

A student council sponsored dance and party was held Friday night in the Community Hall. Those attending were attired in Western costumes. Miss Jacquelyn Lewis presented a square dance as part of the entertainment.

Sand Hills beat the Crane VFW team, 4-2, in a softball game in the new Crane Softball Park Friday night. Enoch Little of Rising Star and Bill Wheeler of Grandfalls are new pitchers on the Sand Hills team.

Mrs. R. V. Wilson and sons, Bob and Bill, were McCamey visitors Saturday.

Services Held In Abilene For Father Of Midland Woman

ABILENE — Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon for Finley B. Knox, 65, long-time resident of Abilene, who died suddenly Saturday at his residence here.

Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, officiated. Interment was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Knox was the father of Elizabeth Knox of Midland.

He was born in Eastland County and was married to Sarah E. Cation of Breckenridge in 1905. The couple moved to Breckenridge in 1921 and to Abilene in 1924.

Survivors include his widow, four daughters, Elizabeth Knox of Midland, Mrs. E. A. Bruton of Abilene, Mrs. A. T. Mason of Blackwell, and Mrs. Vincent Barnett of Merkel; a son, Cation Knox, student at Oklahoma University; five grandchildren; three brothers, and one sister.

Layton To Organize Radio Operators For Disaster Assistance

Ray W. Layton, W5BJ, Midland, has been selected to set up an organization of Midland amateur radio operators prepared to furnish organized emergency communication in time of disaster.

It was announced by Communications Manager F. E. Handy of the American Radio Relay League, national association of radio amateurs.

Layton's assignment, which carries the title of emergency coordinator, is to band together members of the amateur radio service to perfect arrangements for emergency radio communications by hams in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies.

As ARRL Emergency Coordinator, he will call meetings of amateurs, establish common operating procedures, and arrange regular drill periods when the hams' personal stations may be mobilized under simulated emergency conditions. His duties also include liaison planning with the Midland chapter of the American Red Cross and other relief agencies, as suggested in the working understanding the ARRL Emergency Corps has with the national headquarters of the American Red Cross and other agencies.

Liaison will be established also with protective services, such as fire and police departments.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 4516
In the District Court of Midland County, Texas,
ERNEST SHARP, Plaintiff,
vs.
MINTER DRY GOODS COMPANY, et al.,
Defendants.
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
Issued May 1st, 1947
NETTIE C. ROMER,
Clerk, District Court, Midland County.
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: The unknown stockholders of the Midland Town Company, a defunct corporation, if living, and if dead, their unknown heirs, their heirs and legal representatives; J. T. Wheedon and wife, Mrs. J. T. Wheedon; C. M. Breckon and wife, Rebecca Breckon; George Motley and wife, Z. C. Motley; Geo. Motley and wife, Zella Motley; Joel Phillips and wife, G. A. Phillips; W. W. Harris and wife, Elsie Harris; F. S. Cox and wife, Mrs. E. S. Cox; C. B. Bledsoe and wife, Mrs. C. B. Bledsoe; J. E. Arnold and wife, Mrs. J. E. Arnold; D. Hamilton and wife, Mrs. A. D. Hamilton; J. C. Smoot and wife, Jennette Smoot; O. Morris and wife, Mrs. O. D. Morris; G. T. Conner and wife, Mrs. G. T. Conner; Lee J. Good and wife, Maud Good; Ollie Tribble and husband, Tribble; Rachel Thomas and husband, Thomas; D. J. Thomas and wife, Carrie Thomas; Thomas Moran and wife, Annie Moran; J. W. Hendricks and wife, Mrs. J. W. Hendricks; and if dead, their heirs and legal representatives.
GREETING: You are commanded to appear and answer the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 19th day of May, A. D. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable District Court, Midland County, at the Court House in Midland, Texas.
Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 30th day of April, 1947.
The file number of said suit being No. 4516.
The names of the parties in said suit, are: Ernest Sharp, Plaintiff and the above named parties to whom this citation is issued and directed and Minter Dry Goods Company, a co-partnership of Ernest Sharp, which co-partnership is composed of W. A. Minter, Jr. and George L. Minter, as Defendants.

Livestock

FORT WORTH — (P) — Cattle 5,100; calves 1,500; good and choice fed steers and yearlings 20,000-26,000; common and medium steers and yearlings 14,000-19,500; medium to good fat cows 13,500-16,500; bulls 10,000-16,000; good and choice fat calves 18,500-22,500; common to medium calves 13,000-18,500; stocker and feeder calves, yearlings and steers mostly 14,000-19,000; one load of stocker yearlings 20,500; stocker cows 11,000-13,000.

Hogs 1,100; most good and choice 180 lb. butchers 24.00; good and choice 150-175 lb. 21.50-23.75; sows 18.00-19.00, mostly 18.50; stocker pigs 15.00-20.00.

Sheep 20,000; slow early sales of sheep and lambs about steady; medium to good short cut crop lambs 17.00-19.50; medium to good Spring lambs 19.00-22.00; ewes and aged wethers 5.00-7.75.

Tyler Man Elected To Head Officers' Group

SAN ANTONIO — (P) — A two-time Bronze Star medalist, Col. Coultter R. Sublett, of Tyler, will head the Texas Department, Reserve Officers' Association, for the coming year.

Col. Sublett was elected Sunday at the final session of the group's meeting. He commanded the 69th Ordnance group in the European theater of operations in World War II and is a past president of the Tyler Chapter, ROA.

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RETURN ENGAGEMENT

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MRS. BAGOT noticed Salty and Vicky whispering together and lowered her own voice to speak to Sophie. "Dear Madame van Eyck, I am enchanted to see that our two young people seem to have 'hit it off' together."

Sophie glanced at the settee. "Indeed they do. I'm so glad. Salty seems like a nice boy."

"And Victoria seems to be a sweet girl," Mrs. Bagot acknowledged gratefully. "So pretty, too. Of course she, like Salty, has had every advantage."

"I don't know what you consider advantages, Mrs. Bagot," Sophie said. "She has had as much love as we could give her, Mr. Bernheim and I."

"Mr. Bernheim?"

"My late husband."

Mrs. Bagot nodded. "Ah, yes. Victoria's grandfather."

"Won't you have some more tea?" asked Sophie.

"No more, thank you," Mrs. Bagot turned to Godfrey as Sophie relaxed a little. "Victoria's grandfather was a very wealthy man—was he not—a member of the great Bernheim family?"

Very distinctly, Godfrey said, "He was not Victoria's grandfather."

Sophie grew alert again. "Miss Codman," she said, interrupting, her voice quite as loud as Godfrey's, "may I give you some more tea?"

"Not just now, thank you, I still have a wee bit left."

Sir Charles returned with fresh cheese rolls, hot and fragrant, and began passing them. Miss Codman twisted in her chair so as to see around him and addressed Godfrey. "Well, now, isn't that interesting? I didn't know Madame van Eyck had been married more than once."

"And what," said Godfrey, "makes you think she has?"

Miss Codman gasped. "But she—"

"But, Victoria—" began Mrs. Bagot.

The two ladies looked at each other and then turned to look at Victoria and Salty, absorbed in each other across the room. Sophie leaned back wearily, at a loss for words.

"YOU mean—Madame—you weren't married at all before you married Mr. Bernheim?" asked Mrs. Bagot, speaking with great difficulty.

"No," said Sophie, "I was not."

Every man in the room looked uncomfortable, with the exception of Sir Charles, passing sandwiches, and Salty, who had not heard. The two Bagot ladies continued to stare at Victoria for a moment. Then Mrs. Bagot, with an effort, composed herself and asked Godfrey a perfunctory question about whether he liked Maine.

Mrs. Bagot was nothing if not a lady. She waited until she was certain etiquette would permit leaving, and then rose, with a departing guest's firm reluctance.

"I'm afraid we must tear ourselves away. My son has to get back to his post. I haven't seen very much of him since he's been at home. If you'll excuse us—it's been delightful. Come, Ethel. Come, Uncle Adam."

Suddenly Salty became aware that his mother was standing. He jumped to his feet. "What's up, Mother? We just got here."

"You forget we've decided to close the house," said his mother. "There are some things you must help me decide, since you won't be coming back here."

"Close the house?" Salty exclaimed. "This is the first I've heard of it."

"I call it eating and running," said Basil.

Mrs. Bagot, standing by herself and feeling very foolish, drew herself together and said icily, "I

have no doubt you are a competent critic, Mr. Vasilov. Perhaps in that capacity you will be able to realize that standards of conduct which might be acceptable in Leningrad, or in the world of the theater, look very different in New England."

"A good exit line, Mrs. Bagot," said Basil.

She inclined her head stiffly. "Good day. Good afternoon, Madame. It has been delightful." With as much dignity as she could retain, she walked out of the room and into the hall. Sir Charles handed her her coat and opened the front door.

ADAM BAGOT got to his feet with difficulty. "Perhaps I should go. Madame van Eyck, if you have been made uncomfortable at all, I am sincerely sorry. May I call on you soon?"

"Of course!" Sophie assured him warmly. "At any time."

"Well, goodbye, all," simpered Miss Codman, clattering toward the door which Sir Charles was still holding open. Mrs. Bagot, halfway to the front steps, came back into the house.

"Are you coming, Salty?"

"Later, Mother."

"I think you should see me home, son."

"Go along, darling," Vicky said. "Do as she asks."

"What's got into everybody?" Salty demanded, looking around. Everyone in the room seemed to be holding in leash some invisible fury that was only awaiting the departure of the Bagots to break forth. "Vicky, wait for me. I'm coming over to talk to you before I leave."

Determined to be polite, Mrs. Bagot repeated once more her appreciation for a pleasant afternoon. "It has been an honor, Madame, to take tea with you and your brothers." Suddenly she was struck with the full realization of a fact that had been staring her in the face unrecognized. "That is—that is—if they are your brothers?"

"I have never said they were," said Sophie.

Salty followed his mother from the house.

(To Be Continued)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority
Written for NEA Service
Pittsburgh, Pa., recently conducted the largest tournament in its history. John A. Barry of Pittsburgh, a vice-president of the American Contract Bridge League, tells me that they are planning for an even bigger tournament when the Pennsylvania State championships are held there in November.

In the recently held tournament they had 112 pairs in the open pair event and 28 teams in the team-of-four. That the caliber of bridge was good was demonstrated in the team-of-four event when four teams ended in a tie for first place after two days of play.

By finishing first in the Pittsburgh team-of-four, Edward F. Cohn of Philadelphia accumulated the necessary points to put him over the 300 mark and become Life Master No. 77. Today's hand is one that he played in the tournament, and it is as nicely played a hand as I have seen in quite a while.

Cohn refused to win the hearts

♠ K Q J 10	♥ A 9 6 3	♦ A 9 6 3	♣ A 9 6 3
♠ 9 5	♥ A 9 6 3	♦ A 9 6 3	♣ A 9 6 3
♠ A 9 6 3	♥ A 9 6 3	♦ A 9 6 3	♣ A 9 6 3
♠ 8 4	♥ A 9 6 3	♦ A 9 6 3	♣ A 9 6 3
♠ Q 10 7 6	♥ A 9 6 3	♦ A 9 6 3	♣ A 9 6 3
♠ 2	♥ A 9 6 3	♦ A 9 6 3	♣ A 9 6 3
♠ Q 5 3	♥ A 9 6 3	♦ A 9 6 3	♣ A 9 6 3
♠ J 8 7	♥ A 9 6 3	♦ A 9 6 3	♣ A 9 6 3

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY —By J. R. WILLIAMS

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OH, HELLO, MR. MacSCHWALB! HOW'S THAT? OH, YES, THE PETRIFIED BEETLES FROM MESOPOTAMIA! I'LL BE OVER IN TWENTY MINUTES!

THAT CRAZY PHONE RANG ALL DAY, BUT ALL I GOT WAS A CLICK WHEN I ANSWERED! IS THAT BIG CHIMPANZEE COOKING UP SOMETHING?

STRICTLY FRESH SALAMI!

THE OLD TREMOLO!

HE'S IN A STEW HIMSELF, MARTHA!

IT'S A LONG WAY IN—WOULD YOU BOYS LIKE A RIDE?

NO, THANK YOU!

NO, THANK YOU!

NO, THANK YOU!

THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES —By EDGAR MARTIN

HONEST, FELLOWS, I'M GOING TO MISS YOU! YOU'VE BEEN SWEET!

THEN WHAT'S THE IDEA OF MOVING OUT ON US?

DID YOU GET A BIG OFFER SOME PLACE ELSE HARVEY?

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OH, NO! NOTHING LIKE THAT! MY WIFE BARBED IN AND TOLD MY BOSS IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT HER EXPENSES REQUIRED A RAISE IN MY SALARY!

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WHAT ON EARTH CAN IT MEAN? EAS' MASQUERADING AS LEN... WORKING IN THE LAB WITH THAT ODD LOOKING MAN HE CALLED HIS ASSISTANT?

AND WHY GIVE ME THIS KITTEN?... AND PRETEND HE'D PROMISED IT TO ME? HMM! THAT'S AN UNTIDY ROW YOU'RE WEARING, I WONDER IF—OF COURSE! THE RIBBON!

WHEN UNTYING IT, HER HEART SKIPS A BEAT... FOR FOLDED IN THE RIBBON IS A CRUMPLED NOTE FROM EASY.....

GOOD HEAVENS! I MUST SHOW THIS TO LEN AT ONCE!

LUSSIC TUBBS

ALLEY OOP —By V. T. HAMLIN

THE ESCAPE OF A CAPTURED MEMBER OF THE "BAD BUNCH" CAUSES RED RYDER TO REVISE HIS PLANS FOR TRAPPING THE OUTLAW GANG.

RED RYDER HEAP SURPRISED TO FIND HIM HERE WITH YOU, AUNT DUCHESS!

I HOPE THE SHERIFF TALKS HIM OUT OF "ACKLIN" THEM OUTLAW SINGLE-HANDED!

WHY TAKE EXTRA RISKS, RED? WE CAN AMBUSH MOOSE AND HIS GANG WHEN THEY TRAIL LITTLE BEANER HERE!

I STAGED ONE AMBUSH HERE AND MOOSE'LL BE CAREFUL NEXT TIME! BESIDES, WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE HIS MINERVA BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

RED RYDER —By FRED HARMAN

HAVING AIDED IN THE FIRING OF THE U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA IN THE PORT OF TRIPOLI, A COP AND OSCAR BOG-I DECIDED TO ENTER THE PIRATE CITY IN SEARCH OF TREASURE... BUT FLAMES REACHED THE POWDER MAGAZINES BEFORE THEY COULD MORE THAN EFFECT THEIR DISGUISE.

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OKAY, OKAY... SO WE THOUGHT OF IT! THE POINT IS—

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TELL ME MORE, NAPOLEON!

WE SHOWED THE GALS THEY CAN'T GET WITHOUT US!

LITTLE NAPOLEON DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT WATERLOO IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

VIC FLINT —By MICHAEL O'MALLEY and RALPH LANE

THE NECKLACE IS SIMPLY LOVELY, BAT-- WHAT A WONDERFUL SURPRISE! LET ME KISS YOU AGAIN!

GEE, CONNIE, AS LONG AS WE'RE ENGAGED, LIKE YOU JUST SAID, WHAT'S WRONG WITH GETTING MARRIED RIGHT AWAY?

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SEE WHAT I MEAN, GENTS? CONNIE DON'T REALLY GO FOR BAT DENVER, SHE GOES FOR ME.

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