



... with us for a few minutes about the proposed Scurry County Highway

BOND ISSUE

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

The proposed bond issue, to be voted on by property taxpaying voters of Scurry County on Thursday, December 26, is designed to vote bonds in the amount of \$600,000 for the purpose of buying right-of-way and constructing state-designated highways from the southwest corner of the County to the northeast corner that would connect with routes leading from Big Spring to Claremont, into the Eastern Panhandle and beyond in Kansas.

Included in the proposed projects would be a modern bridge over Colorado River. State designation has been assured the routes suggested by the Commissioners Court.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

The bonds, when voted, would be made valid only on condition that the State assumes them by action of the next Legislature, convening in Austin January 1. No cost would be obligated by the citizens of Scurry County so voting the bonds. No taxes would be voted to pay their cost, even though the election order in today's issue of The Times sets out provision for such a tax. This provision is simply made to make the proposed bond issue legal. The Commissioners Court pledges the citizenship that such levy will not actually be made against Scurry County property.

Entire cost would be borne by the State with assumption of the bonds.

WHY VOTE BONDS?

From the four-cent gasoline tax in Texas the schools get one cent; the State Highway Department gets two cents, and a fund has been accumulated (and will continue to be accumulated) by the one cent balance. This fund has been used in the past to assume road bond issues voted by counties of the State. A new assumption action will be taken by the next Legislature on bonds voted prior to January 1.

The Scurry County issue is proposed so that we may share in the bond assumption money to be appropriated by the next Legislature. To be sure, we can't get this highway assistance by folding our hands and not even trying for it.

WHAT WILL IT DO?

The proposed projects would open up new territories in the County that have been difficult to reach from other sections of the County. A real bridge would span the Colorado River in the southwest corner to give that region its only all-weather route to the rest of the area. In the northeast the route would traverse a section long in need of decent roads.

But, greatest benefit of all would be an outlet to citizens of the County to regions reached only by out-of-the-way routes—and inlets for thousands of tourists seeking highways from the north and northeast. Big Bend Park alone would attract thousands over this road.

Take our neighbor Counties to the South and Southwest—Mitchell, Nolan and Howard—for example: They are reaping literally millions of dollars from the tourists alone every year. This steady income has kept these counties in the black for years. None of those counties is more productive than Scurry County. Are we going to continue to sleep at the job and let this kind of harvest drift away from us? We don't believe a thinking people will pass up this opportunity to get major highways without cost to them.

Let's quit gambling all our existence on the field crops and livestock interests that uncertain weather and natural disadvantages so often cut short, and go in for a surer portion of annual dividends—the ever increasing tourist crop!

The absolute sole way of bringing this dividend paying harvest is by building good highways for tourists to travel on. Here is Scurry County's opportunity to get needed highway construction absolutely free . . . the travelers would foot the bill in the one cent gasoline tax surplus that would pay for the bonds!

With the coming of good highways, and resulting release of thousands of dollars in outside money in Scurry County, every piece of farm, ranch and city property will be increased in value by reason of improved communications, easier access to greater markets for products and bring our County closer to the rest of the world.

Ask the citizens of any section where major highways have been built what the source of their principal income is—invariably it is the tourist business. Drouth doesn't ruin this crop; the only seed required is the planting of good highways; cultivation requires little attention besides courtesy and expanded businesses; the harvest is a year-round one, bringing prosperity to all classes of people in the area; the profit is certain.

It has been estimated by highway officials who have studied the matter for years that the harvest from tourists in California is far greater than the harvest from her famous orange groves, from her movie colonies, from her oil fields or from any other source of income in the state.

Scurry County has missed out on this business for years. Here is our golden opportunity to get the highways necessary for a portion of this business. Beauty of it all is that the cost is nothing!



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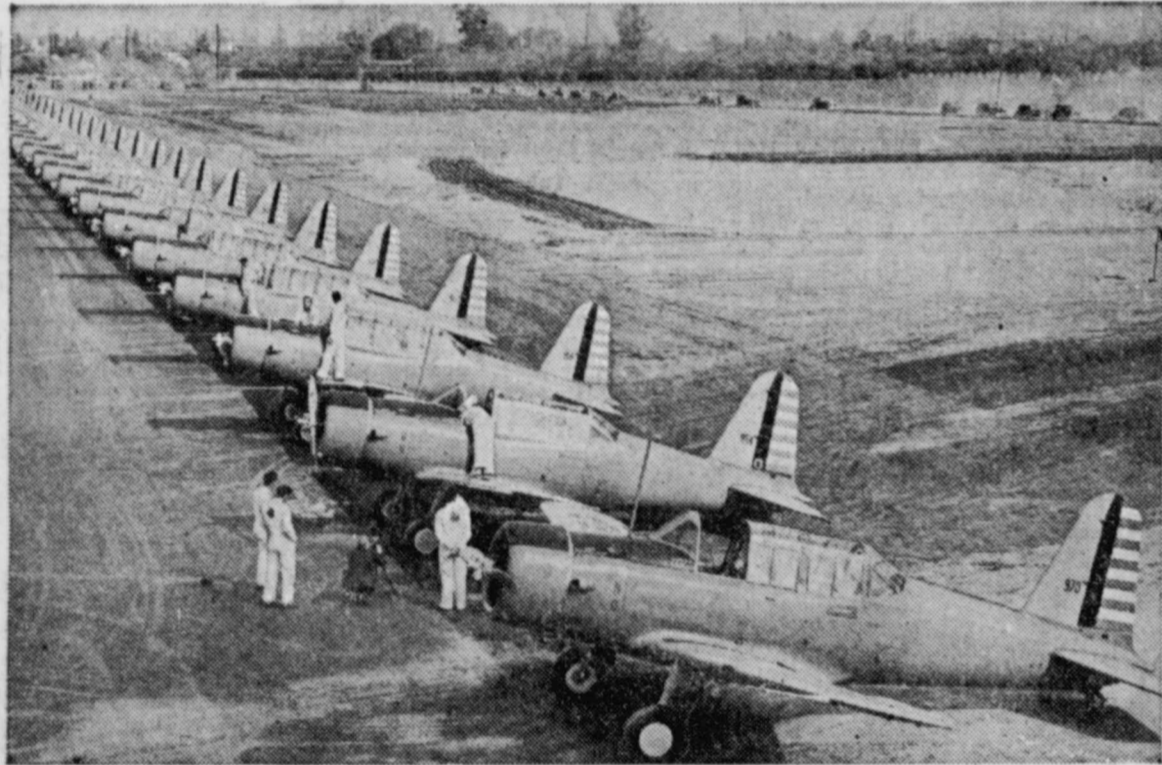
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Brought Down 'Somewhere' in England



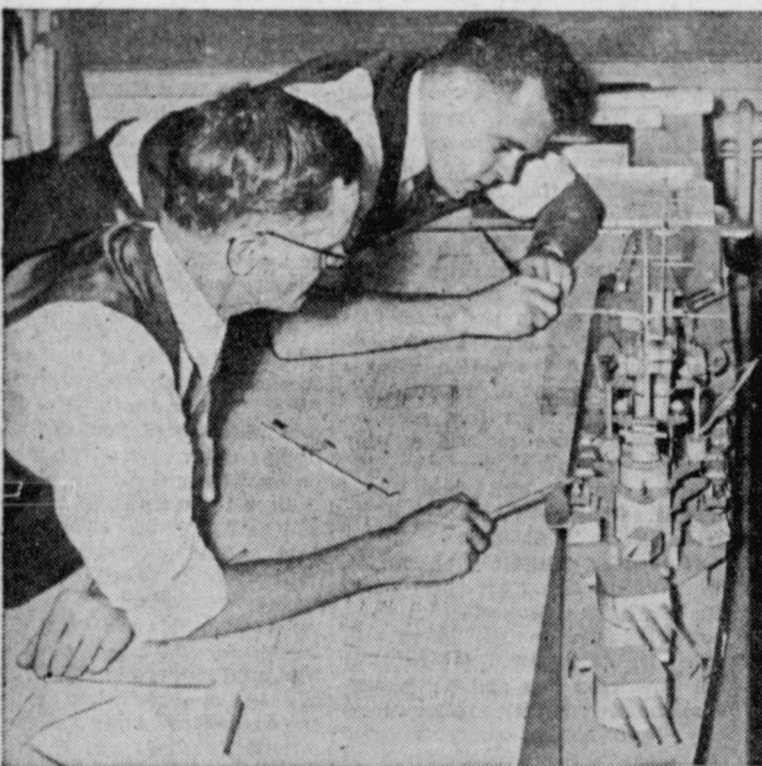
A crashed Italian bombing plane being examined and guarded by civilians and a British soldier after it had been brought down during an Axis air raid "somewhere in England." (Inset) The first Italian prisoner to be taken in England since the war started, shown under British guard. This fellow was taken when 13 Italian planes, the first, were shot down over England in one day's air raids.

New Wings for the U. S. Army



This line of 33 new basic training planes is shown on the Vultee Aircraft field at Downey, Calif., just before they were delivered to the United States army air corps. Thirty-three veteran air instructors flew the planes to the army's new air center at Moffett field, Moffett, Calif.

Navy Speeds Defense Program



Scene at the navy department's bureau of ships where designers formulate plans for new naval equipment. Models of proposed battle-ships, destroyers and cruisers are built from these designs and thoroughly tested before actual construction of equipment is started. Here a model of the cruiser Wichita is being used as basis for a new ship design.

500,000 to 1 Shot Who Came Through



Anton Wrba, 17, is the center of attraction in the WRBA candy store in New York city. He is now pronounced as good as new after having had a bullet pass completely through his heart. The heart was quickly stitched, a blood transfusion of the boy's own blood was administered, and Anton lived! 499,999 other such cases would prove fatal.

'Blitz Bowlers'



Today in London they are wearing the latest in "blitz bowlers" (shown above) which are splinter-proof. The "bowler" is for both men and women.

Nazi Bombs Hit London Orphanage



The top age is three at this London orphanage which was recently hit by a Nazi bomb. The bomb exploded only 10 feet from the babies' dormitory, and, very fortunately, there were no casualties. The children are here pictured playing in the shadow of the orphanage ruins, quite unaware of their narrow escape from death.

Argentina Asks \$50,000,000 Loan



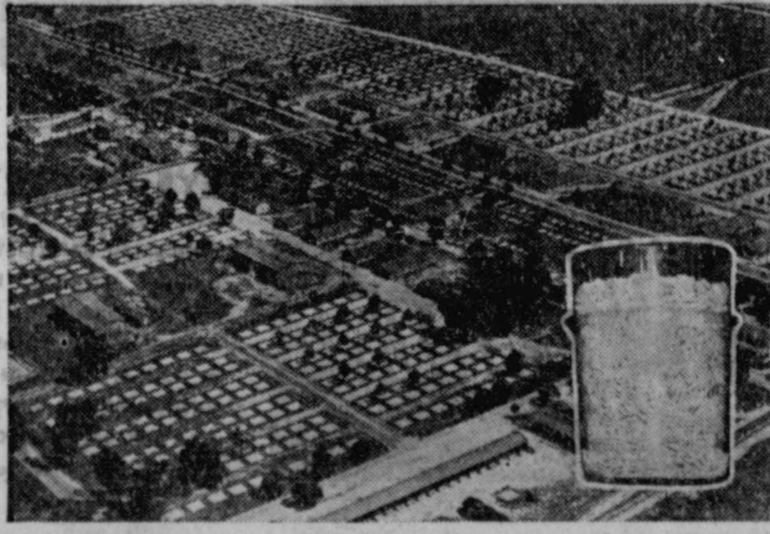
Photo shows members of an Argentine delegation to Washington for the discussion of a \$50,000,000 loan regarded necessary to sustain the increasing flow of exports to Argentina, which are much heavier than Argentine exports to the United States. L. to R., Dr. P. Prebisch (Central Bank of Argentina); D. Espil, Argentine ambassador; Sumner Welles, U. S. acting secretary of state; E. Grumbach (Central Bank of Argentina); C. Prado, of the Argentine embassy, and R. Verrier (Central Bank of Argentina).

Live Stock Show Opens



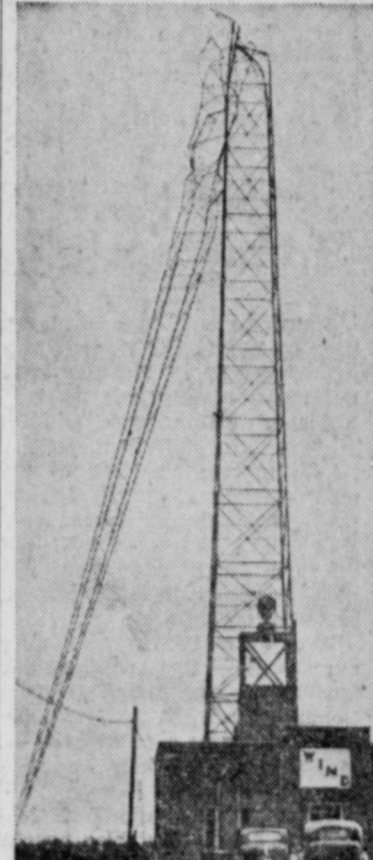
Largest agricultural show in the world, the International Live-Stock Exposition and Horse Show, will be held in Chicago from November 30 to December 7. Above is shown a scene from last year's show, which was attended by 450,000 persons. B. H. Heide (inset) is secretary-manager of the exposition.

From Fishbowl to Army Camp



A construction race rivaling those of World war days will end December 1 when the vast Fort Dix, N. J., training camp is completed. Draftees whose numbers were drawn from the fish bowl (inset) will find Fort Dix ready for them after that date. The camp will have facilities for 22,000 officers and men. Many were trained at this site during the World war.

Gone With Wind



The \$15,000 radio tower of station W-L-N-D, which was broken in half by the terrific gale which did millions of dollars of damage in the South and Midwest.

Tagged



Under navy department plans for a 24-hour watch over defense secrets employees were photographed for identification card, as above.

Thespians Build Their Own Theater in Redwood Forest

Having graduated from the Pasadena Community School of the Theater, eight young, enthusiastic Thespians decided that wherever people congregate a theater could be built, with reasonable hope of success. So they went to Garberville, California, a thriving community in the heart of the giant redwood forests, which attracts visitors from all parts of the world. Here they built the "Redwood Playbox"—the first of a series of stepping stones to stage or screen fame. At the end of their first "season" the Redwood Playbox group have their own theater, sets and costumes all paid for, and a profit of \$100 in the bank.



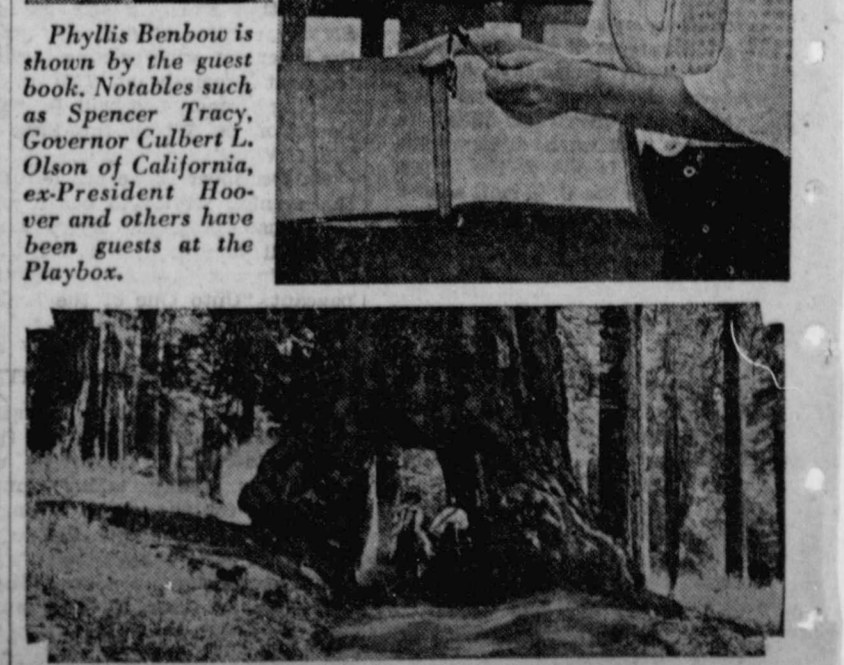
Each member of the Redwood Playbox has majored in a special field, apart from their ability as an actor. One is a scenic designer, another a stage technician, a commercial artist, and so on. At the right is David Breneiser, a grocery clerk. All have fine singing voices.



Above—the attractive rustic theater built by the Thespians during their spare time. It seats 75 people comfortably. The players made their own stage sets, sewed their own costumes and built their own technical equipment, consisting of tin can spot and border lights; a spaghetti box and a lot of ordinary house wire became a switch.

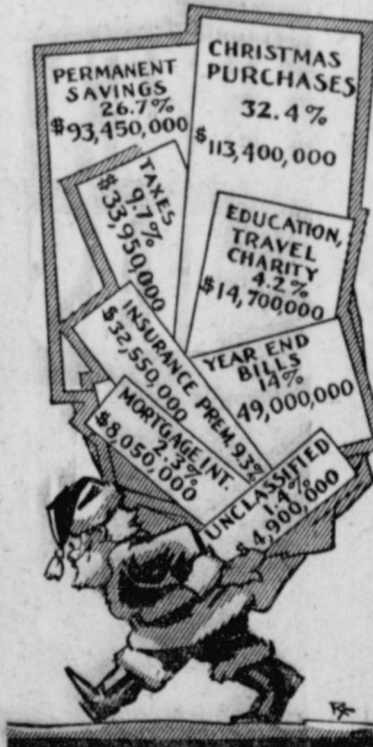


Left—Interior of Redwood Playbox dressing room. The opening play was "Mr. and Mrs. Phipps," by John Hamilton. It ran for seven days, and was held over by popular request for 12 days more. Among the plays given this year were "Molehill" and "The Locked Door."



Phyllis Benbow is shown by the guest book. Notables such as Spencer Tracy, Governor Culbert L. Olson of California, ex-President Hoover and others have been guests at the Playbox.

Santa Pays Off



On December 2 the Christmas clubs of the nation will distribute probably more than \$350,000,000 among about 7,000,000 members. The 1939 average was \$48.80 per member.

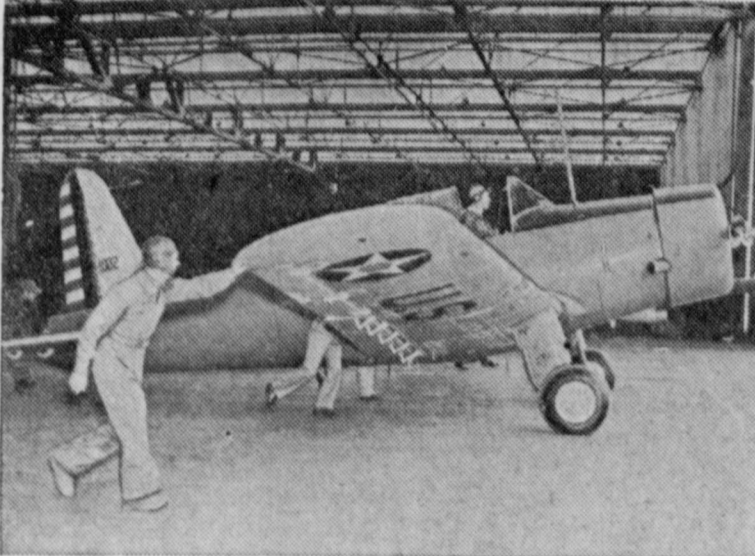
Mexican President



Gen. Manuel Avila Camacho will be inaugurated president of Mexico Nov. 30 to succeed Lazary Cardenas. Gen. Juan Almazan, unsuccessful candidate, protests the election.

Germany's Most Powerful Air Army Is Now Being Used to Crush England; Labor Peace in U. S. Is Not So Near; First Draft Evaders Sent to Prison

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.) (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)



During the strike at the Vultee Aircraft plant in Downey, Calif., U. S. army defense orders for training planes became sidetracked but union heads allowed pilots to cross picket lines and take delivery on 17 planes completed. The planes were to be used at the army training field at Sunnyvale, Calif. Above, army officers are pictured running one of the planes out of the plant.

AIR BLITZ: Over England

The fourth German air army contains the veteran and most expert of Nazi bombers. It never had been used over England, although it is the best equipped and largest of the German air forces.

The first was on an ancient Coventry, historical cathedral city when Lady Godiva made her famous horseback ride. Coventry in modern times had become the "Detroit of England."

In a single 10 1/2-hour night raid, Coventry was turned into a shambles, hardly a single home being left unscathed. Berlin said all of the plane factories were in ruins from explosive and incendiary bombs.

After a lapse of a few days the raiders concentrated on Southampton, city of a million people, also in the Midlands. Berlin said the hometown of the late Neville Chamberlain, who appeased Hitler at Munich, was given the same treatment.

Greeks Fight On

In the Italo-Greek war neutral observers shook their heads and admitted they could not understand how Greece was holding out. Outnumbered three to one, the ballet-skirted, pom-pom slipped Evzone troops cut the Italians to ribbons and pushed them back into Albania on all fronts.

Mare Nostrum

One thing seemed certain. Mussolini in his attempt to carry on a war by himself was tangling up the plans of the entire Axis. Control of the Mediterranean which the Italians call Mare Nostrum (Our Sea) may come diplomatically rather than militarily.

HEADLINES . . . in the news

Diplomacy — U. S. Ambassador Joseph C. Grew got a nod of approval from the Japanese emperor at the banquet commemorating 26 centuries of the empire in Tokyo.

Savings — Christmas club members numbering more than 7,500,000 will receive \$365,000,000 for their holiday spending spree.

Traffic — The third tunnel for motor vehicles under New York's rivers was opened between Manhattan and Queens. The tube, four years in making, is expected to handle 10,000,000 cars during the next 12 months.

Who's Boss?



Two former secretaries to congressmen, Gordon Canfield (right), of New Jersey and Herbert Bonner (left), of North Carolina, are to take the places of their former bosses in Congress. Canfield replaces the late Rep. George N. Segar and Bonner replaces Lindsay C. Warren, who resigned to become U. S. Comptroller General.

ESPIONAGE: Diplomats Accused

Chairman Dies of the house committee investigating un-American activities, called before him in secret session various officials of "German and Italian organizations."

DRAFT EVADERS: Year and Day

Eight young men, students at Union Theological Seminary, stood before a federal judge in New York. They were charged with refusing to register under the selective service act.

LABOR: Hopes for Peace

Unity in the ranks of labor which was outlined by President Roosevelt as one of the hoped-for objectives of his third administration, seemed little less nearer as the Congress of Industrial Organizations met in convention in Atlantic City and the American Federation of Labor met in New Orleans.

MEXICAN MISSION: In Spanish

Vice President-elect Henry A. Wallace went through the Southwest in his recent campaign speaking Spanish. A new assignment in that language was his first after-election duty.

MISCELLANY:

The oldest reddest cargo arrived in Florida from England. It was 1,000 rare orchid plants, the property of the duke of Westminster, who raises them as a hobby.

FOOD: Dogs in Germany

A Berlin dispatch said that after January 1, the sale of dog meat for human consumption would be legal in Germany. Horse meat now is available in Germany and sold without the customer being forced to surrender his precious meat ration tickets.

John James Audubon, Painter of Birds, Now Revealed as an Important Writer Who Was 'Witness to Our Heroic Age'

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

TO MOST Americans the name "Audubon" is synonymous with just one word—"birds." Three species bear his name, as does the society which is dedicated to the study, protection and preservation of those feathered denizens of America which were his life-long passion.



THE VIRGINIAN OPOSSUM.

That is because he was "a witness to our heroic age" and, as an appreciative and understanding witness, he was one of its best interpreters. Such is the theme of a new book, whose publication by the Houghton Mifflin company of Boston, was a major event of the 1940 publishing season.

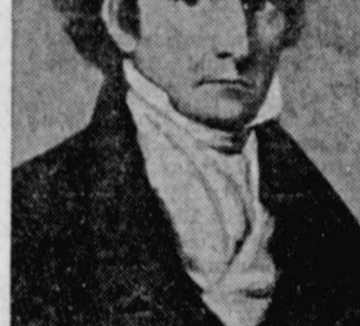
But more important than this inclusion of authentic reproductions of Audubon's paintings in a popular-priced book is the fact that his "narratives and experiences" in it are edited by Donald Culross Peattie. And Mr. Peattie, naturalist and author of such books as "Singing in the Wilderness" and "A Prairie Grove," is probably the one man in America today who is most competent to act as an appreciative and understanding interpreter of John James Audubon, a witness to and an interpreter of our heroic age.

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THE SNOWY HERON, OR WHITE EGRET.

Everything uncovered by the special house committee, they said, has been known to them for a long time. For years these agencies have worked cautiously to get U. S. agents into alleged subversive groups. These U. S. agents have listed and catalogued a vast array of information which can be used at the proper time.

But the Dies committee, it is said, has by raids and publication of names, revealed the fact that the identity of these alleged foreign agents is known. This makes their work ineffectual, so they are recalled. Then new agents and new networks are set up by the foreign powers and the army and navy intelligence and the FBI must start all over again.

Traveling around Concord, Audubon was traveling around North America. While Parkman was writing history, Audubon was making and witnessing it.

Considering these facts, it seems strange indeed that until now no attempt has been made to bring together into one volume a general selection of the first-hand narratives of what Mr. Peattie calls "this shrewd and eager observer of all conditions and aspects of American men, manners and scenes."

Wide Variety of Experience. "In the nearly 50 active American years of Audubon's life, what other individual had such a variety of experience? No one, certainly, was at once so sensitive and so lusty. No one with his pen and his brush. . . ."

Assertions heard frequently that the whole universe is going awry seem to have some basis in fact. When Mercury made its rare passage across the face of the sun, the U. S. Naval Observatory and other scientific sources agree, it was 30 seconds early. The irregularity may be due to the Earth's turning on its axis, or in movement of Mercury or the Moon. Everything could be straightened out, says Dr. Seth B. Nicholson, of Mt. Wilson Observatory, by setting the world's clocks back half a minute.

MAIL BAG

S.G.C., New Albany, Ind.—Roosevelt's speeches during the last part of the recent campaign were written by Judge Rosenman of New York, Irving Brant, and Robert Sherwood, famous playwright. However, Roosevelt's speeches, after being written in rough draft by others, are rewritten by himself.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

The plan still is in the discussion stage, but top-rung New Deal economists are seriously proposing that the WPA be abolished and replaced with a large-scale public works program for national defense.

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The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

Washington, D. C. MUSSOLINI NEEDS VICTORY IN GREECE

Upon the outcome of the war in Greece depend several things besides the question whether Hitler pushes on to Suez. Probably the most important is the war's effect upon the Italian people—especially in case of set-back or defeat.

For a long time, U. S. intelligence reports have indicated that Italy was the Achilles heel of the Axis and that the Italian people were none too enthusiastic about their partnership with Germany. Basically, the Italians always have sided more with Britain than with Germany.

Furthermore, the war has put a severe economic pinch on the Italian people. In return they have had no great victories and conquered no important territory. Hitler has been able to show new conquests to arouse the enthusiasm of the German people, but Mussolini has had nothing to show except Albania and British Somaliland.

Deep absorption in the Greco-Italian war caused Secretary Cordell Hull to muffle his lines in delivering his speech on foreign affairs for the newsreels.

Recalled to the business at hand by the cameraman, he snapped his finger and exclaimed, "Sorry, I guess I've ruined everything for you boys. Would you mind starting over again?"

How richly that promise is fulfilled is shown by a reading of the chapters which follow the introductory "What Audubon Knew," and Mr. Peattie's evaluation of "Audubon as a Witness."

To those who think of Audubon only in terms of birds, the amount of his writing about animals will be revealing. After completing his monumental work, "The Birds of America," he began work on "The Quadrupeds of America" and "into the new project the old master entered with all the zest, so he wrote his young friend Spencer Baird, that he had once felt for birds."

Not the least interesting feature of the book is a "Biographical Note" (a long "note" albeit, since it covers 22 pages) which tells in interesting fashion the story of his life from the date of his birth, April 26, 1785, at the port of Les Cayes or Aux Cayes on the south coast of the republic of Haiti until his death in New York city on January 27, 1851.

This biographical sketch discusses the much-disputed story of his paternity and cites the fact that available documents prove conclusively that he was the natural son of Lieut. Jean Audubon of the French navy and a Creole woman of good birth, whose family name was either Rabin or Fougere. Says Mr. Peattie: "This should set at rest the preposterous claim that has recently (and only recently) been set up for him, that he was none other than the 'lost Dauphin, Louis XVII, majesty disguised as a wandering artist! This legend would be too far-fetched for notice if it were not, unfortunately, the one story about Audubon that sticks in many minds. Two women biographers of Audubon have recently taken it quite seriously, and thousands of words have been written in debate on this point. They can all be cut short by laying down a fact denied by nobody. The unfortunate little Bourbon prince had a deformed ear, while Audubon's ears were both quite normal. Who will seriously argue the point beyond this?"

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Ask Me Another A General Quiz

The Questions

- 1. Which of the following is an oblate spheroid — an egg, the earth, or a baseball?
2. According to tradition what great author of tragedies was killed by a tortoise, which an eagle let fall on his head?
3. George Washington's estate was valued at a sum that would now be how much?
4. What Greek philosopher was nagged by his wife Xanthippe?
5. Pilate's words "Ecce Homo" are translated to mean what?
6. What is mulled wine?
7. What is a blucher shoe?
8. What ship started for America with the Mayflower, but had to turn back?
9. The earth. (Flattened or depressed at the poles.)
10. Aeschylus.
11. \$5,000,000.
12. Socrates.
13. "Behold the man!" John 19:5.
14. Wine that is heated, sweetened and spiced.
15. One in which the quarters extend forward to the throat of the vamp.
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THE TIMES MARCHES ON...

Forty Years Ago
Mmes. Lon Smith and Ben Singletary presented this office with the scalp of a coyote captured by them on the ranch last Friday.

BAD NEWS FOR HIM!



Dallas are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kelsey.
Fluvanna news—Rev. Sam Young, the Methodist preacher assigned to this work, came in Saturday with his family.

New Statute Will Require Labeling Contents of Wool and Other Fabrics

Effective in the early part of 1941, a new federal act captioned 'Truth in Fabrics,' will become a law of the nation.
'Passage of the bill, which culminated a 35-year effort by the National Wool Growers Association for 'Truth in Fabrics,' is comparable in scope to the enactment of the pure food law.

A New Rodeo Angle

Residents of both Scurry and Fisher Counties expressed a great deal of interest in the Hobbs Junior Rodeo, which will be staged Saturday afternoon at Wolf Park.

Whether you are an active supporter of rodeos or not, you owe it to the 4-H Club and PFA members of this trade zone to witness Saturday afternoon's boos and saddle roundup.

Current Comment

By LEON GUINN

Texas has had loan sharks for more than 100 years, an intriguing booklet entitled, 'A Century of Usury in Texas,' and released this week by the Cordova Press of Dallas points out...

Usury, friend Travis emphasizes, has existed from the earliest times, and nothing has ever cured it except legitimate competition with the usurers.
Porter King and J. A. Bradbury went on a hunting trip Thursday around Justiceburg.

A Spark Plug Changes Jobs

Residents of Scurry, Fisher, Borden, Garza and other counties in this trade zone, as well as people of the Amarillo district, look with sincere regret toward the retirement of Marvin Jones, Amarillo, from the House of Representatives to become a judge of the federal Court of Claims.

Doubtless Marvin Jones will do well in his new role of federal judge. His excellent congressional record indicates he is well qualified to take over his new job.

Since election to the Sixty-Fifth Congress, Marvin Jones has not only had the interest of his particular bailiwick at heart, but he has also been deeply concerned over measures which would benefit the 19th District, represented by George H. Mahon.

Editorial of the Week

NO PLACE LIKE HOME
'Houston,' that splendid magazine, published by leaders of Texas' greatest city, carries this timely editorial in its current issue:

A troupe of American carnival performers, after a tour of the world, found themselves in a small backwoods village in Java.
They gave a free show for the Chinese and Japanese school children. There were 2,000 of these children and the American troupers, wishing to give them as much pleasure as possible, made every effort to explain the show with signs, waving their hands and using the best imitation of Chinese that they could master.

The youngsters did have a good time—that day was possibly one of the happiest they ever spent—so the Americans must have made themselves understood.
At the close of the performance, one of the teachers informed the Americans that so happy and thankful were the children that they wanted to show their appreciation by singing a song for the performers.

The Odessa meteorite, which centuries ago exploded in this country's largest meteor crater, partially filled in, 600-foot wide depression 10 miles west of Odessa, was located recently at a depth of 164 feet.
Top of the big projectile from outer space, which has been sought more than a year by a joint University of Texas-WPA field crew, was established when a 1,500-pound, 10-inch rotary bit came up against "solid" bottom.

There are no greater miracles known to earth than perfection and an unbroken friendship.

TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO

From 'The Snyder Signal,' November 28, 1913:
W. E. Sorrells, a good farmer of the Ira country, was here Wednesday and called at the Signal office.

TEN YEARS AGO

From 'The Snyder News,' November 21, 1930:
To Maurice Brownfield and Boss Baze go the credit, honor and venison. These two 30-30 specialists gained a jump on most of the big game hunters by taking a jaunt into New Mexico, where the Sacramento Mountains are highest.

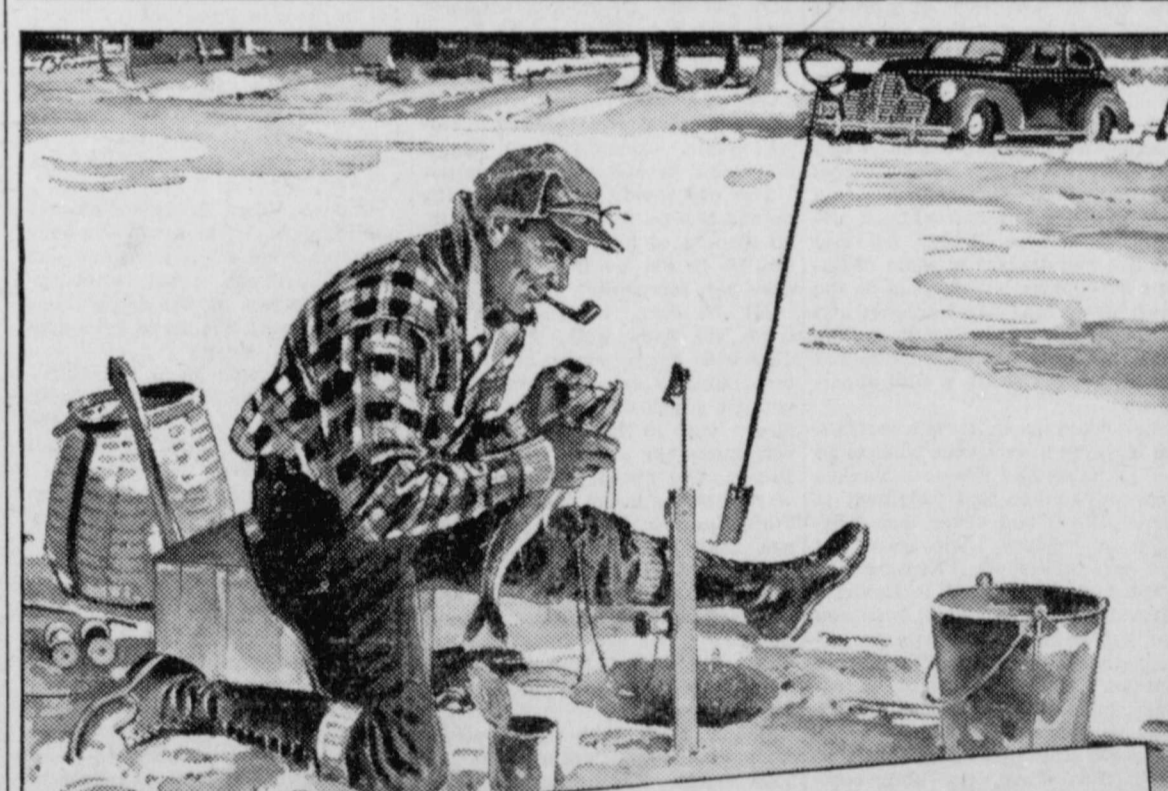
ONE YEAR AGO

From 'The Scurry County Times,' November 30, 1939:
The series of lectures released recently in booklet form by Dr. A. O. Scarborough of Snyder, oldest practicing physician in point of service between Fort Worth and El Paso, is causing no end of favorable comment.

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