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"Beauty without virtue is a rose without fragrance."

FEBRUARY

- 19—Ohio is admitted to the Union as a State, 1802.
- 20—First through train from East reaches Chicago, 1852.
- 21—World famous Washington Monument is dedicated, 1885.
- 22—George Washington, warrior and statesman, born 1732.
- 23—Manufacture of the first telephone completed, 1875.
- 24—U. S. President Johnson impeached by Senate, 1868.
- 25—Col. Clark captures Vincennes, Indiana, 1776.

Schools Will Be Recognized With Cups for Merit

Loving cups are offered by the State Department of Education to the best school in Coryell County in each classification. The rating is made on a point basis with 1000 being a perfect rating. The classification was made by Deputy State Superintendent E. W. Brooks. The ratings are as follows:

Class B High Schools

Both Pearl and Jonesboro were rated as class B High Schools. Pearl made a score of 990 points and will be recognized as standard by the State Department of Education. Jonesboro ranked second with 985 points and will possibly standardize.

Four Teacher Schools

Among the four teacher schools Antelope ranks first with 833 points and wins the loving cup in her class. Belcher ranks second with 812 points. These schools are rated as excellent (Continued on page four)

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(NOTE: The advertisements appearing in this edition are standing ads. We have not soucited any advertising for this issue because we wanted to make today's paper a surprise for you, the first issue of our new semi-weekly. We know you will like it.)

—THE PUBLISHERS

Barr Case Jury Returns Verdict Of Fifty Years

The case of the State of Texas vs. John Barr, charged with murder, went to the Jury on Saturday at 2 p. m. and at about 5 p. m. they returned with a verdict of guilty assessing his punishment at fifty years imprisonment.

The State contended that Barr beat John Mayhew to death with a wagon standard in an angry frenzy following an argument over the digging and refilling of a ditch on the Mayhew place. Barr testified that Mayhew met his death by accident when he fell from his wagon to a ditch.

Barr, through his attorneys, has given notice to appeal.

Other Cases Disposed

The State of Texas vs. Bill Cox, charged with forgery, found guilty and sentenced to 2 years imprisonment.

W. P. Huddleston vs. Hamilton Cotton Oil Company, debt and foreclosure, judgement for plaintiff.

Pedestrian Run Down, Hit by Unknown Driver Who Fails to Stop Car

W. C. Brown of this city was hit and run down by a Model T Ford late Saturday afternoon at the intersection of Main and Lutterloh.

Mr. Brown was on his way home and was walking across Lutterloh going east when the Ford came out from Lutterloh and struck him. It is said that the car was occupied by three young men and was being driven without lights.

Mr. Brown suffered a lacerated head and an injured hand and wrist as well as several minor bruises. His injuries were more painful than serious.

DRESS-REHEARSAL LAST NITE PUBLIC SHOW TONIGHT

The Little Theater presented "Fast Colors", its Spring production before the inmates at the Training School last evening, in what was really a dress rehearsal prior to the show tonight which will begin at 7:45 o'clock at the Training School auditorium.

The showing last evening was met with much enthusiasm and the general public will have the opportunity of seeing what promises to be a real show this evening.

The auditorium will be comfortably steam-heated, according to the school authorities in charge of the building.

MRS. ELIZABETH HARDIN

Mrs. Elizabeth Hardin, age 81, expired at her home between The Grove and Flat last Friday.

Services were held on Saturday afternoon burial was in Flint Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Jim McClellan has as her guest this week her mother, Mrs. F. C. Thomson, of Temple.

Workers' Needs Will be Chief Factor in Changes On CWA Weekly Payroll

County Relief and works administrator Fred G. Prewitt is in receipt of a telegram from Austin to the effect that the cuts to be made weekly in the Civil Works Administration pay roll are to be based on the needs of the worker.

Two regulations will be followed. Workers in whose immediate family someone is employed either on government or civilian work of any kind will be the first to be removed from the pay roll. The second class to be removed from the roll are those who have any other source of income or have any resource beside their work.

It is not yet definitely known how many will be removed from the pay roll in the present week. Reductions in Texas this week will be 40,000, from 191,000 to 151,000, which is 20 per cent of the pay roll. There are 420 on the work in this county at present and in the event of a 20 per cent cut there will be 84 removed from the work list this week.

DR. CLYDE BAILEY ELECTED V-PRESIDENT OF "ARCHEOS"

At an organization meeting of the Central Texas Archaeological Society at Waco Friday night Dr. Clyde Bailey of this city was elected to the vice-presidency of that organization.

The society is to meet once each month. The theme of the last meet was "Preservation of Relics".

Rev. J. C. Byars of Adamsville was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Routh Monday.

First of Eliminations Prior to County Meet Will be Held at Pearl

Pursuing the custom of the last few years there will be meets at several schools over the county between now and the time of the County meet for the purpose of eliminating part of the contestants in the various entries. The first of these eliminations is to be held at Pearl next Friday and Saturday February 23 and 24.

The schools to participate in the event at Pearl are: Ireland, Levita, Oakton, Purlmela, Arnett, Evant, Cow House, Bee House, Slater, Peabody, Stringtown, Plainview and the host school.

Events will begin at 1 o'clock on Friday afternoon with the girls volley ball, boys volley ball, junior girls and boys playground ball, Class B and Rural debate and at 7 o'clock p. m. rhythm band, choral singing and class B and rural debating.

The Saturday events begin at 9 o'clock in the morning and consist of junior and senior basket ball for both girls and boys. This series of games will be continued until all entered teams have played.

Car Occupants Sustain Painful Injuries When Auto Turns Somersault

Travis Carroll and Pete Keeton of Pearl were the occupants of a car which overturned on the Pearl road west of Gatesville Saturday afternoon. The boys were enroute home when the accident occurred.

The injuries sustained were not serious but very painful. Carroll sustained a head laceration and Keeton suffered an elbow injury. The young men were brought to Gatesville for treatment at the hands of Dr. H.M. Haynes.

Pearl Dragons Loom as Possible County Champ Only Undefeated Team

Pearl basketball team is the only undefeated team of Coryell County. This standing is the result of two all-day tournaments, the last of which was Saturday. The results of the nine games played is as follows:

Turnersville 23 vs. Purlmela 19; Jonesboro 22 vs. Ireland 11; Gatesville 24 vs. Arnett 20; Evant 34 vs. Gatesville 12; Evant 29 vs. Copperas Cove 8; Ireland 21 vs. Harmon 17; Turnersville 32 vs. Plainview 22; Pearl 41 vs. Harmon 16; Pearl 21 vs. Jonesboro 13.

Pearl and the other ranking teams from Jonesboro, Evant, Ireland and Turnersville played a final round on Monday of this week. Winners of Monday's games will be announced in Friday's issue of the News.

Local Banker to Address Members of Dis't Group At Waco Meeting Tonight

Mr. Leake Ayres, president of the First National Bank here, is to speak at a district meeting of bankers at the Hilton Hotel in Waco tonight. The subject of his discourse will be "Charges for Bank Service." The meeting is to take the form of a dinner, a professional meeting and an entertainment.

Other local bankers who will attend the meeting are; F. W. Straw, Irvin McCreary, L. S. Holmes, Andrew Kendrick and Cam McGilvary.

E. C. Brand, State Banking Commissioner, will be present and speak to the convention.

The meeting is an annual affair a forerunner of the State Bankers Convention. There are a number of central Texas counties included in the district organization.

Dynamite Cap Explodes Unexpectedly as Worker Cleans Trash from Hole

Herman Hinesley, who is employed on the new No. 7 highway construction work east of Gatesville sustained very painful injuries when a dynamite cap exploded last Thursday afternoon.

The cap had failed to go off at the proper time and another had been used in its place. Hinesley was using a pneumatic blower to remove dirt and trash from the already drilled hole when the blower struck the first cap causing it to explode.

Hinesley sustained several bruises about the face and a badly bruised left arm.

As Per Tradition, Three Fires in a Row, Though Damages Were Slight

Three fire alarms over the week end kept the local volunteer firemen rather busy but they were on the dot at the fire in their usual prompt manner.

There were two fire calls on Friday afternoon the first being at 4:30 and to the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Boone where the boys made short work of a grass fire. The second call at 5:30 was to a vacant house belonging to the D. Parks estate which was set fire by a group of boys who were playing in the house. Damage to the vacant house was only slight.

The third alarm of the week end was on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and was to the Ernest Boynton home. The fire had been extinguished before the fire department arrived.

BUY AT HOME

SOCIETY

Reversible Coat



Henry VIIIth coat of beige wool crepe dotted in red is lined in the monotone red of the frock and is reversible, thus adding a second suit to the wardrobe.

Mrs. Dan McClellan
Hostess to Contract Club.

Members of the Contract Club met in regular session with Mrs. Dan McClellan Friday afternoon. Terminating a series of games Mesdames Roger Miller and Jim McClellan were awarded high score gifts.

Those present were Mesdames L. S. Holmes, Byron Leaird Jr., L. M. Stinnett, Jim McClellan, Irvin McCreary, Chess Sadler, Johnny Brown, Laura Rayford, L. K. Thomson, Fred Prewitt, Roger Miller and young son, Roger Jr.

Contract With The Clifford Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Adams complimented a group of friends Saturday evening when they entertained with three tables of contract. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Caruth received the award presented to the couple whose scores totalled high.

A dessert plate was passed to Messrs. and Mesdames R. W. Ward, Troy Jones, R. R. Anderson, Francis Caruth and Judge and Mrs. R. W. Brown.

**Leah Dale Franks
Honoree at Dinner Party.**

Complimenting her daughter, Leah Dale, on her fifteenth birthday, Mrs. Edgar Franks entertained Saturday evening with a six o'clock dinner at their home on College Street. A George Washington theme was used in decorations and in the delectable menu which was served in three courses.

A mock cherry tree was the center of interest at the table and small hatchets tied with red, white and blue ribbons, marked places for Fred Byrom, Frances McCoy, Nelle Goodall, Nell Routh, Bertha Lillian Stewart, Belva McCoy, Dorothy Franks and the honoree.

Mrs. Ira Franks Entertains For Little Granddaughter.

Little Miss Mary Ruth Franks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Howard Franks was the honor guest at a party given Saturday afternoon at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Ira Franks, in celebration of her third birthday.

Out door games if interest to tiny tots featured the afternoon's entertainment and afforded much fun for the youngsters. At the refreshment hour a lovely birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream cones to the guests.

Those present were Martha Ann Davidson, George Painter, Billy Blackstock, Billy Lloyd and John Edward Morse, Jerry Bob Gart-

man, Edna Nell Harris, Charles Edgar Thompson, Tommy Lee Carlton, Annis Olsen, Rebecca Jane Westerman, Mary Sue Brown, Sammy Beth Williams and Jack Richardson. Mrs. Franks was assisted in entertaining by Mesdames Pat Holt and Bert Richardson.

**Pounding Given
Rev. and Mrs. Chunn.**

Officers and members of the Methodist Sunday School met at the home of Miss Orpa Mayo last

evening and from there went to the M. E. Parsonage where they participated in an old fashioned pounding for Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Chunn. The affair was quite informal and a large number was present.

Editor Pat Holt was a Waco visitor Friday.

Miss Claudine Goodall of Kerens, Dr. Van Dorn Goodall and Mrs. Daisey Bible of Waco were week end guests of Mrs. Ethel Goodall at the State Training School.

PERSONAL

Beaumont Moore and two friends of Waco visited Hazen Ament here Sunday.

Hazen Ament and Herschel Bradford were McGregor visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Stewart Williams and Miss Elizabeth Williams were Waco visitors Friday.

Mr. Bob Brymer of Fort Worth visited in the Elmo Routh home a few hours Wednesday.

We are happy to report Mrs. L. R. Ables much improved from injuries she received recently.

Mrs. H. S. Compton was confined to her home with illness over the week end.

Mr. Elmo Routh and brother-in-law, Mr. J. F. Smyer, of Oklahoma City visited friends in Moody Friday.

Mrs. R. B. Cross went to Waco Friday to visit her daughter, Elaine, who is a student at Baylor University.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Myers of Pearl visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stephens of this city Monday.

Professor and Mrs. Neil Foster and daughter visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Foster, here over the week end.

Mr. W. R. Kelley and Mrs. Jack Huddleston and daughter, Jacqueline, were visitors in Gatesville Saturday.

Miss Eloise Baldrige of Teague visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Baldrige, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Aderholt and daughters, Angeline and Winnie Lou Glenn, of Waco visited Dr. and Mrs. Kermit Jones Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hendrickson of 1430 DeQueen Blvd., Port Arthur announce the arrival of a son, Thomas Seaburn, on February 8.

Misses Vera Sadler of Belton, Estell Sadler of Taylor and Louise Sadler of Waco spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sadler.

Misses Werner D. and Ladine Moon returned to their home in Gilmer Friday after attending the funeral of their uncle, Mr. Jack Moon. They were accompanied as far as Waco by Mrs. J. M. Moon, Miss Lorene Moon and Mrs. Bob Saunders.

Miss Dorothy Ayres of Austin visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leake Ayres last week end. She was accompanied by Mrs. Ayres' sister, Mrs. Ara Voss and daughter, Miss Katherine Voss, of Elgin.

Mrs. Harold Cunyus of Brady came Sunday to join her husband who has been here for the past few weeks. She was accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson of Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gilliam of Goldthwaite who were all day guests of Mr. Cunyus.

**The News' All-School
"Letter-Writing Contest"**

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**FIRST PRIZE - - \$10.00
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This contest is open to all school children who are now enrolled in any school in Coryell County who are subscribers to the Coryell County News or whose parents are subscribers.

A beautifully engraved silver loving-cup will also be presented to the school in which the First Prize Winner is enrolled.

Win One of these Valuable Prizes---Here's How

Write a letter telling why you like, or dislike, the new CORYELL COUNTY NEWS Semi-Weekly, and follow these simple rules:

- (1) Limit your letter to 200 words, or less.
- (2) Write on one side of paper with pen and ink or typewriter.
- (3) Address your letter to: The Semi-Weekly Coryell County News, Gatesville, Texas.
- (4) Sign your name and address, the name of your school and the name of the subscriber to the News in your home.



Contest closes March 17. All contest letters must be postmarked on or before midnight of that date. Contest winners will be announced as soon thereafter as possible. Impartial judges will be chosen to read the letters and select the winners.

Letters will be judged on neatness, punctuation, English, originality and content.

Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of every individual. National and International Affairs Inseparable From Local Welfare.

When economists disagree, the lay public is in for a puzzling time. And economists who formerly saw eye to eye are disagreeing with a vengeance over the new money bill, with pansion features. There is no lack of well known financial authorities to say it is vital to recovery. Others say it may be paving the way for the greatest collapse of all.

At any rate, the Administration is now working on the problem of credit expansion for private business. The problem is especially imposing, as during the next few months the government will offer some great bond issues to finance continuance of the recovery program, and these will absorb much of the money that is available for lending. Credit is to be expanded, if possible, to a degree sufficient to offset this. Every effort will be given to depreciating the dollar in foreign exchange, and holding it at a lower and more stable level. In keeping with this the price of gold was recently fixed at \$35, in the belief that it would send the franc-dollar exchange rate to about 6.63 cents, and the pound to above \$5.10. The immediate result was a disappointment—the London gold price took a jump and the franc-dollar and pound-dollar exchange became still more unfavorable. The next day, however, devaluation of the dollar in foreign markets started.

There are two obvious ways to expand credit. One is to create more dollars—and 2,000,000,000 were automatically created when the dollar was fixed at the 59.06 point. The other is to make a given number of dollars do more work. Both ways are to be used. The two billion new dollars are at the disposal of the treasury, and are to be used for buying new gold, foreign exchange or carrying on other transactions deemed advisable for pegging foreign exchange rates. When they are so spent, according to the theory, they go into the hands of persons with bills to pay in this country. The bills are paid, and the dollars find their way into the banks, inflating reserve balances, which are now nearly a billion dollars above the point required by law. Critics of the money bill say that the stabilization fund money will make possible credit expansion of from \$12,000,000,000 to \$49,000,000,000—with the result that a short boom will be followed by a tremendous crash. Contrary to this view, its friends are optimistic and express confidence that matters will work out to the benefit of the entire country. Take your choice.

The country has been hearing talk of a business boom for so long now that it is inclined to be skeptical as to whether or not such an animal exists. According to the business and financial periodicals, and the various reports of fact-gathering organizations, it does. It isn't a very big animal yet, but it can be seen, felt and heard. All of the consumer industries are finding themselves with more orders

than they've had for years. "Industry's industries", such as steel, which sell their products to other businesses and not directly to the consumer, aren't doing so well, but they're moving upward.

Detroit, which saw the worst of the depression, is seeing the best of recovery. According to Time, this is the first period in five years in which car manufacturers can't fill their orders. In January, Chrysler, with the most unusual of all new stock cars, had 21,000 more men at work than last year. Ford opened two additional assembly plants. Nash estimated that it would deliver more cars in the first quarter of this year than in all of last. Cadillac reported deliveries 50 per cent above last year. General Motors faced 100,000 orders for Chevrolet alone. Tire companies were Jubilant, with a Goodyear expert predicting tire sales for 1934 would reach the great total of 46,000,000 units.

A few weeks ago CWA graft charges appeared in the headlines. President himself was getting hundreds of letters a day complaining of sharp practices. Job-selling, political preference, false expense accounts, padded payrolls—these were the bones of contention. The government moved fast. Employees guilty of even suspicious actions, were dismissed, some were arrested. The Attorney General went to work investigating other cases. Administrator Hopkins, worried and disconcerted, sent out Army engineers to check up on CWA work. When one was sent to Cook County, Illinois, which contains the city of Chicago, the entire Illinois CWA commission resigned.

At the same time, a nationwide move got underway to keep the CWA in existence—it was due to pass away shortly. Mr. Roosevelt, however, doesn't want it as a permanent part of his organization, announced that he would adopt a modified course. Instead of bringing its activities to an end at once, it will be allowed to live until May 1. On February 15, CWA workers in the South will be discharged at the rate of 500,000 a week, and the dismissal movement will move gradually north as the weather grows warmer.

Rooting Out Graft



Louis R. Glavis is director of the division of investigation of the Public Works administration, and with his staff of 130 men and women he is hot after the alleged grafters in PWA and CWA projects in nine states and the District of Columbia.

SHOP AT HOME

ON TEXAS FARMS

By W. H. Darrow
Extension Service Editor
A. & M. College

The first corn-hog contract in Frio county was by T. N. Winn, former 4-H club boy and a former county agent.

A canned meal shelf consisting of assorted containers grouped into balanced meals ready for emergencies features the 4-H pantry of Mrs. C. B. Johnston, home demonstration club member of Eskota, Fisher county. She has a food supply of 961 containers valued at \$228.

Bowie county home demonstration club women are planning to plant in their gardens this spring 146 feet each of leafy, starchy and other vegetables for each member in their families.

Acuff Community in Lubbock county is the first in that county to report a 100 per cent sign-up in the cotton campaign with all 108 farmers signing contracts for an average reduction of 36.3 per cent of the average five-year acreage.

After canning all the vegetables and fruits in sight last summer, Mrs. Leslie Carroll of Cranberry Home Demonstration Club in Lavaca county found she had a surplus. She took samples to a cafe and now has a weekly order for canned cream peas and corn.

The average Tom Green county cotton farmer agreed to reduce cotton production by 40 acres in 1934, and will receive nearly \$300 in rentals. Discreetly used this should pay the running expenses on the farm this year, the county agent estimates.

Decatur—Almost doubling the cotton production of that on similar near-by land, Powell Durham, a 4-H club boy of Slidell in Wise county, made 508 pounds of lint per acre on a 7 acre demonstration last year. The big yield was made possible, according to Guy Powell, county agent, by the use of pedigreed cotton seed, thorough plowing before planting, cultivation every 8 days until the cotton opened, and by planting on fine blackland. To all this he adds that young Durham is a real cotton raiser.

San Diego—Cotton hulls and gin waste make good fertilizer, it has been found by Calvin North of Benavides, Duval county. He is a farmer-ginner who has used hulls as fertilizer for two years, the county agent reports. In the case of poor land, yields have been doubled as a result, Mr. North says.

Marshall—The mere burning down of his new 6 x 36-foot brooder house has not kept Everett Dickard out of the chicken business. He has built a new 7 x 40-foot brooder house of tin and equipped it with a small wood burning furnace instead of using an oilstove, as formerly. The furnace is 18 inches wide, 14 inches deep and 15 feet long, and is set in 2 inches of sand on a tin floor. Everett is a 4-H club boy of Fairview community in Harrison county. Since building the new brooder his father

has built a brooder over his old fire-heated hotted in which he grew tomatoes last year, and is brooding 500 chicks.

San Angelo—Two cars of live turkeys and four cars of live hens were sold late in January by farmers and ranchers of Tom Green, Schleicher, Irion, Sterling, Upton and Coke counties in a cooperative pool with the Runco Co-op Poultry Association of Runnels county, states W. I. Marschall, county agent. A total of 212 producers furnished the turkeys and 290 persons supplied the hens. Turkeys sold at 11 cents, and hens on a 7½ and 9 cents basis. The four cars brought \$10,800.

Canyon—Planting garden seed as you would wheat meant a great deal to Mrs. C. H. Stallings, home demonstration club member of Randall county this year. Just as her husband finished planting the wheat she mixed and placed pinto beans, black-eyed peas, pumpkin, and cantaloupe seeds in the planter and planted them in the middle of the wheat field. These seed cost 50 cents and her yield was fresh black-eyed peas for the table for two months and enough to can 393 pints. The dry ones were not gathered. The pintos yielded enough to can 383 pints and more than 100 pounds dried. Cantaloupes were used from the patch until frost and 225 pumpkins were gathered.

Haskell—The 120 feet of concrete tile put in the garden of Mrs. S. G. Perrin, member of the Josselet home demonstration club in Haskell county, cost 85 cents and meant 102 quarts of canned tomatoes worth 15.30, all the fresh tomatoes the family could eat, all the green tomato relish she wished, and ½ bushel green ones stored in the cellar for future use. Mrs. Perrin estimated that more yield would have been made but the garden was watered only every two weeks. This year Mrs. Perrin is adding more tile and putting out berries and grapes in the garden according to the report of Miss Johnnie Reed, Haskell county home demonstration agent.

Mason—"I have found by experience that the beauty of my shrubs depends largely on correct pruning," said Mrs. Lamar Thaxton, third year yard demonstrator in Mason, in talking to Miss Leah Cox, Mason county home demonstration agent. Mrs. Thaxton has pruned part of her shrubs by removing the old branches that are destitute of young growth. The worst treatment flowering shrubs can receive, in her opinion, is the shortening of the summer growths during the fall, especially that of the shearing them into round, stubby forms with hedge shears, at once destroying the natural, graceful beauty of the plants and removing the best of their flowering shoots just as they are preparing for an abundance of blossom. She is pruning hers, leaving them rather open, so that the branches may receive full benefit of light and air.

College Station—The first report on progress of the corn-hog reduction campaign made early in February showed 2076 contracts signed in 38 counties, with an indicated reduction of about 11 acres of corn and 12 market hogs per farm according to E. M. Regenbrecht, Extension swine specialist at Texas A and M College. Terry county led all counties with 502 contracts.

From this report and from statements by county agents Mr. Regenbrecht estimates that there will be some corn-hog contracts signed in every Texas county with a county agent, and the total sign-up will probably include about 30,000 farmers. If this proves correct, and the averages given in the first report hold for the entire state, Texas would reduce corn acreage by one-third of a million acres this year, and reduce the marketing of hogs by about 400,000 head. At this rate Texas farmers would receive nearly eight million dollars in benefit payments.

College Station—All lands in the Elm Creek watershed in Bell and McLennan counties are to be freed from erosion by terracing, contouring, strip cropping, gully control and other devices before June 30th, 1935, if possible, in an effort to establish the relation between soil erosion and flood control. The plans were explained at Texas A and M College recently by Dr. H. V. Geib of Temple who is in charge of this PWA project of the Erosion Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior. It is one of about 10 similar projects in the United States. Farmers in the 300-square mile area are to be offered inducements to stop erosion on their lands.

The project was partly an outgrowth of pioneer terracing work of Texas county agents and soil erosion studies of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. More than seven million acres of land or 20 per cent of the total cultivated acres in Texas have been protected by terraces or contours in 20 years of county agent work.

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LEE SIMMONS, PRISON SYSTEM MANAGER

The annual report of the general manager of the Texas Prison System has been released for publication. This is a part of the 112-page report of the Prison Board to the Governor and the Legislature.

Lee Simmons has closed what should be termed a highly successful year at Huntsville from a financial and disciplinary standpoint. True, Simmons has experienced many handicaps during the past year, and much criticism has resulted from certain incidents that have occurred on the prison farms. Ninety-nine per cent of these unfortunate incidents have been past the control of Manager Simmons. The recent break of Raymond Hamilton and pals, aided by Clyde Barrow is one of these occurrences. Simmons has managed the system since 1929.

As proof of the success of the prison system for the past year the News is pleased to quote from the third paragraph of Simmons' official report, as follows:

"Three years before we took charge, with a prison population of 12,732 there were 1,694 escapes and 1,278 major punishments. The last three years with 16,446 prisoners there has been 306 escapes and 512 major punishments, notwithstanding the fact that January 1, 1933 the Ferguson Farm was converted into an all trusty farm with no one under guard and with a population of about 125 there were only 4 escapes. From a school attendance of 136 in 1929 there is an increase to an average of 2,420 in 1933, 696 prisoners being taught to read and write in 1933. Since the System was organized in 1849, there has been a ten per cent escape of prisoners up to 1931 and since then only two per cent."

Some criticism has been given the prison system under its present management concerning the strong educational and recreational program. Several thousand dollars are obtained each year from baseball games, rodeos and various shows. The income is spent entirely on the welfare of the prisoners. It is a paying proposition and the response on the part of the inmates is excellent. Such a plan has worked successfully in keeping prisoners minds occupied with worthwhile ideas; discipline has remained foremost which is a requisite for participation in such privileges.

In 1929 the average operating expense per prisoner was \$391.00. In 1933 the per capita cost was cut to \$224.00. The total operating loss was cut from \$1,446,035.00 in 1929 to \$458,254.00 in 1933, a saving of nearly a million dollars.

The fact remains that "figures don't lie", regardless of the fact that they are on the books of the Texas Prison System, and neither does Lee Simmons, the highly capable manager of the penal institution.

WOOL BUYERS IN TEXAS

Boston wool buyers are busy in the San Angelo country. An additional 40,000 pounds of Texas 12 months wool has been contracted in the Concho river country at 30 cents. A week ago 20,000 pounds were bought on the sheep's backs at a price of 30 cents. Del Rio reports a net 27½ cents for 10,000 pounds of 1932-33 fall wool sold in Boston. One wool and mohair company at Del Rio has 300,000 pounds of fall wool on hand, ready to deliver to Boston buyers when a tempting price is offered. This is old stuff. But there isn't a woolen factory in Texas; there isn't a tannery; there isn't a mohair mill, and yet Texans are the largest producers of cotton and Texas wool and mohair in quantity and quality ranks with the best of the fleeces taken from the backs of the sheep and the goat.—Waco News-Tribune

WORLD FOREIGN COMMENT

AUSTRIA—The center of attention at the present—the small country of empty palaces whose troubles have had European statesmen quaking in their boots since the war. Last week, Chancellor Dollfuss called the Austrian Socialists "Marxists-Bolsheviks," and declared the dissolution of the party. The Socialists refused to take this laying down, and started to defend their just rights.

Martial law was then declared in Vienna and all Upper Austria and the troops called out—the whole 20,000 of them. The government took possession of Vienna's city hall, for years a Socialist stronghold. Now, 2,000 Austrians lie dead and Socialism is battered and bleeding. We agree with Dorothy Thompson's (Mrs. Sinclair Lewis) assertion that the Socialists were merely fighting for their constitutional rights. Since Dollfuss came into power, however, Austria has not had much constitution. Despite his complete victory over the unprepared Socialists, Dollfuss has yet to reckon with the sterner and more powerful Nazis.

AN EMERGENCY Cabinet headed by six onetime Premiers of France has taken charge after three weeks of desultory rioting. Mobs of veterans, of communists, of screaming young Royalists tore through the streets, each group for a different cause, but all united against the small-mindedness of the Chamber of Deputies.

Rioting quickly spread to the provinces, to Lyons, Lille, and Nice. Amid howls for his political head, Premier Daladier handed in his resignation to Present Albert Lebrun.

A new Cabinet was quickly formed containing representatives of nearly every party except Royalists, Socialists, and Communists. Six onetime Premiers were in it: Herriot, Tardieu, Laval, Sarraut, and Barthou. Add to these veterans the venerable Marshal Pétain, famed defender of Verdun, who is the new Minister of War, and you have the list of men who are going to save the French Republic!

THE MAN chosen to be Japanese Ambassador to Washington by General Sadao Araki before he retired as Japan's sword rattling War Minister was 47 year old Hiroshi Saito. We expressed the hope in these columns at that time that this shrewd little diplomat might be able to improve American relations with Japan.

In Washington his big job is to keep the United States at least as friendly toward Japan as toward Russia, if and when a Russo-Japanese War begins. He, with his gracious wife and two young children arrived in Manhattan last week on his way to present his credentials to President Roosevelt in Washington.

"My chief purpose is coming," he announced, "is to drink whisky with good Americans."

Concerning a Russo-Japanese War, he said: "Most certainly we cannot go to war because of a railroad. War with Russia would mean war with the United States. We don't want to commit sui-

cide!" Did Japan covet the Philippines? "I will say that Japan definitely does not want the Philippines. You already have found them expensive."

We wish we could believe the young ambassador's words. As we stated above, however, his job is to keep America on friendly terms with the Japs, and he will do or say anything that will make this come true.

THE FIRST person to come forward and give a date for the next Russo-Japanese war was Major General Eiki Tojo, who heads the Japanese War office's press bureau. He declared Japan's desire for expansion on the Eastern Asiatic continent, manifested in her Manchurian way, has been her unalterable policy. He said the war with Russia would begin in July, 1935. This is putting it a year later than we predicted, but you can't tell about this war business.

SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED—

(Continued from page one) but cannot standardize since they teach too many grades.

Three Teacher Schools
In this classification Murrell

ranks first with 827 points and Harmon ranks second with 803 points. Neither of these schools can standardize as they teach too many grades.

Two Teacher Schools
In this classification Enterprise ranks first to win the cup with 959 points and Bee House ranks second with 940. Both of these schools are fully standardized by the State Department of Education.

One Teacher Schools
In the one teacher classification Stringtown ranks first with 900 points and Crossville ranks second with 893 points. Both of these schools are fully standardized.

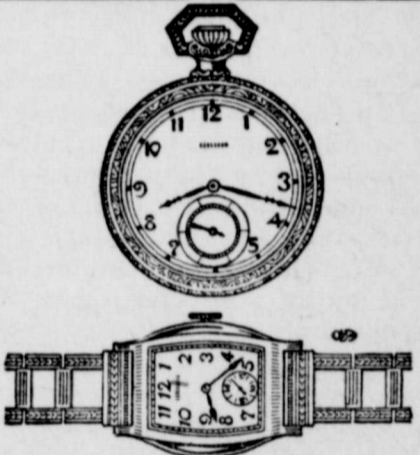
SCHOOLS WILL LET OUT FOR WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

The Gatesville Public Schools will observe Washington's Birthday with a holiday on Thursday of this week, according to Superintendent F. L. Williams.

Pupils will report back for studies on Friday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Carter, accompanied by Mrs. William Powell, visited in Waco Saturday. Miss Winnie Carter returned home with them and spent the week end.

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HARRY FLENTGE

For District Clerk:
P. M. POST (Reelection)

For County Judge:
ROBT. W. BROWN

For County Clerk:
C. P. MOUNCE (Reelection)
MARVIN E. FLETCHER

For Tax Assessor and Collector:
IVY EDMONDSON
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J. M. WITCHER
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For County Attorney:
FLOYD ZEIGLER
(Reelection)

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For Justice of the Peace, Prec 1:
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For Commissioner, Beat No. 2:
W. E. HOLCOMB

For Commissioner, Beat No. 1:
J. B. SANDERS
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SCHOOL PAYMENTS SENT OUT

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 15.—Payment of \$3 per scholastic is being sent out today by the State School Superintendent's office to school districts. The payment will amount to \$4,727,049. With this payment, the schools will have received \$4 of the total \$16 to be allowed per pupil for the year.—Dallas Journal

Mrs. John Harbour of Killeen returned home with her brother, Mr. C. D. Shriber, the first part of the week for an extended visit.

MRS. REB BROWN'S MOTHER SUSTAINS BROKEN HIP

Mrs. Piety Biggs, mother of Mrs. Reb J. Brown, was the unfortunate victim of a fall last Friday which resulted in a broken hip. The accident occurred early in the morning at the Brown home where Mrs. Biggs lives.

Her grandson, Dr. John Thomas Brown, of the Baptist Sanitarium at Waco was called to make an X-Ray which showed the bone to be broken all the way across. Two of her daughters, Mrs. G. A. Arhelger and Mrs. H. B. Wayland, if San Saba were called to her bedside.

SOCIETY

Jolly Workers Club Of Osage Has Meeting.

Mrs. W. D. Craddock was hostess to members of the Jolly Workers Club last Wednesday. One quilt was completed and a business meeting conducted following which refreshments were served to about twenty-one guests.

Texas Independence Theme Of Faculty Club Party.

Texas Independence was chosen as the theme for decorations and refreshments when Miss Bess Holmes and Mrs. John Reesing entertained members of the Faculty and guests last evening at the Reesing home on East Main Street.

Talleys were small Texas flags while the score pads, which marked the tables laid for games of eighty-four, were small replicas of the Alamo. At the refreshment hour the tables were covered with old fashioned plaid cloths and centered with potted prickley pear. A delicious Mexican lunch was served to the club

members and special guests who were Mr. and Mrs. Ben West, Dr. and Mrs. O. G. Gilder, Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Lowrey and Mrs. L. S. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Etchison Entertain.

Members of the Old Gang Club enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Etchison when they entertained Thursday evening. High score awards in the games went to Miss Florence Edwards for the ladies and to Rupert Sadler among the men.

Dainty refreshments were served to Messrs and Mesdames J. B. Edwards, A. W. Ellis, Price Edwards, H. M. Painter, Dee Swift, Bill Edwards, Bob Martin, R. Sadler, A. Painter, W. E. Swift, Mrs. Bill Tubbs, C. A. Tubbs, R. J. Nettles, Casey and Miss Florence Edwards.

STATE WARRANTS CALLED

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 15.—A call by State Treasurer Charley Lockhart for \$1,112,478 outstanding warrants against the State general revenue fund today reduced the deficit in that fund to \$7,905,622. The State is now paying about half the warrants issued last August.—Dallas Journal.

PERSONAL

Kenneth D. Hedgepeth visited friends here over the week end.

Mrs. Richard Moore is recuperating from an attack of the flu.

Aubrey Mayes made a business trip to Dallas on Monday.

George Painter was a Waco visitor Monday.

Mrs. L. R. Thomas of Levita is visiting her sister, Mrs. Kay Ament.

C. E. Alvis, C. E. Alvis, Jr. and Miss Dixie Mathews are in the Dallas market buying for the Alvis Garner Store.

Lonnie Wharton and Miss Johnnie Mae Thompson visited his father, D. Wharton, who is ill at his home near Oglesby.

Mrs. I. L. Smith received a telegram Sunday stating that Mr. Bercegeay, father of Mrs. Wilburn Smith died in the Sanitarium at Lafayette La. Sunday morning. Mr. Bercegeay had been in ill health for some time.

Mrs. John Washburn, Jr., is visiting Mrs. Elmer Latham at Stephenville. Mrs. Latham will be remembered as Ruby Woolverton.

Mrs. W. F. Johnson, Jr., and son, Billy Marion and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Anderson of Fort Worth and son, David Post, are visiting in the P. M. Post home.

Mrs. E. T. Mayes was quite ill several days last week but is much better at this writing. Mrs. Mayes is convalescing from a recent operation.

BAPTIST NEWS

The Sunday School Enlargement Campaign at the First Baptist Church of this city closed last Friday night in a social affair.

About 115 were enrolled in the six classes with an average attendance of 65 representing every class and department.

Women Meet

The W M S of the church is to have a program honoring the old ministers at its meeting this afternoon. This is the first time such a program has been planned by the local organization.

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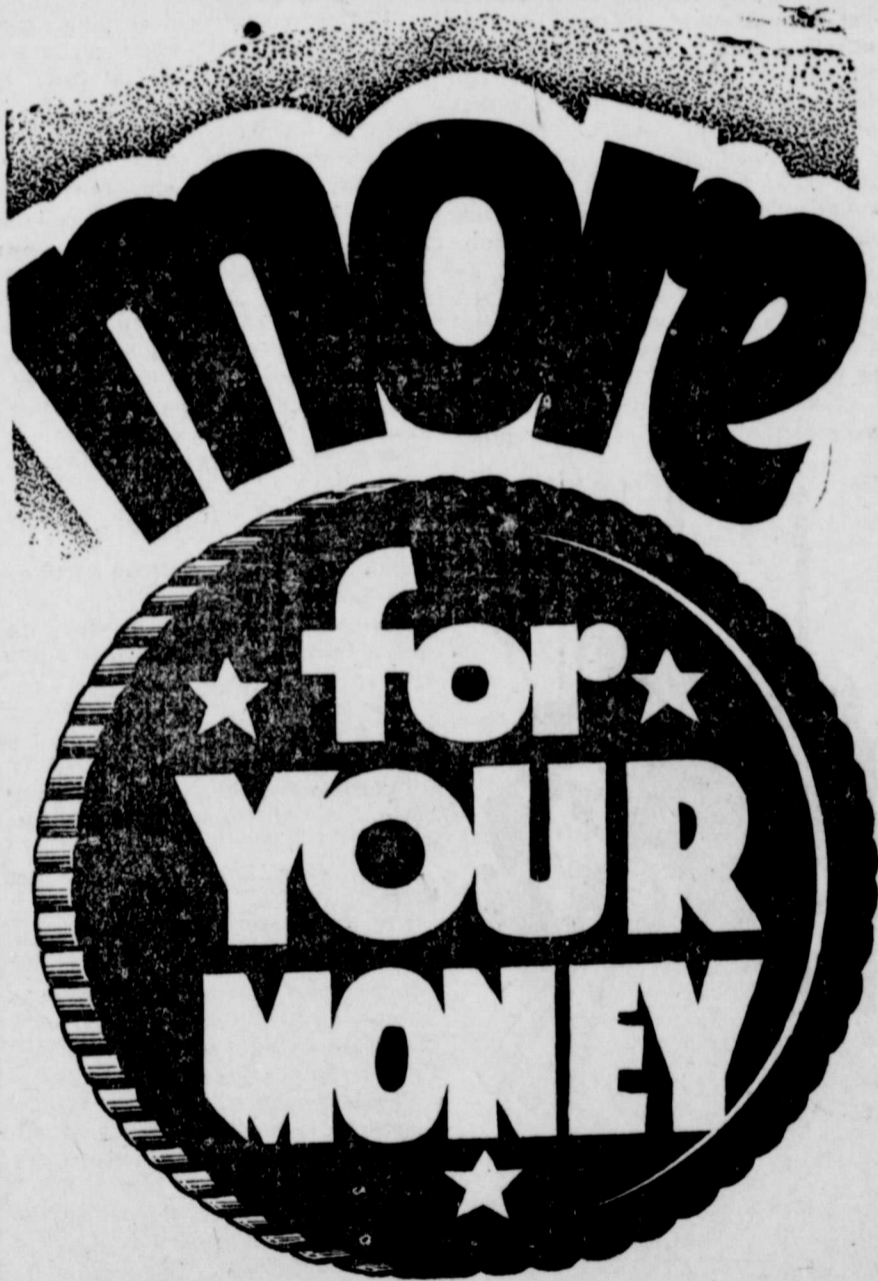
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THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—Waiting in the minister's study for the wedding procession to reach the altar, Jim Franklin, about to be married to Doris Carmody, one of the bridesmaids, is obviously in a state of anxiety. Peter Cardigan, novelist, an amateur detective of some note, with Sergeant Kilday, of the New York police, begin the official investigation.

CHAPTER II.—The dagger used to kill Franklin is found. Fingerprints have been carefully obliterated. Franklin, while waiting, had many visitors, among them his mistress, an actress, "Choo Choo" Train; his intended wife's father, Ambrose Carmody; her brother, Rylie; Daniel Bullis, well-known politician, and an unknown woman in a blue frock, who had quarreled openly with Franklin. The dead man's law partner, Milo Dunbar, appears. Rylie Carmody admits trying to stop the wedding, after being informed by Webster Spears that Franklin was still friendly with Choo Choo, despite his approaching marriage. Kilday secures the dead man's keys, realizing that through them he can "line up" suspects with whom Franklin had been more or less intimately associated in his business and social life.

CHAPTER III.—Cardigan and Kilday interview Callie Shipley, whose actions in the church and immediately following the discovery of Franklin's body have appeared furtive. She is somewhat contradictory in her answers to questions, but the investigators learn nothing of importance. An interview with Daniel Bullis is also fruitless.

CHAPTER IV.—Webster Spears admits informing Rylie Carmody of Franklin's relations with Choo Choo, for Doris Carmody's sake, in the hope of preventing the wedding. He and Doris had had a boy-and-girl love affair. Fletcher, Franklin's man-servant, is reticent when questioned. An interview with Milo Dunbar, and search of the dead man's office, reveals nothing of importance. Both investigators are convinced the woman in blue is deeply involved in the case.

CHAPTER V

Choo Choo Train.

WITH the exception of the mysterious woman in blue, whom they had been unable to identify, Cardigan and Kilday had questioned every one known to be connected with Jim Franklin's murder, except Choo Choo Train.

Her apartment was their destination the following morning.

The actress was having breakfast in bed and, upon learning their errand, had the maid usher them in without formality.

Before her, on the coverlet, was a confusion of newspapers. She brushed them to the floor, and leaned forward, her chin cupped in a slender hand. "I was reading about Jim," she said. "Tell me what happened."

Kilday sat uncomfortably on the edge of his chair. "I guess you know as much as I do if you've read all those papers."

The actress shrugged impatiently. "If I believed them," her tone was contemptuous, "I'd believe he was murdered by a dozen people, including myself. I see I'm supposed to be the woman in the case."

"You've been reading 'Topics,'" declared Kilday.

"Half a million other people have, too." Choo Choo clenched the coverlet. "My press agent thinks it's a great stunt."

"And what do you think?" Peter inquired gravely.

The woman shrugged. "I guess I'm not supposed to think," she said slowly, with no attempt to disguise her bitterness. "Me, I'm just a show-girl. A dead lover isn't sup-

posed to mean a thing in the world to me but front-page publicity and more customers at the box office.

"I'm just the woman in the case," she repeated, with an ache in her voice.

Both men were silent. Kilday, sitting very erect, was looking out the window, plainly reluctant to gaze upon the woman's pain. Peter was uncomfortably aware that he had not expected anything like this. The Choo Choo Train he had pictured as Jim Franklin's mistress—the woman who had quarreled with her lover in Doctor Abernathy's study—had been very different in his imagination.

The clink of china, as the maid brought additional cups and another pot of coffee, was a welcome interruption.

"Good girl, Marie," their hostess praised the maid. "You made that entrance just in time. I was about to emote." She held out her cup for more coffee with a hand that did not tremble.

"And now," she continued, "after the maid had left, let's have it. What did you want to see me about, Sergeant Kilday?"

It was Peter who took up the questioning. "You went to the church to see Franklin yesterday," he said gravely. "Why? We need to know that, first."

Choo Choo shrugged. "Wanted to see the wedding," she replied



"I'm Just the Woman in the Case."

simply. "If you were a woman, you might understand. I'd never been to a wedding like that. And then, you see, Jim Franklin was my man. That made a big difference, too."

"Oh, of course," she hurried on to say. "I could not have stood out in front with the crowd. But I wanted to see the whole thing—wanted a grandstand seat. After all, that wasn't such a lot to ask."

"I see," Peter thought he did see. "And Franklin didn't want you to be there. Was that it?"

The woman nodded her head. "Then how did you happen to go? You must have discussed this with Franklin, before the wedding, didn't

you?"
"Yes, we had talked about it, of course. Jim couldn't understand why I should want to go, unless it was just to humiliate him. There were a lot of things he couldn't understand about me, I guess."

"But just the same you went, yesterday."

"Yes, I went. But he asked me to, or at least, I thought he did. Yesterday afternoon, Fletcher—that's Jim's man-servant—phoned to say that Jim had changed his mind, and I went."

"But when you arrived," Peter continued, remembering the story that Nick Royce had told, "Franklin was angry. Evidently he was not expecting you. Is that correct?"

The actress nodded reluctantly. "I went to the side entrance, just like Fletcher told me to. Jim was standing just inside. Nick Royce was there, too."

"What are you doing here, Choo Choo?" Jim said. "I thought I told you to stay away from here."

"Yes, but I got your message," I told him.

"What message?" Jim demanded. "Was easy to see how angry he is."

"And then of course I told him out Fletcher's telephone message, and he was angrier than ever. He told me I was lying. After that, I lost my temper, too, I guess. We were talking pretty loud, both of us, because Nick stopped us. He said he was afraid they could hear us inside the church. 'What do you want to do, stop the wedding?' Nick said."

"That's exactly what she'd like to do," Jim said. "But he knew better than that. I wasn't trying to stop the wedding."

"But after that you went into the study, didn't you?" Peter made no attempt to disguise his interest.

"We went into the room behind the one we were in," replied the actress guardedly. "I'm not sure whether it was the study or not."

"What happened then?"

"Nothing. Jim swore that he hadn't told Fletcher to telephone me. He said somebody was just trying to play him a dirty trick. By that time, I guess I had cooled off a little, too, because I finally promised to come on home, and I left. That's the last I saw of Jim."

"How did you leave? The way you came?"

"No. I went out a door at the back."

"Why?" This time it was Kilday who asked.

"Because Jim asked me to. He was afraid I might be seen if I left by way of the side door."

The detective pulled the key-ring from his pocket, bouncing it in his palm, where the actress might see it.

"These were Franklin's," he said. "Does one of them fit this apartment?"

"He had a key. I suppose it's there."

"Mind if I try it?"

Choo Choo shrugged. "Nice of you to ask," she said. There was a trace of bitterness in her voice. "I've already told you he had a key. I'm not hiding anything."

"I just want to make sure," the detective retorted, over his shoulder, as he disappeared toward the living room.

When he returned, he nodded toward Peter. "It fits. That's six of them."

"You sound disappointed," observed Choo Choo.

"I had hoped that key would help me find some one else," the detective commented. "No matter. We'll play the hand just as it is dealt."

Peter frowned thoughtfully at his lean brown hands. "Miss Train," he put the question deliberately, "how did you feel about this marriage of Franklin's? You were in love with him, weren't you?"

Choo Choo moistened her lips. "Yes, I loved him. What of it?"

"What did you think of this marriage?" Cardigan repeated.

She lingered over her answer, her head bent so that it was impossible to read the expression of her face.

"What does it matter what I thought?" the girl answered finally. "He was getting married, wasn't he?"

That's your answer."

"No." Peter wished that it were answer enough, and that he need no longer probe this girl's soul. "No, that was his answer, Miss Train. I'm asking how you felt?"

"There are times," said the girl distinctly, "when your feelings don't count. I wasn't exactly happy over the marriage. You can't expect me to say that. Still," her glance faltered before the novelist's unwavering scrutiny, "I figured that I'd get over it. Other people have."

"Then when you left Franklin there in the study, you knew you were telling him good-by, for good, didn't you?" Kilday questioned for the first time.

"I didn't say that," the actress replied quickly. She fumbled on the table by the stand and found a cigarette. Cardigan held a match for her.

For a minute she puffed, deeply, as though keenly enjoying the smoke. Her glance traveled slowly, from one man to the other.

"What made you ask me that?" she inquired of Kilday, finally.

The sergeant shrugged. "He was getting married, wasn't he?"

A half-smile curled about the girl's lips, momentarily, and was gone, as quickly as it had come. "He was marrying a position," she said quickly. "Jim never loved Doris Carmody. He loved me."

"He did love you," Kilday conceded. "But that was finished, yesterday, wasn't it? By the wedding, I mean."

"The wedding," said the girl slowly, "wasn't going to make any difference between Jim and me. We had been all over that."

"You mean you were going on—the same as before?" The detective's tone was incredulous.

Choo Choo exhaled a cloud of smoke. "That's exactly what I mean," she declared. "For a detective, you can be terribly dense, sometimes."

"You can say that now," Kilday objected. "Franklin's dead."

"I'm only telling you what Jim and I had decided." The girl leaned forward angrily. "There's one thing you don't seem to understand. Jim loved me! He didn't love that Carmody girl."

"But he was marrying her," the sergeant declared, with finality.

"Marrying her!" Choo Choo tossed her head. "He wasn't marrying a girl. He was marrying a social po-

sition. Jim was going to be the next governor of New York."

Kilday could cope with the woman's anger, where her sorrow, a short time before, had silenced him. "And I suppose you were going to Albany with him, eh?"

"I wouldn't have been so far away," retorted the actress.

"If he loved you so much, why didn't he marry you?" the sergeant insisted.

"Don't be silly," the actress scoffed. "Where would Jim have been if he'd married an actress? That would have been murder. It would have finished him."

"As it turned out," replied Kilday dryly, "it was murder anyway."

The girl shivered. "You're wasting time here," she said in a quieter voice. "Why don't you talk to Dan Bullis. Maybe he can tell you what happened yesterday afternoon. He was sore at Jim, and he'd been trying to see him. Bullis called me here, yesterday, wanting to see Jim. When I said he wasn't here, he swore. He said Jim was hiding from him, and that I was helping him. But he said he'd find him. If you really want to find who killed Jim Franklin, talk to Dan Bullis."

"We've talked to Bullis," Peter informed her quietly. "We've come here to find out what you know, Miss Train."

"I'm only telling you where to go if you want information about the murder," said the actress impatiently. "Do you think I'd kill the man I love? Dan Bullis is your man, I tell you."

"Yes. You've said that before," the novelist nodded. "We'll take care of Mr. Bullis. But some people don't think Franklin was killed by a man, Miss Train. They believe a woman killed him, and that the motive was jealousy."

"You're crazy!" Choo Choo stared at him angrily. "That means me, of course, and how do you figure I'd have done a thing like that? In the first place, I couldn't get away (Continued on next page.)"

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with it. Everybody knew how I felt about Jim. But you're overlooking a bigger bet than that. I loved him. Why would I murder the man I loved? That doesn't make sense."

"If you thought you were losing him, it would make sense, all right," Kilday interjected.

"But I've told you I wasn't losing him."

"Forget about the wedding for a minute," Cardigan invited. He rose and strode about the room aimlessly, but his eyes never left the woman who sat upon the bed.

"Have another cigarette, Miss Train?" The sergeant offered his case, a smooth silver one.

Cardigan, watching, knew this was Kilday's ruse to obtain the woman's finger-prints.

"Thanks." The actress lighted it from the ember in the ash-tray beside her.

"You've been reading these accounts of the murder," Cardigan indicated the newspapers beside the bed. "Did you notice anything there that sounded strange, Miss Train?"

"Plenty," replied the actress. "It looked like half of New York came around there to see Jim, just before the wedding. They make it sound like he was quarreling with all of them, too."

"Including yourself," said Kilday.

"Yes," the actress admitted, "including me."

"It seems to me you have overlooked one of those callers," Peter continued. "I mean the woman in the blue dress."

Choo Choo looked at him through narrowed eyes. "Who was she?"

"That's what I'm asking you," said Peter.

She shrugged silk-clad shoulders. "How should I know? I didn't see anybody there in a blue dress."

"Nobody else knows who she was, either, Miss Train," declared the novelist. "We can't find anyone who ever saw her before. We only know that she was jealous of Jim Franklin—that she—"

"Jealous?" Then the actress leaned back, more calmly. "What is this? Are you trying to trick me, some way?"

Peter shook his head. "There's no trick to it," he replied simply. "Apparently, this was another woman that loved Franklin. She thought she had some claim on him, evidently. In fact," Peter was remembering the story Daniel Bullis had told of the scene in the study, "she threatened to ruin him, if he went ahead with the wedding. Are you still sure you don't know who that woman was?"

Choo Choo studied the novelist's face. "Are you telling me the truth?" she demanded. "Is that what she said?"

"I believe that is exactly what she said."

"And then what did Jim say?" the actress questioned eagerly. "Did he let her get away with it?"

Peter shrugged. "He promised her that everything was going to be all right, I believe."

"Say!" Choo Choo was sitting erect, her eyes stormy. "Why don't you question her? If this is straight, she's the one you are looking for." Then she relaxed against the pillows. "But that isn't on the level." Her voice had gone flat. "If it was, you wouldn't be wasting your time here."

"Perhaps it isn't wasted," said Peter. "Perhaps you are the very person who can tell us where we may find this woman in blue."

The actress did not answer, but

her eyes watched the novelist's, guardedly. "Suppose you have told us the truth, as far as you have gone," Peter continued. "Suppose you



"Jim Didn't Love Her—He Loved Me! Can't You Understand Me!"

weren't jealous of Doris Carmody, and didn't care whether Franklin married her or not."

Choo Choo winced. "Even granting that everything was just as you have said, that would not have kept you from being madly jealous of Franklin, if you had discovered there was still a third woman—this woman in blue—that he loved."

"There wasn't anybody else," the actress interrupted shrilly.

"And I'm just as sure that there was," replied Peter. "There is no doubt of it. I can't help but wonder, Miss Train, if the discovery that this woman existed wouldn't be a better explanation of your visit to the church yesterday, than the one you have given us."

"But I tell you I didn't know there was such a woman," Choo Choo raised clenched hands above her head. "I still don't believe it. Jim wouldn't have done that to me. I loved him. And he loved me! Can't you understand? Me!" She beat her breast with her fists.

Peter waited quietly until the actress' storm of emotion had passed. "Perhaps," he suggested, "this other woman heard of you yesterday, for the first time. That being the case, she might have been the one who went to see Franklin, with vengeance in her heart."

There was hatred in the glance Choo Choo turned on him. "You're mighty sure there was another woman, aren't you?" was all she said.

In spite of his certainty that there had been another woman, and that she had played a dramatic, probably fatal, part in the slaying of Jim Franklin, Peter felt that he was making no headway. He had succeeded only in antagonizing a witness from which he had expected much assistance. Like every other trail they had followed, this, too, seemed to lead nowhere. And yet Choo Choo Train had been the last person, as far as they could determine, who had seen Franklin alive. According to the testimony of Nick Royce and Doctor Abernathy, she had been in the study with Jim Franklin after Daniel Bullis and the woman in blue had left. And her motive, too, was apparent, if she had known of the existence of that other woman. Or even if she hadn't, could he believe her statement that Franklin's wedding was to have made no difference in her relationship with him?

He wondered, too, at the woman's apparent lack of grief. To be sure, there were moments when she appeared grief-stricken. But they were only moments. She seemed to turn her emotions on and off, like a faucet, almost at will. Proposed to these arguments, of course, were Webster Spears' activities; Daniel Bullis' reticence concerning his conversa-

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tion with Franklin; Ryle Carmody's efforts to halt the wedding; the suspicions aroused by Callis Shipley's movements, and, of course, the woman in blue, still unexplained and as mysterious as ever.

"Miss Train," the novelist inquired suddenly, "how well do you know Webster Spears?"

"Webster Spears? I've never heard of him."

"Are you sure a man by that name didn't telephone you yesterday?"

"If he had, I'd have heard of him." Choo Choo's manner was contemptuous. "Outside of Jim and Dan Bullis, the only man who phoned me yesterday was Fletcher," she declared. "I've already told you about that."

Peter frowned. "What was Franklin's number?" he demanded curtly. She told him.

"Do you mind if we use your telephone?"

"Certainly not." Choo Choo handed him the instrument from the table at her bedside.

Fletcher answered the call.

"This is Peter Cardigan, Fletcher. I called with Sergeant Kilday to ask you some questions last night, remember?"

"Yes, sir, I remember."

"I forgot to ask you about your telephone call to Miss Train, yesterday, Fletcher," Peter explained. "How did you happen to telephone her?"

"There must be some mistake, sir. I never telephoned Miss Train."

The novelist hesitated, his hand over the transmitter. "What time did you say you received that call, Miss Train?"

"It must have been about half past two," replied the actress.

"Think again," said Peter, into the telephone. "Didn't you call Miss Train about two-thirty yesterday afternoon?"

Fletcher's tone was positive. "I'm quite sure, sir. I have never telephoned Miss Train."

"Here, let me talk to him!" Sensing the tenor of the servant's replies from Peter's conversation, she snatched the instrument from the novelist's hand. "What did you say, Fletcher? You never called me! Don't be a fool, man!" She slammed the receiver in place and faced the two men.

"Just the same, he did call," she declared stormily. "He told me Jim wanted me to come to the church. I don't know why he should lie about it."

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