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## BONUS RAISED; CHARTER FOR ROAD GRANTED

### Vigo Park Willing to Meet Silvertown Half Way in Constructing a Passable Road Through Beautiful Tule Canyon

The rich, fine section of Briscoe county north of Tule Canyon rightfully belongs in Silvertown's trade territory. Silvertown wants the trade and the people of Vigo Park, Milo and Beverly want to trade in Silvertown. But beautiful Tule Canyon is impassable with any kind of a load. The road commissioner in this district is spending nearly \$2,000 right now in working and leveling the road approaching and leading down into the canyon from the north. It is up to Silvertown to meet them half way.

As a citizen of that section put it to the editor when he made a trip up there last week, "We'll fix our side of the canyon so we can pull it empty if you people in Silvertown will fix your side so we can pull it loaded."

### Senior Class to Present Royalty Play at Quitaque

"Nothing But the Truth," is one of the most laughable plays ever produced on the American stage—and that's the truth. The senior class of the Silvertown High School is paying a cash royalty for the permission of putting on this play in Briscoe county. They have been working on it for weeks and will present it for the first time in public in the auditorium of the Quitaque school tonight, Friday, March 27.

The editor saw this play in Kansas City a few years ago and can vouch for the genuine comedy situations to be found in it. It played for months in the principal cities of the country, to capacity crowds.

Following is a cast of characters as they will appear in this play.

- E. M. Ralston ..... Carrol Dale
- Robert Bennett ..... Eugene Simpson
- Richard Donnelly ..... Clyde Thomas
- Clarence Van Dusen ..... Barton Claunch
- Bishop Doran ..... George Buchanan
- Mrs. E. M. Ralston ..... Jessie Burson
- Gwendolyn Ralston ..... Elaine Nancy
- Ethel Clark ..... Rose Ella Dale
- Mabel Jackson ..... Anna Summers
- Sabel Jackson ..... Miriam Crass
- Martha ..... Jewel Montague

### Tulia Man to Take Charge of Moving Picture Show Here

A. W. Phillips, owner of the moving picture show at Tulia has bought out the local show from C. L. Dickerson and will take charge April 1.

It is understood that Mr. Phillips has ordered a new machine and new seats and that he will place this show on a circuit with his Tulia house, thereby giving Silvertown better and newer pictures than have ever been shown here before.

For the present the show will occupy the north side of the lower floor of the I. O. O. F. building and there will be three shows a week, Monday, Friday and Saturday nights.

### Girls Are Enrolling As Life Guards

DENTON, March 25.—Student life savers at the College of Industrial Arts are out to make the business of near-drowning a real pleasure!

They are spending no time nor conscientious effort in learning the proper grips, carries and resuscitation processes that will convert a water-logged, washed out individual almost ready to beckon undertaker into an upstanding, vigorous person ready to start out soon in at rocking the boat or at jumping the water after a seven-course meal.

J. I. A. life savers, thirty seven of them, bar no one when it comes to the business of towing a craned, thrashing victim of Father Neptune to the nearest bank. Daily they practice the swift dive that brings them up in back of the hour-glass, the deft grip that holds the victim, the arm and enables the life saver to hold the victim's head above water, the new force derelict

### Haylake School is Destroyed by Fire Last Sunday Night

The Haylake school house, seven miles east of Silvertown, was destroyed completely, by fire, Sunday night about dark.

The fire originated when some young men were pouring gasoline into the tank of the lighting system, lighting up for the singing which was to be held. One of them was holding a paper torch which fell in the gasoline and the blaze spread so rapidly that it got beyond their control. A later explosion of the tank made it impossible to put out the fire, after assistance and water arrived.

The building was one of the best country school houses in the county, having been built only a few years ago. It was built by a bond levy and only about half of the bonds had been paid off. The community still owed about \$1200 on it and their insurance had been allowed to elapse.

There are about 40 pupils enrolled at the school, which has two teachers. It is thought that school will be continued and the unfinished out in the old school building which has been used as a residence since the new house was built. There was some talk of making arrangements to send the children into Silvertown to complete the school year. Building plans have not as yet been announced.

### Quitaque School Is One of Best in the Country

The Quitaque Public School is one of the best schools in the county in point of equipment and efficiency.

It is occupying for the first year the splendid new building which was only completed a short time after the present term had begun. This building is a two-story structure of stucco construction and is modern in every way.

Perhaps the finest feature of the Quitaque school building is the splendid auditorium which seats 700 people. The main auditorium has a high ceiling and there is a spacious balcony from which a plain view of the stage is had. The stage is fitted with all curtains and scenery necessary for putting on the school plays and other entertainments that might be shown. The seats are comfortable opera chairs.

B. R. Tipps is in his third year as Superintendent and with his corps of seven teachers is giving splendid service to the 370 odd pupils who are enrolled in the eleven grades.

Quitaque has the only independent school district in the county and pupils are enrolled from all over the county.

The school board at present is composed of Amos Pearsons, J. F. Jago, H. J. Bailey, John A. Johnson, Joe Graham, A. L. Patterson and P. O. Woods.

**Killed the Dead Sea.**  
Young Branger—My grandfather built the Rocky Mountains.  
Unympathetic Listener—Aw, that's nothing. Do you know the Dead Sea? Well, my grandfather killed it.—Stanford Chapparral.

School Building at Silvertown



Silvertown has outgrown this building and last year it became necessary to erect a frame building on the school ground to take care of the domestic science and agriculture departments.

A bill has been passed during the present session of the legislature, by both the house and the senate, making this an independent school district and it is now on the governor's desk for signing.

Silvertown High School has 184 affiliated credits and if this bill becomes a law, our schools will go forward. If it is killed, our teachers and pupils have wasted their time this year, as far as ever having their work recognized by other institutions of learning.

### Work Starts This Week on New Building Which Will Be Temporary Home of Briscoe County News; Linotype and Other Equipment Already Received

The Briscoe County News will be housed in its new temporary home within a very short time. Work will be started this week, or just as soon as the materials and workmen can be gotten on the ground.

The building will be on Lone Star avenue, facing north, on the lot just back of the Max Crawford's garage.

We have decided to build a temporary building because of the necessity of getting some kind of quarters immediately. It is our plan to build a brick building later and to remodel the building that we will build now into a residence.

The linotype machine and other equipment arrived in Silvertown Wednesday evening and will be stored until the new building is completed. This is the first linotype to be used in Briscoe county and is the machine around which a modern printing plant will be established at Silvertown. A linotype operator can set type with the same speed and efficiency that a stenographer writes on a typewriter and it is this machine that has revolutionized the printing industry, making possible our big dailies with the voluminous amount of news that is expected to be found in the modern newspaper.

You bet! The Briscoe County News is here to stay! If you haven't sent in your subscription yet, do so now. All that we are going to ask of Briscoe county in return for a first class newspaper, is their reasonable support.

**Remarkable Machine.**  
LONDON.—A remarkable machine has been invented by a Britisher. It will take dictation, answer the telephone in the absence of the subscriber, report his absence to the caller and take a message which will be repeated when the subscriber returns. It resembles a phonograph and employs cylindrical records.

"Why did you give up pipe organ lessons?"  
"I felt so blooming childish, playing with my feet."—Stanford Chapparral.

### Former Pastor Here Seriously Injured at Lubbock Last Saturday

G. R. Fort, brother of Mayor J. G. Fort, was seriously injured at Lubbock Saturday afternoon about five o'clock when he fell from a scaffold on a building at which he was at work. J. G. and Roscoe Fort left immediately for Lubbock, on being notified of the accident and spent Sunday there.

Rev. Fort is an old settler in Briscoe county and was formerly pastor of the Methodist church here. It is not known now just how serious the injuries may be but he was still partially paralyzed from the fall, at last reports.

**Japs Scrap Ship.**  
TOKYO.—Japan, in accordance with the Washington arms conference treaty, has scrapped the battleship Tosa. It was sunk with aerial bombs under the direction of Japan's "Billy Mitchell."

Maybe This Is Just a Detour



### ACTUAL WORK WILL START AS SOON AS RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TERMINAL ARE SECURED; COMMITTEE AT WORK

Special to the Briscoe County News.  
AUSTIN, March 26.—Extension of the Pecos and North Texas Railroad of Amarillo from Plainview to Silvertown, Briscoe County, is provided in an amendment to the road's charter filed in the secretary of state's department. The road proposes to build the extension between these two points, a distance of thirty-three miles, passing through Hale, Briscoe and touching the corners of Floyd and Swisher counties.

The bonus went over the top late Wednesday night by an almost super human effort on the part of the soliciting committee.

Now all that remains for Silvertown to be absolutely assured of a railroad is the securing of a proper terminal and the right-of-way. If land owners will only realize the benefits of such a railroad into Briscoe county, the committee should encounter no difficulty in securing options on these within a very few days, either as straight out donations or a most reasonable price.

Miner Crawford, Dan Montague and Fred Lemons compose the terminal committee and Dan Montague, J. L. Francis and A. C. Wimberly the right-of-way committee, as appointed at the railroad meeting Monday night.

The meeting Monday night was one of the most successful held so far. Much interest was manifest by the large crowd which completely filled the District Court room. J. A. Bain presided in the chair and Miner Crawford acted as secretary.

Jno. Burson reported for the soliciting committee that \$45,685.00 had been pledged, which was a gain of something like \$4,000.00 over the way it stood last Saturday. During the meeting this amount was raised to slightly above \$48,000.00.

Several Plainview citizens were in attendance at the meeting and were asked to speak.

A. E. Boyd said that there was not an element of chance in the proposition that the great Santa Fe System had made us if the conditions were met. He said that the Interstate Commerce Commission would readily grant a permit for the building of the road and pictured the consequences if Silvertown turned the proposition down. "All you need to have the greatest country in the world is simply give it a chance," he said.

Judge A. B. Martin told of a railroad meeting that he attended in Silvertown 14 years ago and how readily the people "bit" at a promotion scheme that resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars and with nothing to show for it except an old dump that never had a train near it. He emphasized the fact that this is not a promotion scheme of some wild promoter but a pure business proposition by one of the strongest railroads in the world. He said that it would be unlikely that Silvertown could get a trunk line for many years. On account of the natural barriers on the north and east but that we now had a chance which might never come again. He said that we needn't expect any body to give us anything and that we needn't expect to take everything out without putting something in.

Guy Jacob, representing the Plainview committee said that Plainview was ready to close when Silvertown was

Albert G. Hinn, miller from Plainview, explained how the building of the railroad would be a saving in freight rates. He said that there would be no differential on cotton and cattle and a differential of one cent to three cents on such grain and other products to the common points in Texas, in the rate from Silvertown and from other places in the Panhandle.

John Fort complimented the work of the committee and thanked Plainview for their encouragement and help.

Jno. Burson spoke a number of times during the meeting. He said that the greatest hindrance in the way of the Santa Fe proposition was the idea that some people had that there were other railroads that would be more desirable, that could be secured for Silvertown. He branded the Fowell project as a wild dream that was both impossible and improbable of completion and if it could ever be completed it would be very unlikely that it could be operated for any length of time. He stressed the strength of a railway system like the Santa Fe and the fact that the present proposition is purely business as compared with certain other promotion schemes.

### Will Celebrate Rebuilding of Vigo Park Church

Sunday, April 12 is the day set by the citizens of Vigo Park Community for the celebration of the completion of considerable improving and rebuilding of the Methodist Church building there, according to the pastor, Rev. Green B. Patterson.

A big program is being planned for that day when it is expected that one of the largest gatherings held there in years will assemble for the all-day services, with dinner on the ground. Red Hill community will be there in mass. There will be singing in the afternoon. This date also marks the culmination of the Sunday School contest which has been held during the past few weeks and a record attendance is expected on that day.

More than \$300.00 is being spent on rebuilding the church, aside from the labor, which is being contributed by citizens in the community, sometimes as many as 20 men working on the building at one time. The walls were cut down 15 inches and an entirely new bungalow style, roof built. The ceiling and inside walls are being refinished with heavier board which will make the building weather proof and practically as good as new. The church is of an unusually large size for a rural community.

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# Lord Balfour, At Age of 77, Makes Long Pilgrimage To Holy Land To Dedicate Hebrew University



DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN



LORD BALFOUR



LORD ALLENBY

FOR the first time in two thousand years since the Romans laid waste to the country, the Holy Land will be the scene of a gala international celebration when noted scholars and diplomats from many lands will come to Jerusalem to participate in the dedication of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus overlooking the Holy City, April first.

Outstanding in the brilliant array of world-famous men who will participate in the ceremonies is Lord Arthur James Balfour, dean of British statesmen, who, at the age of seventy-seven is making the long pilgrimage from London to Jerusalem to deliver the principal address at the dedication exercises.

Lord Balfour, for many years a champion of the Jewish Homeland movement as British Minister of Foreign Affairs, issued the now famous Balfour Declaration, November 2, 1917, which was the first official endorsement of Zionism by any world power.

Lord Allenby, British High Commissioner to Egypt, will be another personality closely connected with the Zionist movement, who will participate in the exercises. It was the brilliant campaign directed by Lord Allenby which drove the Turks out of the Holy Land during the last few months of the



SIR HERBERT SAMUEL

World War and prepared the way for the modern development of the Jewish Homeland.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish leader chiefly responsible for the success of the movement, and Sir Herbert Samuel, British High Commissioner of Pal-

estine, the first administrator of the country under the British Mandate, will also play an important part in the opening festivities.

American Jews who have been the chief financial supporters of a rebuilt Jewish Homeland, through their contributions to the Palestine Foundation Fund, American Zion Commonwealth, Hadassah, and other agencies, will have the largest representation of any country in the world at the exercises. Over fifteen hundred Jews from the United States will be in Jerusalem for the ceremonies. It is estimated that over five thousand persons, including representatives of leading governments, universities, royal academies and other scholastic bodies, as well as Jewish delegations from every country in the world, will be present.

The United States Consul at Jerusalem will represent the American government at the dedication and will present to the University Library on behalf of the United States Department of State, important Government publications, dealing with educational matters.

Dr. Albert Einstein, world-famous physicist and author of the Theory of Relativity, heads the distinguished group of scholars on the faculty of the University.

## Churches

### Fifth Sunday Meeting

Following is the program for the 5th Sunday Meeting of the Floyd County Baptist Association to be held with the Lone Star Baptist Church, beginning March 27th, at 10 a. m., 1925.

10:00 a. m.—Devotional.—J. S. Barnett.  
10:15 a. m.—The Church as a Teaching Force and the Best Way to Enlist the Members in Attendance.—W. B. Jordan, G. W. Tubbs.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon.—Y. F. Walker.

### Noon

1:00 p. m.—Devotional.—J. W. Sims.  
1:15 p. m.—The Church as a Mission Force.—J. M. Harder, H. M. Reed.

2:00 p. m.—Can an Association Succeed Without a Missionary?—Mitt Bullard, J. C. Scott.

2:45 p. m.—Qualifications of and How to Select a Missionary.—J. W. Saffie. Followed by Round Table Discussion.

3:30 p. m.—Sermon.—W. R. Derr.

### Saturday

9:30 a. m.—Devotional.—George Applewhite.

9:45 a. m.—What Can We Do With Our Delinquent Members?—R. E. L. Muncy.

10:15 a. m.—Woman's Part in Church Work.—Mrs. L. V. Smith, Mrs. Capp Ellison.

11:30 a. m.—Sermon.—R. E. Tension.

### Noon

1:00 p. m.—Board Meeting.

2:00 p. m.—The Security of the Believer.—J. Pat Horton.

3:00 p. m.—Should a Church Celebrate the Lord's Supper in the Absence of the Pastor or Other Ordained Preacher?—Y. F. Walker, J. M. Harder.

8:30 p. m.—Sermon.—Virgil Lemmons.

### Sunday

10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon.—Cal McGahey.

8:30 p. m.—Sermon.—T. Z. Reed.

### New Pews

The new pews for the Baptist church have been finished with the exception of the varnish, and will be used Sunday. There are about thirty of the new seats and they are very substantial. They were built by local men with the pastor, W. M. Draper in charge. Approximately 400 people can now be seated comfortably in the auditorium of the church.

### Special Programs

Special programs will be put on at the Baptist church here Saturday night, April 4, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon April 5, by the Volunteer Band of Wayland College.

There will be quite a number of the ministerial students and others from Plainview that will take part in these programs to which the public is invited. Something out of the ordinary and of a worthwhile nature is promised.

The B. Y. P. U. of the local church is sponsoring this event and will entertain the young people while they are here.

### Go to Church.

There will be preaching Sunday morning and night at the Methodist Church. Every one that is a Methodist in this country is urged to be present Sunday morning for Sunday school and preaching. Or if you have recently moved into this country we urge you to come and worship with us. We want every one to feel welcome to come to church. There should not be a person that does not go to church in this community.

### Revival Meeting

A revival meeting will begin at the Methodist Church on the first Sunday in April. This is to be a revival for every one that loves the Lord, no matter what church you belong to. Come, and feel welcome to take part. Some have not been at church in several months. Why not make a change while you can? Come and let us have a real revival.

### District Conference

The Plainview District conference, of the Methodist church, will convene at Floydada, Texas, Friday, March 27th. Every one that is a delegate is urged to be present at the opening session, or any one that cares to go. There should be a large representation from Silverton present.

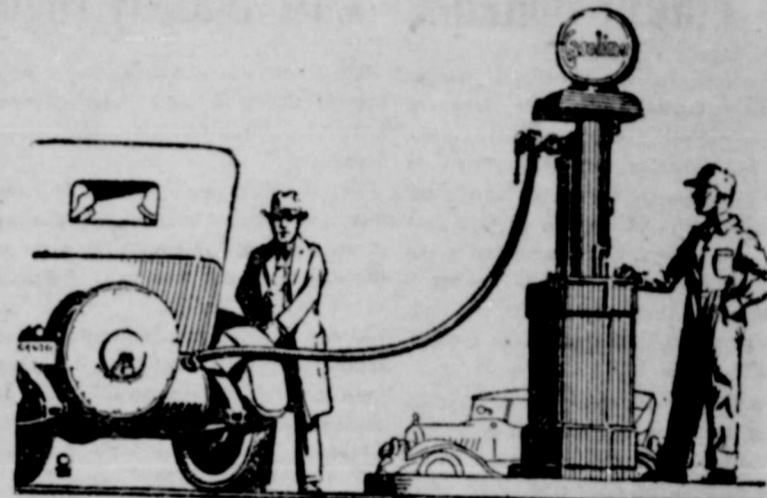
The Epworth League will have a part in the District League program, to be given Sunday afternoon. Every League in the district is supposed to have a part in this program. Silverton will be more than noticed for their part. The League will leave immediately after preaching Sunday morning, in order to be there by two o'clock, at the time of the opening program.

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## Broadway's Beau Brummel Hails From Wyoming



HARRY RICHMAN

Harry Richman Says Most City Slickers Come From Small Towns

New York City.—The Beau Brummel of Broadway is not a product of Fifth Avenue or The Great White Way, but of the "great open spaces" of Wyoming.

Harry Richman, termed New York's best dressed man is a former cowboy.

He now owns the most exclusive night club in the metropolis, and nightly turns away as many as 1000.

as he admits to his much sought after supper club.

He has made fame and fortune as New York's Beau Brummel and has added to his laurels by composing many of the most popular songs of the day.

His "Will You Remember Me" is played everywhere as the smart dance tune.

"Nearly all the men about town in New York come from the small town," he declares. "The only native New Yorker I know is the cashier in a white front eating house."

## Senate Tilt With Coolidge Grand "Show"

BY HARRY B. HUNT  
WASHINGTON, March 25.—Many thousands of dollars could have been gleaned for Uncle Sam's treasury had provision been made for cashing in on the amusement value of the short special session of the Senate which convened March 4.

All the elements of drama, for which folks pay out hard cash, were supplied on a scale that has been equaled by no theatrical presentation seen in this city in a decade.

Daily, long queues of spectators waited in line at the gallery doors for a chance for even a few minutes of the free entertainment provided within.

But it was a case of first come first served, and those who came early and got seats stuck through hour after hour of the show, with the crowds of late comers getting never a look-in.

Would they have paid for admission? Well—one doorman estimated if he had been able to cash in on the pleas personally made to him to "see what he could do," with the hint it would be worth his while, he could have spent the summer vacation on a Mediterranean cruise!

The big crush, of course, came on March 16, when the Senate had agreed to vote for a second time on the Warren nomination, which had previously been lost, due to the mid-afternoon nap of Vice President Dawes.

The Senate was to meet this morning at 10:35. By 8 a. m. Capitol Hill had much the same appearance as on March 4, when President Coolidge was to be inaugurated.

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# LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fogerson and small son Ware, motored through to Blanton last week where they visited Mr. Fogerson's brother Zeph, who is in the grocery business there.

**LOST**—Brown coat belonging to boy 13 years old, on Floydada road. Finder please notify R. M. Hill. (adv.)

James Dunham returned Monday from Quitaque where he spent a few days with former acquaintances and friends.

Mrs. I. M. Cook, of Bryan, Texas, visited at the home of R. L. Buchanan over the week end.

Francis, daughter of R. L. Buchanan, who has been sick with pneumonia, is reported greatly improved.

Mrs. J. F. Ragland left Tuesday for Breckenridge where she will visit her son for several weeks. She ordered the Briscoe County News sent to her there so that she could keep in touch with the progress of Silvertown while away.

Mary Cowart and Bertha May Stevenson spent the week end with Miss Kate Reeves at Lockney.

C. L. Dickerson says that he is going to leave a sweet taste in the mouth of his patrons Monday night with the last show, under his management. The feature picture is to be Reginal Denny in "Sporting Youth," a Universal Jewel attraction which is said to be one of the most entertaining pictures ever shown here.

Mrs. Myrtle Briscoe and Mrs. Luther Fowler spent Monday in Tulsa visiting Mrs. Fowler's sister, Mrs. N. M. Lawler.

Tony Burson is carrying his arm in a sling as a result of being kicked by a car one day last week. The member was fractured in the accident.

W. E. Schott lost forty head of fine cattle last week in an unusual way. The cattle were deboned and some kind of dope was used afterwards which resulted in the death to every head to which it was administered. The cattle were skinned and the hides taken to Amarillo Tuesday.

Quite a little excitement was caused Tuesday morning by the slight blaze in M. K. Summers apartment at J. B. Porters. A fire in the flue burnt a hole in the ceiling but the women folks had the fire under control by the time the crowd which rushed there arrived.

Garlain Cannon and family and Mrs. Bill Hinds of Ft. Worth, spent the week end at the Max Crawford. Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Hinds are sisters of Mrs. Crawford.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Ed Crawford, of Tulsa, visited their son Max here Monday and attended the railroad meeting Monday night.

Mrs. Jim Bonlar was taken to Plainview last week for a consultation to determine whether or not she would undergo an operation. It was decided not to operate immediately.

R. Sedgwick was operated on in Plainview last week. He is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mrs. A. Buntiso was in town from the J. H. Burson ranch Friday.

White Sedgwick and family from San Antonio are here, being called to the bedside of his father who was recently operated on.

Mrs. Bob Dixon visited in Plainview last week.

Prof. James Williams and family, also Miss Heath and Miss Berry visited in Plainview Saturday.

J. L. Stodghill and family, from Munday were visiting with his brother R. H. Stodghill here last week. Mr. Stodghill is figuring on buying a piece of land and if he can make a trade will move to Briscoe County in the near future.

R. S. and C. A. Barton are other prospectors from Munday who were here during the past week.

Bert Douglass and family spent Sunday in Canyon City where they visited Mr. Douglass' mother, Mrs. L. C. Douglass. They returned to Silvertown Monday afternoon.

**Wants to Buy Land**  
I have a buyer for 80 acres, 160 acres, 320 acres, improved or unimproved, located from Silvertown, west or south. Must be worth the money and easy terms. Give price, terms, legal description in first letter. Write JIM LASH, Lobby Westland Hotel, Plainview, Texas.

J. N. Graves, his son Ballard and his sister, Mrs. Williams and her daughter Clara, spent Sunday in Matador visiting Mr. Graves' son and daughter, Philip Graves and Mrs. Fay Clements.

Johnnie and Bonnie Jenkins from Gasoline, and their mother from O'Dell, were visiting in Silvertown last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Smith of Canyon, who formerly lived in Silvertown, were visiting friends here last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Jackson and little daughter Dorothy, returned from Amarillo Saturday where they visited a brother, Sam Laster and a sister, Mrs. Morton.

A. B. Carter has built a new room on to his home at his farm 4 miles east of town. Mr. Carter is one of the men who came to the Silvertown country last year, bought a farm and paid for it from the first crop.

Clay Fowler has returned to his work at the Burson Motor Co., after an absence of almost three weeks while he has been attending the bedside of his wife who has been seriously ill with pneumonia. She is much improved at this time, her friends are pleased to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Heald, went to Floydada last Saturday. They attended a regular meeting of the Primitive Baptist church at Cone, Crosby county, Sunday. Mr. Heald says that the matter of organizing an association was discussed. He reports that several Briscoe county families were in attendance and that it is a probability that a church will be established in this county soon.

W. C. Smithee is the local manager of the wholesale oil station recently established here by the Magnolia Petroleum Company. A new warehouse has been built on the back of the Silvertown Milling Co.'s lot. Gasoline, coaloil and lubricating oils are handled and distributed to various filling stations and garages throughout the county.

Duck Connor has recently completed a residence for Emmett Puckett.

J. R. Holman, who has lived in the Haylake community for 25 years will leave next week for National City, California, where his children reside.

D. M. Morgan, the real estate man, is building a house on his place, 4 1/2 miles southwest of town. He has rented his farm to E. C. Jeffries of Wellington who will move here soon.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson, who live on the W. H. Newman place, died Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Castleberry of Eldorado spent last Friday and Saturday here visiting Mrs. Castleberry's mother Mrs. Biffie Fort.

## Budget Cut Of 11 Million Is Now Seen

**BY BASCOM N. TIMMONS**  
WASHINGTON, March 24.—Congressional reduction of the budget estimates by \$11,125,000 in the last session, proclaimed by administration leaders in the Senate and House as the result of tightening the Government purse strings, is more apparent than real. This is the explanation of the reduction given today at the Budget Bureau.

Chairman Madden, of the House Appropriations Committee; Representative Longworth, floor leader and Speaker-elect, and Senator Smooth recently pointed to a "saving" of \$11,125,837.08 through reduction of the Budget Bureau's estimates by Congress.

It was explained at the bureau that Congress appropriated only \$150,000,000 for refunding, in the fiscal years 1925 and 1926, of illegally collected taxes, whereas the budget estimates were for \$162,000,000. This difference of \$12,000,000, it was pointed out, accounts for the "reduction."

The budget has recommended each year \$12,000,000 for the refunding of taxes, although it has been known that more would be necessary. The \$12,000,000 item has been included in the regular budget, because it could not be determined so early how much more would be required, and the difference has been made up in supplemental estimates.

In the last session, after having recommended \$12,000,000 for refunding purposes, the Budget Bureau sent in supplemental estimates for \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,000 respectively. Congress enacted the supplemental estimates in a deficiency measure, after eliminating the original request from the Treasury Department appropriation bill.

Of course, reductions in the budget estimates were effected in various appropriation bills, but they were made up by increases in other measures. Thus, Congress cut \$725,000 from the estimates of the war frauds section of the Department of Justice, but increased its own salary list at a cost of nearly twice that amount.

Still impartial observers contend it is not the reduction in budget estimates or the comparison of early appropriations, or the amount of surplus at the end of the fiscal year that is to be taken as a measure of economy, but actual expenditures.

If appropriations are to be taken as the basis of comparison, the fund appropriated for 1926, for instance, may be much less than was appropriated for the fiscal year 1925. But later on this difference may be more than made up in deficiency measures for 1925.

On the other hand, if the Treasury surplus were to be used as a measure of economy, the Administration with a large majority on Congress might appropriate far more than it was known would be required, and then at the end of the year point to money that had not been spent.

## Society

**Mrs. Wright Entertains**  
One of the most enjoyable social events of recent dates was the party given by Mrs. C. D. Wright last Thursday night, honoring her friend Miss Carabel Biffie and the younger teachers of the school here.

Four receiving rooms were tastefully decorated with white and pink blossoms bringing to the attention of those present the fact that spring in all its glory is really here.

Two dozen guests enjoyed the games of 42 which were played until a late hour when delightful refreshments were served consisting of sandwiches, fruit salad a la mode, fruit punch and angel food cake.

**To Give Shower**  
Friends are giving a shower for Mrs. Floyd Wood, nee Ethel Beavers, Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bill Smith.

This popular young couple was married last Saturday night a week ago, and are keeping house at the home of Mr. Smith's father northeast of town.

Miss Eva Gardner of Vigo Park who has been attending school at Union Hill has returned to her home, made necessary on account of the fact that her mother has not been enjoying the best of health lately.

## U. S. Facing Prosperous Era Says Coolidge

WASHINGTON, March 24.—That business throughout the United States is in a healthy condition, was the report made at a cabinet meeting today by President Coolidge and various cabinet members. They reported that a prosperous year seemed to be facing the United States.

**Fuller Yet Slimmer**  
The spring dresses are fuller than we have been accustomed to, but they give a slimmer silhouette, because it is achieved without severity or apparent effort.

Appropriate far more than it was known would be required, and then at the end of the year point to money that had not been spent.



## Throw It Away Now---Beg It Back Later!

Man cannot change the laws of nature. Just as sure as night follows day will poverty and hardship follow persistent extravagance. You can't beat the game!

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The new machines are:

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SOUND ADVICE

Jno. Burson struck a keynote Monday night at the railroad meeting when he warned the property owners of Silverton against holding their property too high.

If the proposed railroad becomes a reality, Silverton is bound to boom for awhile—but, there is a limit to what real estate is worth in a small town.

If you have property and find a buyer for it at a good price, take Mr. Burson's advice and SELL. You don't have to sell it all, but sell a part of it at a live and let live price, if the buyer will agree to put up a building on the property immediately.

You would then make your profit on the increased value of adjacent holdings. Mr. Burson said that his property was on the market at a reasonable figure and the only conditions were that building restrictions be stipulated in the deed, on business property, requiring brick buildings to be erected.

TERMINAL AND RIGHT OF WAY

If the committees that are at work now on securing options on a terminal and right-of-way for the proposed railroad from Plainview, meet with success, it looks like Silverton will soon be connected to the outside world by steel rails that will carry the wheels of progress and prosperity into our county.

The editor is "sold" on Briscoe county!

Not only on the land, the climate, the water and the weather, but on the people, than which there are no better on the face of the globe—and he's been around a bit too.

The friendly hand clasp, the familiar nod, the clear, straight look they give you in the eye; I'll tell you people, it makes a man feel that he had come to God's country.

There is a spirit of optimism here—the right kind. Not simply because things are coming our way now, but an optimism that has enabled men such as A. P. Donnell, who has just recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary, to live here for a third of a century, through thick and thin, and still have a bright, cheery outlook on life.

Silverton is located on one of the best stretches of the Ozark Trail.

FORWARD OR BACKWARD?

We cannot stand still! We either go forward or backward, when it comes to community growth and development.

It is a lamentable fact that in nearly every city there are a meagre few that are against EVERYTHING. They are natural born "antis". They are "a-gin it," sometimes on account of ignorance but most of the time from pure cussedness.

The editor actually heard one fellow say that he hoped we wouldn't get the railroad for he knew we wouldn't get the mail but once a day then. Can you imagine such a narrow minded view? But it doesn't do any good to argue with that kind of people.

But the worst thing about the chronic anti is that some situations are influenced and impeded by him, and the dissenting vote of a few in the community give grounds for others to dodge the issue. Take, for instance, the railroad bonus. There are a few property owners here who would profit incalculably, that will not come in for any ways near the amount that the committee knows they should.

Again, consider the effect that an insignificant minority opposition has had on the bill to give Silverton the right to have a slight say as to how much money she can spend on her schools. If we do not become an independent school district it will be because there were a "measly few 'a-gin it."

The nicest compliment the new Briscoe County News has had is the fact that more than a hundred copies of its first issue have been mailed by various individuals to friends and relatives, out of town.

Tule Canyon, a master piece of nature, produced by the erosive forces, through centuries of time, and located a few miles northwest of Silverton, is a distinct liability of this city that can be made into one of its greatest assets.

The editor and family, piloted by the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, made a trip through the canyon last Saturday, and for sheer grandeur and awe inspiring scenery, we have never seen anything compare with it in the much reputed Palo Duro.

The canyon is a liability in that it is a barrier that separates from one of the richest sections of the county, thereby cutting some very desirable trade that is rightfully ours.

It can be made into a valuable asset as a scenic drive that will attract tourists, who are every one a prospective resident, from all over the country.

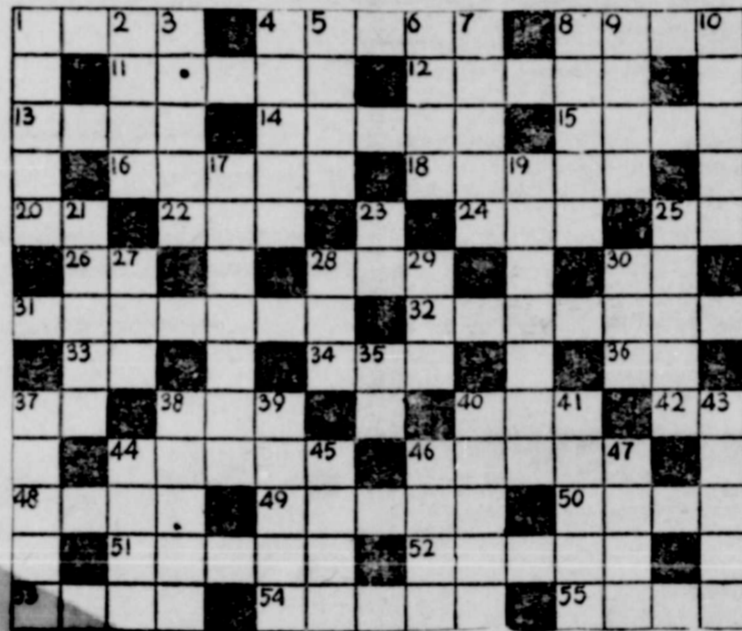
A few thousand dollars judiciously spent in improving the road through Tule Canyon will solve both these problems.



THE BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

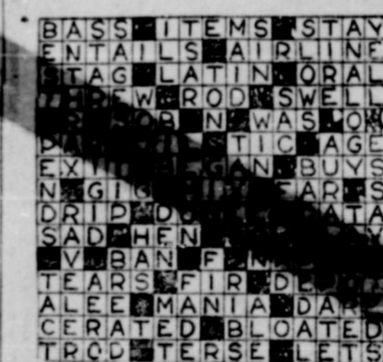
Correct solution will appear in next week's News

Here's a puzzle with many unkeyed letters in. The avoidance of obsolete words, proper names, prefixes and suffixes make up for this weakness. The worst stumbling block is 14 horizontal.



- Horizontal
1. A piece of timber set upright in the ground.
4. What many husbands and wives do.
8. A small lance or spear.
11. To slip slowly away.
12. Pertaining to the nose.
13. A small, quiet body of water.
14. Annoying things.
15. A certain amount of work.
16. A tropic tree, the leaves and nuts of which are chewed by natives.
18. A large room in a Roman house.
20. In a like manner.
22. Male offspring.
24. To dull.
25. Otherwise.
26. Exist.
27. Cleopatra killed herself with one.
30. A form of the verb "to be."
31. Soliciting alms.
32. Revised or translated.
33. Identical with 20 horizontal.
34. The finish.
36. Half of an em.
37. Masculine singular pronoun.
38. A geographic delineation.
40. Low, flat, marshy land covered with grass.
42. Identical with 33 horizontal.
44. Cotton is shipped in them.
46. Measures of distance.
47. A fish-eating bird of the north. (Who's —y now?)
49. Garments worn by senators.
50. A relief from work.
51. A wanderer.
52. What dad does to get rid of his whiskers.
53. At any time.
54. People as distinguished from clergy.
55. To prepare for publication.

Answer to last week's Crossword Puzzle.



- Vertical
1. Heads of the Roman Catholic church.
2. A slovenly person. (A vulgarism in an otherwise pure puzzle.)
3. Stories.
4. A tree whose leaves tremble in the slightest breeze.
6. To stagger. (Also a word used in the movie industry.)
7. A poetic word for to.
8. Made comfortable.
9. The singular of "data."
10. An exclamation of surprise.

New Brick Filling Station Being Built on South Main St.

C. C. Blackwell is building a big, modern, brick filling station and tourist rest room on Main street just across the street from the Floyd County Lumber Company's new building.

The building is to cost about \$3500 according to Mr. Blackwell, and will be modern in every particular. In addition to a ladies rest room there will be several rooms available for tourists. It will occupy a lot 75x150 feet. Mr. Blackwell says that he will probably have the agency for Dodge automobiles and that he will carry a full line of oils, greases, tires, and auto accessories.

For Women Only
LONDON—A law requiring railroads to operate trains with special compartments for women only is being sought by women's organizations of Great Britain. They claim it is necessary to protect women while traveling alone.

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# QUITAQUE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## Much Building and Improving Going on Around Quitaque

Since the establishment of the Quitaque Lumber Company here, many citizens are taking advantage of the fact and doing some sadly neglected building and improving. Heretofore it had been unhandy to get a small bill of lumber, especially. J. O. McBride, local manager reports a number of bills sold recently.

Guy Lewis is doing considerable improving on his place north of town.

T. E. Clark has started a neat cottage in Quitaque.

Amos Persons is having a house put up on one of his farms east of town.

J. L. Martin is building a house east of town.

G. C. Morris has hauled out lumber for making improvements on his place south of town.

W. S. Gregg is building a large brooder house on his farm south of town. We understand that Mr. Gregg is going into the chicken business quite extensively.

W. P. Hawkins is making additions and improvements on his home one and a half mile south of town.

Work is progressing rapidly on the sheds of the Quitaque Lumber Co.

G. Tunnell & Sons have completed their store building and expect to move in this week.

### Quitaque Items

Hugh Robertson, who carries the mail from Lockney to Quitaque has been detained from his duties by a severe case of tonsillitis.

R. O. Stark and wife from Lockney visited with Orin Stark and family Sunday.

E. E. Burgess, druggist, has gone to south Texas for an extended outing. The trip is being made for the benefit of his health which has been very poor for the past few months. Communications from him are to the effect that he is having a big time.

Amos Persons and wife attended church at Cone, Texas, Crosby County, last Sunday.

James Dunham of Silverton, who formerly lived at Quitaque, visited friends here through the week end.

The health of the community is greatly improved over the few weeks ago, according to Dr. Rumph.

The slump in railroad talk hasn't affected the building boom here.

Mrs. Lowe has opened a neat little cafe on the south side of the street.

There was an extra big crowd in town Saturday.

### Royal Anniversary.

TOKYO—The emperor and empress of Japan will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary on May 1. He will present gifts to worthy Japanese people above the age of 90 during the celebration.

### Cheats Doctor



If there's anything to this "apple-a-day" rhyme then little Margaret Tilley should be sitting pretty. The apples come from the famous \$5,000 tree of her father who grows them in the West Virginia mountains and who is exhibiting them in a New York show.

### Quitaque School Items

The Quitaque school is running on greased wheels and is entering the last two months with everything going nicely. The scholastic enumeration for the year 1924-25 was only 253. There have been enrolled about 340 pupils in the school this year. Due to this fact, it has been crowded, but considering the circumstances, things have gone well, due in a great measure to the hearty cooperation of the High School students.

The High School has tried the experiment of self-government, and for the first year it has been successful to a marked degree. With the additional funds coming in next year for the 365 scholars, at least two more teachers will be needed and a great year is promised.

Preparations for the annual Briscoe County Meet have been started, and a cordial invitation to people from all parts of the county is extended by the Flats. The Meet is to be held on the 10th and 11th of April at Quitaque, and the only thing that will keep it from being a huge success will be one of the periodical sandstorms that usually come on that date. Public schools from over the county are especially urged to send representatives for all events possible.

The high school students remember the defeats administered to them last year by Silverton, and are determined to change things considerably this year. The one expression heard in school is: "Let's show the folks of Briscoe County what constitutes real hospitality, but beat Silverton." Four it on 'em!

The students of the Silverton High School will present their Senior play in the Quitaque auditorium on Friday evening at eight o'clock, and the general public is cordially invited. We are always glad to help out the schools of Briscoe county and we are sure they will give everyone an enjoyable evening.

A pageant, "The History of Texas" will be given at chapel on Wednesday morning by the fifth and sixth grades. Miss Wise spent a great deal of time and labor on this, and it will be an assured success.

An application has been made for an inspection and for a classification of the Quitaque schools as a first class high school. Any conditions will be

met during the summer, and plans are being made to start the work of affiliating the high school subjects with the State University and other colleges in Texas. It is hoped that this can be done during the next two years. Until this is done, there will be offered the state examinations for college credits and in this way, students may keep their work standardized from year to year.

The election for three school board members will be held at the school building on Saturday, April 4th. Those whose terms are expiring are Amos Persons, Jno. A. Johnson and A. L. Patterson. These men have served faithfully, and the school as a whole requests the people to show their appreciation by putting them back for a second term.

Adhering strictly to the principle that the best comes first, Chapel will be conducted on Wednesday April 1st

(April Fools Day) by the members of the Freshmen class. If you don't think we have the peppiest class in school, come and look us over.

Honors for the Senior class will be determined by the examinations for the fifth term, which ends on Friday, April 3rd. This is done to allow the Honor Students to prepare their addresses for the Commencement exercises on May 17th. A gold medal will be presented to the winner by E. E. Burgess.

The schedule for the events in the County Meet will be published in this column next week. Watch it.

### Back Anti-Chinese Law.

MANILA—The Philippine bookkeeping law requiring that accounts of merchants shall be kept in English, Spanish or native dialect has been declared unconstitutional by the Philippine supreme court. It was aimed at Chinese merchants. An appeal will be taken to the U. S. supreme court.

## Announcement---

This will announce that we have the agency for the

## New Chevrolet MOTOR CARS

for Quitaque and vicinity, and that we have opened a first class garage and service station in the building formerly occupied by the Parker Motor Co. We handle Goodyear Tires Gas and Oil.

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## New Lumber Yard For Quitaque

We are pleased to announce that we have opened a new first-class lumber yard in Quitaque, from which we can give the very best of service.

We are well-acquainted with the needs of the people of the Quitaque section, and plan to maintain a yard that will fill the needs of the country.

We will have three points in our platform by which we hope to merit your patronage:

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CUSTOMERS ARE SATISFIED  
OUR SERVICE WILL BE ONLY THE BEST  
OUR PRICES WILL BE IN LINE WITH ANY-  
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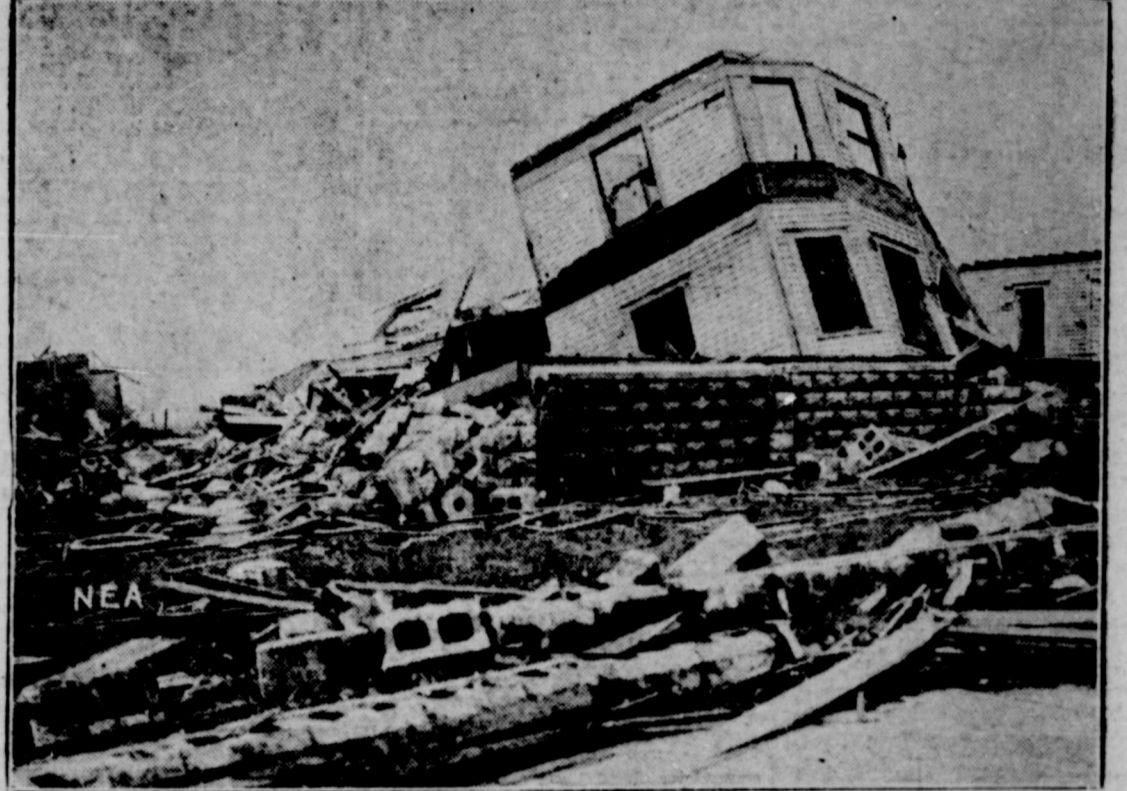
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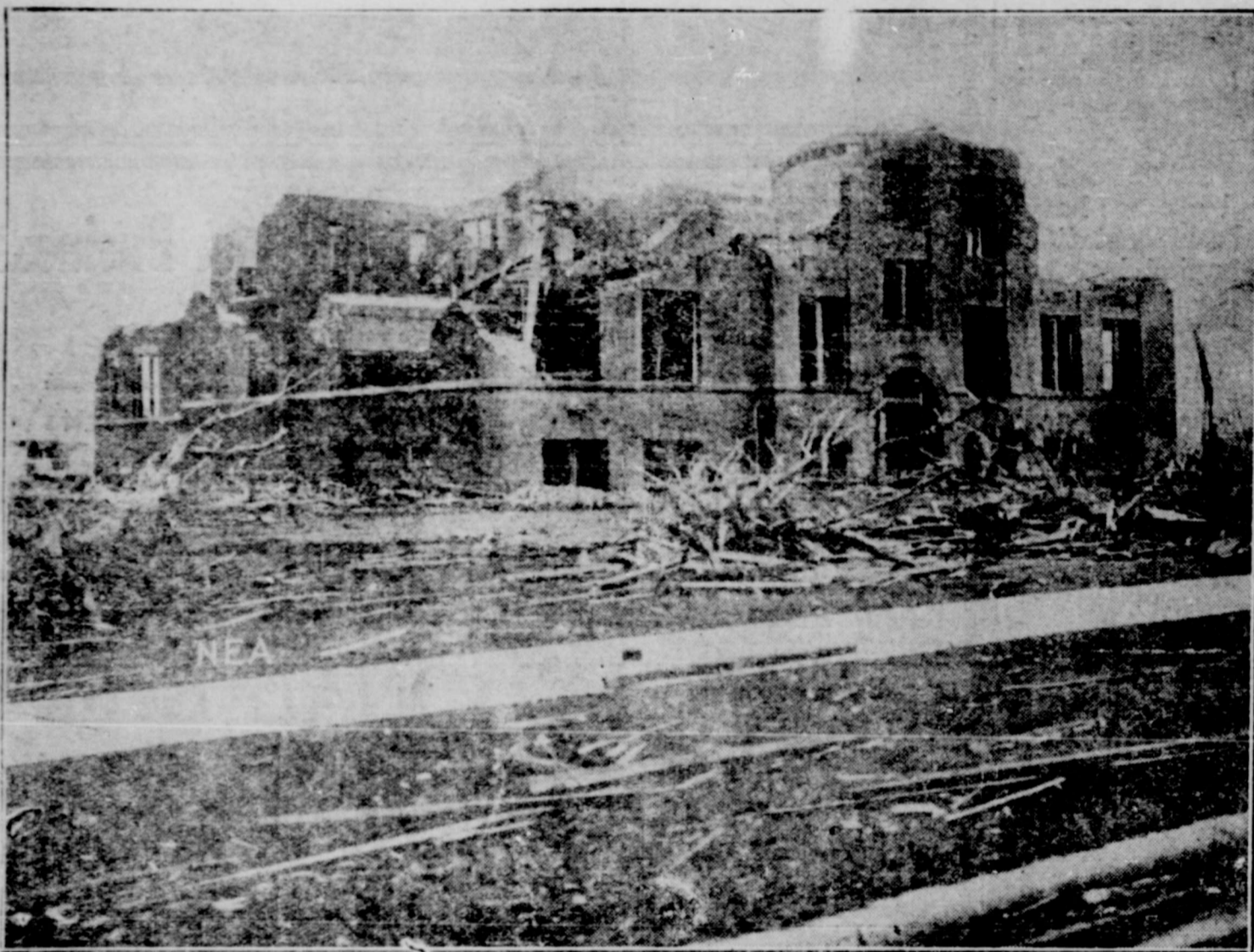
# ILLINOIS STORM LEAVES DEVASTATED WAKE



What was once the main street of Frankfort, Ill., reduced now to nothing but a pile of twisted debris and desolation, following the ruin and death that visited the town during the terrific tornado of March 15.



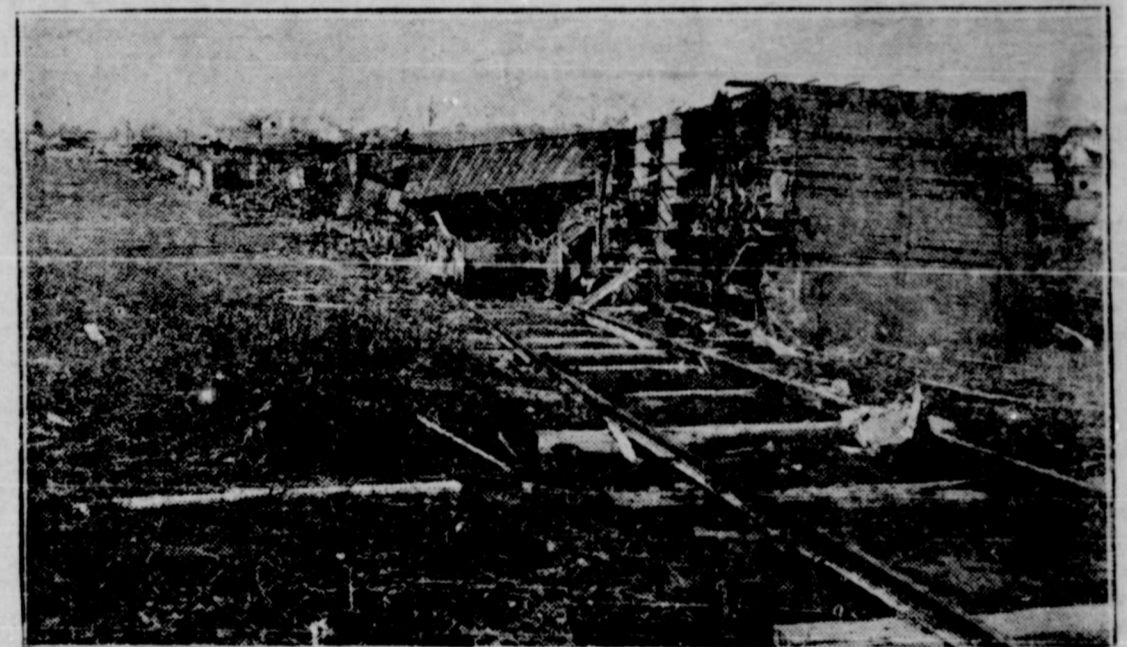
The efforts of a lifetime were smashed to bits by the tornado which crushed in houses like so many eggshells and left a trail of death and havoc in its wake. This picture, taken at Murphysboro, Ill., one of the towns hardest hit by the twister, gives some concept of the tornado's fury. Note the solid concrete walls in the foreground snatched from their foundations and hurled far and wide.



Ruins of the Longfellow grade school at Murphysboro, Ill., where approximately 70 children were crushed to death when a tornado of unprecedented fury swept through the town, snatched off the roof of the building and piled the dead and injured in heaps.



Pupils had just left this school at Griffin, Ind., when the storm tore out a wall of a room, leaving the room intact.



Freight and coal cars were lifted from the tracks and overturned at Princeton, Ind.



Number Three—This is the first picture to come from Annapolis, Mo., where the tornado of March 15 marshaled its winds of death and havoc and sent them tearing through five States, whose death toll from the disaster totals approximately 100.



A little dog was the only survivor of a family at Griffin, Ind. The dog was sitting in the ruins when found by rescue squads.



All that's left of the Kokomo restaurant at Griffin, Ind., where six perished.



Here is a view of Main street at Griffin, Ind., after the storm.



The storm played strange pranks. Here is a house turned on its side and lodged between two trees on the Main street of Griffin. The glass windows were not broken.

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**Mother Nature is House Cleaning**

*A Little Head Work Saves a Lot of Hand Work  
With Illustrations from Life*



IT'S cleaning time! Dame Nature is putting the spring breezes to work sweeping up the dead leaves; the streams are running away with the winter rubbish; there are fresh green carpets everywhere, and it's time for the housekeeper to make the inside of the house match what's outside.

We no longer have a mad orgy of housecleaning, spring and fall. We keep clean the year round, thanks to our labor saving appliances. But you do need to "mop up" along with nature when spring comes and if you want to save wear and tear on temper, muscles and nerves, get the proper tools to work with, don't go at it bare handed.

Every woman owes herself good pure soaps that don't redden and dry the hands; special brushes, with easy-to-clean strong bristles and suitable handles; a vacuum cleaner that swallows the dirt it raises, and dusting cloths that gather dust instead of spreading it abroad, as did the wicked old feather duster; wall

and ceiling mops that are set flat and don't wobble; floor mops that don't flop and wringers that can't splash, so that you need neither reach and stretch nor stoop and crawl, to conquer dirt, wherever it may hide.

What with a pair of coarse cotton gloves, a vacuum cleaner, good long handled mops and an efficient wringer, you can come through the Spring housecleaning ordeal as blithely as Dame Nature herself, and not even damage your manicure, to say nothing of keeping your temper unfrayed, your hands white, your back unbroken, and your family's affections undimmed.

Cleanliness is closer to godliness than ever, now that we know that dirt is dangerous as well as ugly. But there is no virtue in being a martyr to the cause, if you can be clean and carefree too. Get your cleansers and cloths, your brooms and brushes, your mops and pails and wringer, all in order and then sail in—and watch the dirt sail out!



**Silverton Pioneers Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Donnell celebrated their Golden Anniversary at their home in Silverton February 28. They are 74 and 71 years old respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnell came to Briscoe county in September, 1891, more than 35 years ago, and settled on their farm four miles west of town where they lived for 18 years. They have been living in their present home near the edge of town for 15 years. Mr. Donnell is one of Briscoe county's most highly respected citizens and has always taken a vital interest in civic affairs.

There are four children and 12 grand children, all of whom were present at the celebration. The children are: Dr. C. E. Donnell and L. A. Donnell of Canyon, Mrs. D. H. Alexander of Lamessa and Mrs. R. J. Alexander of Tulla. These together with their families and friends from Silverton and community brought the total of those in attendance to nearly 75.

The principal event of the day, of course was the bounteous spread that was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Donnell had prepared quite a sumptuous dinner herself and to it was added delicious contributions from the various children. There was plenty for all and those that stayed for supper did not have to go away hungry.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnell were the recipients of many beautiful and practical gifts on this enjoyable occasion.

The News joins with all of their friends in this section in wishing this grand old couple many more happy and profitable years.

**Fighting in Die.**

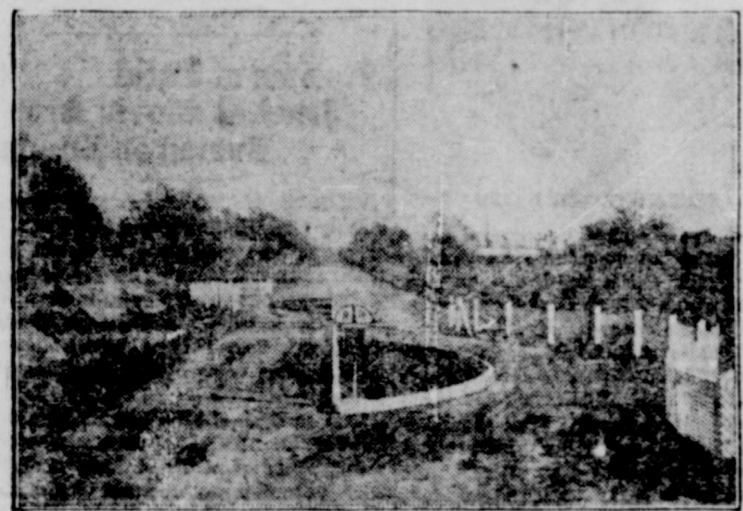
TOKYO—Several bitter fist fights between members have marked the current session of the Japanese diet. On one occasion several guards who attempted to separate the fighting members were severely bruised.

**Dainty Wearer of Afternoon Dress of Polka Dot Pussy-Willow Silk Has Doll To Match Costume**



This afternoon frock attracted much attention at a fashion revue held in New York at which all the creations were exclusively American.

**Motorists Must Slow Up and Live at This Grade Crossing**



"Slow up and Live!" That's the idea behind this grade crossing safety device recently developed by engineers of the Florida State Road Department and installed at a crossing of the Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Railroad at Cottondale, Fla.

The island causes a curve to the right and compels motorists to slow up to make the remaining bend in the road before crossing the tracks. The Page Hi-Way guard at the outside of the road is a heavy resilient wire link fence installed to keep the car from crashing

onto the tracks in case the driver cannot slow up to make the crossing safely. It has stopped cars traveling as fast as 45 miles an hour.

The accident toll at grade crossings since 1916 totals more than 15,000 lives in the United States. Slowing up at each crossing to look for approaching trains is a precaution highly recommended by the American Railway Association, the National Safety Council and other organizations co-operating in the grade crossing safety campaign.

**Couzens Probe Has Developed Into Eruption**

BY CHARLES F. STEWART

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Of course Mount Pelee never really was extinct. It was supposed to be, but as a matter of fact the molten lava and the poison gas and all the other terrible forces which were to wreak such havoc when finally they did tear loose, were just bottled up inside.

On the surface everything was peace and perfect loveliness—and then, ker-flooy! with the worst bang in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, the mountains entire contents few miles and miles into the air.

The Couzens investigation of the internal revenue bureau of the Treasury Department has acted just like that.

There was a slight eruption at the start. The administration senators didn't want any investigation into one of the administration's own departments. They were aware some mighty unpleasant stuff certainly would be dug up.

Possibly they weren't particularly worried about income taxes, but the prohibition unit also is one of the subdivisions of the internal revenue bureau and only very unsophisticated people are ignorant of the fact that the prohibition unit can't undergo investigation with any degree of advantage to itself.

**Wanted It Dropp'd**

However, the administration senators weren't in control. The Progressive-Democratic alliance was and investigations just suited the alliance's book.

Nevertheless, the administration forces did manage to get two of their own men on the committee—Senators Watson and Ernst.

Senator Jones of New Mexico and Senator King were the Democratic members. As Democrats, they have been in favor of the inquiry, but not especially enthusiastic about it, as Senator Couzens the fifth member and real investigator, was.

The job of Senators Watson and Ernst was to put the "hush" on the inquiry. They took a perfunctory look into the situation and then announced that there didn't seem to be anything to investigate.

They suggested—insisted, indeed—that the whole thing be dropped. Senators Couzens, Jones and King wouldn't stand for this. There was considerable squabbling. That was the eruption referred to.

Then things quieted down. Senators Watson and Ernst hadn't succeeded in putting the internal fires out, but they had succeeded in stopping up the vent.

**Off Flew the Lid**

Perhaps this was bad business. First

rather tremendous force. These fires did. The other day they blew the whole top of the investigational volcano off.

Like this: Senator Couzens said the treasury had let certain big corporations off to the tune of millions of dollars of income taxes they ought to have paid.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon said Senator Couzens was between 10 and 11 millions "shy" on income tax payments himself.

Senator Couzens said Secretary Mellon was trying to scare him into dropping the investigation.

Senator Ernst said Senator Couzens was persecuting Secretary Mellon—and unjustly, too.

Senator Couzens said "prohibition unit agents have been in touch with" Senator Ernst "hour by hour," that records of the investigating committee "have disappeared . . . and been lost" and that "undoubtedly" the prohibition agents "were informed by the senator from Kentucky, so that they might do these things."

Senator Ernst then asked the Senate's permission to call another senator—guess who—"a willful, malicious, wicked liar."

If that isn't an eruption, what is? More will be heard of the Couzens investigation yet.

**Own Murder Is Foretold By Analyst**

VIENNA, March 25.—Dr. Hug-Helmuth, famous woman psycho-analyst, probed the mind of her nephew and foretold her own death at his hands. Her prediction proved accurate.

Rudolph Hug, aged nineteen, has been sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment for strangling his aunt during her sleep.

Legal, medical and scientific circles have been greatly interested in the case particularly so since Dr. Helmuth is a disciple of Freud.

Shortly before her death Dr. Helmuth wrote to a friend:

"My whole life now is an expectation of a blow. I am terribly uneasy. I see myself with him standing before me and then squeezing me around the throat."

Dr. Helmuth lived in terror for some weeks, and one night the boy, Rudolph, entered her room and strangled her. His motive for the crime, he stated, was that he resented his aunt's experiments on him and the ruthless exposure of his childhood in a book she had written on the value of psycho-analysis. Rudolph was placed in the care of his aunt when his parents died, and despite his careful supervision on Freudian lines, grew to

**School Notes**

The Senior Class is working every night on the play "Nothing But the Truth," to be staged at Quitaque Friday night, March 27. The cast is well selected and each member is striving to make the play a success for the Quitaque Audience.

The boys have begun work in earnest for the class track meet to be held soon. We wonder which class will win the banner? (Sophomores? Juniors? Seniors? Freshmen?)

A few members of the cast, "Nothing But the Truth" will visit Quitaque High School this week, advertising the play.

Eugene Sedwick, an ex-student of Silverton High School, visited chapel Friday morning.

The following students have been absent from school on account of sickness: Haynes McLendon, Ruth Brown, Arthur Thomas, Stella Dean, and Willis Brown.

Rev. Wilson gave an interesting talk at chapel last Monday morning. He said, "In order for you to be of service to the world, you must give your best. Your life must be burned out in service for the world as the match is burned out in giving out light."

Mr. Carrol Dale, Miss Rose Ella Dale, Miss Marie Dodson, Mr. Virgil Dodson, The Mrs. Pattons, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayfield, formed a theater party and went to Tulla Saturday evening.

Can you tell the absolute truth for twenty-four hours? Come see Bob Burnett tell the truth, and then answer the question again. At Quitaque, March 27, "Nothing But the Truth."

**EXPERTS TEST AIRPLANES FOR FLIGHT TO POLE**

OSLO, Norway, March 21.—Successful tests have been carried out by the first of the two airplanes which Captain Roald Amundsen will use in his flight to the North Pole. The trial was conducted at Pisa by Lieutenant Dietrichsen, who is to pilot one of the machines when the actual flight is made.

A second airplane, now nearing completion, is to be tested shortly and should it pass the test both machines will be packed and shipped to Spitzbergen. Captain Amundsen intends to start on the flight to the Pole about June 1.

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## School Play "Bashful Mr. Bobbs" Plays to Appreciative Crowd

The Play, a 3-act comedy drama,  
"Bashful Mr. Bobbs," given for the  
benefit of the Domestic Arts Depart-  
ment last Friday night at the school  
auditorium, netted \$48 which will be us-  
ed to help defray the expenses of the  
five girls who will represent Silvertown  
at the state contests.

A large and appreciative audience  
was in attendance and gave a liberal ap-  
plause to the young actors and musi-  
cians.

Preceding the play and between acts  
the crowd was entertained by an or-  
chestra composed of D. L. Morgan,  
saxophone; Eloise Morgan, piano; Mar-  
garet Morgan, Ukelele and Clair Meek-  
er, traps. This organization presented  
popular tunes in a most pleasing and  
professional manner and much favorable  
comment was heard concerning their  
renditions.

Carroll Dale and Eugene Simpson took  
the house down with their parody on  
the famous radio song, "How Do You  
Do?" given as a prelude to the show.  
Ruby Bomar and Anna Burson sang  
some jazzy songs in a jazzy way that  
made a hit, between acts.

The play itself was purely comedy,  
built around the embarrassing situa-  
tions in which "The Bashful Mr. Bobbs"  
found himself through the none too dis-  
creet actions of his millionaire cousin.

The parts were admirably cast and  
aside from a few unnecessary giggles  
and forgetting of lines, were well acted.  
Ruby Bomar, as Mrs. Wiggins and True  
Burson, as Obadiah Stump carried the  
heavy comedy and Miss Bomar was  
easily the star of the show.

The cast of characters was as follows:  
Bashful Mr. Bobbs.....Jonnie McLendon  
Marston Bobbs.....Wilt Hardcastle  
Kathleen Henderson.....Maxine Frieze  
Frederick Henderson Thomas E. Daniels  
Jean Graham.....Eloise Morgan  
Rosalee Carmack.....Iris Crawford  
Francis Whittier.....Lora Fyeatt  
Celestia Vanderpool.....Anna Burson  
Mrs. Wiggins.....Ruby Bomar  
Obadiah Stump.....True Burson  
Julia.....Marion Breaker

### No Race Suicide Here.

TOKYO—The Japanese population is  
increasing at the rate of 1.2 per cent  
a year or at the rate of about 733,000  
persons. The birth rate in Japan is  
higher than in any other nation in  
which vital statistics are kept.

### Gasoline News Items

L. J. Bedwell, R. O. McDermitt, Mr.  
J. F. and Earl Wise attended the rail-  
road meeting at Turkey, Saturday.

Mrs. McKnight and children of Des-  
demonia came in Monday for a visit  
with her mother Mrs. Shughart.

Tom Young and family and Mrs.  
Chesher and children of Turkey visited  
L. J. Bedwell and family Sunday.

C. N. Tracy and family left Friday for  
Stratford to see his brother.

Mrs. Earl Wise is at Childs this  
week visiting friends and relatives.

Clarence Stevenson, son of J. A.  
Stevenson, left Saturday for Eastland  
to see his sister, Mrs. Johnnie B. Scott.

Mrs. Jenkins left Monday for her  
home at Odell after spending several  
days here with her children.

Leslie Bond, little son of Tom Bond,  
has been quite sick with chickenpox, but  
is much better at this writing.

O. L. Baisden made a trip to Memphis  
Saturday.

L. J. Bedwell made a business trip  
to Memphis Friday, returning Saturday.

Several of our people attended the  
program at Flornot Friday evening.

Miss Roberta Campbell, Miss Bonnie  
Jenkins, her brother and mother, spent  
the week end at Silvertown.

G. J. Whiteham has his new resi-  
dence completed. Mr. Morris has moved  
in.

B. L., J. E., J. B., and N. V. Chand-  
ler and Clyde Morrison went to Deep  
Lake fishing Saturday, but reported not  
many fish.

J. L. Tracy and family of this place  
have moved to Fort Worth. We wish  
them success and all good luck in their  
new home.

Mrs. Weeks is on the sick list this  
week.

Ben Smith and family of Buffalo  
Flat, were visiting L. L. Morrison and  
family Sunday.

Mrs. W. V. Chandler and daughter  
Miss Wirtz, were shopping in Gasoli  
Monday.

Walt's Gasoline growl Mr. J. M.  
Williamson has just completed a new  
stern collar at his shop.

## Rose Wilder Lane's Book Win's Praise

NEA BOOK SURVEY'S TEN BEST  
BOOKS OF 1925

God's Stepchildren—Sarah Millin.  
The Constant Nymph—Margaret Ken-  
nedy.

The Peasants—Ladislav St. Reymont.  
Prisoners—Franz Molnar.  
"Annette and Sylvie"—Roman Rol-  
land.

Tales of Hearsay—Joseph Conrad.  
O'Malley of Shanganagh—Donn Byrne.  
Orphan Island—Rose Macauley.  
Soundings—A. Hamilton Gibbs.  
The Matriarch—G. B. Stern.

BY THE NEA BOOK SURVEY  
"Yes, he was a fighter," Socialist said  
to Socialist, "but as soon as he was a  
success he deserted the cause...."

In the final pages of Rose Wilder  
Lane's novel, "He Was a Man" (Har-  
pers), appears this paragraph.  
And it recalls the comments and criti-  
cisms that went about following the



ROSE WILDER LANE

death of Jack London. For several years  
before death London had been turning  
out pot-boiler fiction for the magazines.  
Economic and literary critics alike were  
joining in the declamatory chorus.

Now comes Miss Lane, who knew  
London and his environs, and writes a  
romanticized tale of how it all came  
about—or rather a conception of how it  
came about. It needs but half a guess  
to place Gordon, Blake, as Miss Lane  
calls her hero, as the wrath of London.

Of course Miss Lane does not say  
that it is Jack London; nor does she ask  
you to accept her character as being the  
romantic Californian—and so she is fair-  
ly well protected from critical barbs  
that otherwise might easily be applied.  
No one can find fault with her color  
and background. Places, names and

events well known to any San Francis-  
can go racing through her tale wearing  
thin disguises. The waterfront, the un-  
derworld characters, the political signif-  
icances—these are all well handled. On  
the whole her writing is not smooth. It  
is inclined to be hasty and uneven.

As for her main character: Gordon  
Blake is interesting as Gordon Blake  
and there are places where he seems to  
become Jack London; particularly in  
passages where he carries on his "soap  
boxing" while questioning his place  
there and where the poet fights with the  
outer forces coming upon him. But he  
seems oversentimentalized and certainly  
he is not the man that London pictured  
in his own story, "John Barleycorn."

Harpers announce this as "a distin-  
guished and even a great novel."  
This surveyor is inclined not to agree.  
It is an interesting and even a success-  
ful novel. It will create a great deal of  
discussion, particularly in California.

Enter another best seller: "The Paint-  
ed Veil," (Doran), by Somerset Maugh-  
am.

Once the first page has been glanced  
at the reader is certain to be ruined for  
the evening, or the afternoon or what-  
ever the time of day may be.

The first sentence reads: "She gave a  
startled cry."

Then, within 169 words, we learn in  
rapid-fire manner that a sophisticated  
young married woman fears that her  
husband is at the door and is uncertain  
of how to rid herself of the gentleman  
with whom she is having an affair.

These few sentences might be said to  
constitute a lesson in condensation, for  
they locate the story in the Orient; give  
swift outline of the characters of two  
persons; start a swift plot in motion  
and completely sells the book to the  
reader.

While the book slackens in tempo at  
times, there is the wit and art of  
Maugham constantly in the background  
and there are lines to recall his charm-  
ing play "The Circle."

But where is the Maugham of that  
classic, "Of Human Bondage?"

There are, apparently, as many Maughams as there are books and plays  
bearing his name.

## Victims of Fatal Duel at Clovis Are Buried on Sunday

CLOVIS, N. M., March 23.—Special  
officer Law H. Mickey of the Santa Fe  
railway, who was shot to death here  
early Saturday morning by Leslie Starr,  
sixteen-year-old youth, who in turn was  
instantly killed by Mickey, as he lay  
dying, was buried here with Masonic  
rites Sunday afternoon in the presence  
of a large crowd.

The funeral of young Starr was held  
Sunday morning. His parents who live  
about 20 miles south of here, came in  
early Saturday morning and took charge  
of their son's body.

LOST—Kelly-Springfield Tire and rim  
for Ford car, somewhere between Tulla  
and the Southeast part of Swisher  
county. Notify G. C. Holt at Silvertown  
for reward.

## Challenge in Kipling Poem Sends the Roosevelts to Asia To Track Elusive Ovis Poli to Its Haunts



Above (left to right) are Kermit  
Roosevelt, George K. Cherris and  
Theodore Roosevelt, who early in  
April will start for Asia on an ex-  
pedition in search of the long-  
haired tiger, the marbled tiger, the Yark-  
land stag and the ovis poli, most  
splendid of mountain sheep, which  
inhabits the roof of the world, the  
Pamir Plateau, 16,000 feet above  
sea level. Cherris is a naturalist  
and explorer. It was Kermit  
Roosevelt who disclosed the hid-  
den challenge in Kipling's "The  
Foot of the Young Men," which in  
singing lines tells of another's oath  
to track down the almost fabulous  
ovis poli in its wind-whipped  
haunts.

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