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## JOHN W. HOUSE NEW PRESIDENT OF C-C; 300 HEAR STEVENSON

### Business Men Urged Revise Laws Study

#### Lieutenant Governor Says Government Has Undergone Changes

John W. House, division superintendent of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, was elected president of the Midland chamber of commerce at the annual meeting and banquet last night, succeeding Judge Ed M. Whitaker. The banquet was attended by 300 citizens of Midland and neighboring towns and cities, filling the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer to capacity.

Principal speaker was Lieutenant Governor Coke Stevenson of Junction. Recovering from an attack of influenza, Mr. Stevenson spoke briefly, because of his weakened physical condition, but his talk forcefully put before the business interests of Texas the necessity of helping solve the increasing costs of government.

It is not necessary, he said, to revise the estimates of government along the lines of good business. Methods formerly employed can no longer be used without steadily increasing the governmental debt and the cost of running the various departments of government.

The problem of social security has come to stay, he said. Thousands of citizens of every state have been admitted to governmental aid, many have ceased to work and earn a living and the problem cannot be dismissed with one stroke. He humorously stated that as long as people are not allowed to go hungry there will be no revolution in America.

And the government will not allow its citizens to go hungry as long as bonds can be sold, he said. And the investors will continue to buy the bonds as long as the interest is paid.

"The investors are just as lazy as the man who won't work for a living," he said. "They want a return on their investments without having to give any thought or management to their investments."

Mr. Stevenson said the interest will be paid on the bonds which the government has sold just as (See BUSINESS MEN, page 6)

## Junior Class Will Present Annual Play Here Friday Night

BY MISS ELLA LUNDAY.

The so-called "crazy Smith family" is after all perhaps, not so crazy unless we call an average American family consisting of the parents and four lively off-springs crazy. The play, "That Crazy Smith Family," which the junior class will present Friday evening, February second, is a story of the happenings in the Smith family from breakfast time one Saturday morning until after a garden party that night. To say the day is crammed with action is to put it mildly. There happens something interesting to each of the Smiths every moment of the day. We should think that from the standpoint of action the desire of the public should be well satisfied.

The plot of the play revolves around Tony, the football hero son, played by Gordon Eigham, who has the problem of deciding between going away on a scholarship to play football and staying at State College where he will be with Barbara the home-town girl whom he really loves. Barbara is Montez Downey. These two do some pleasing acting. Montez is both indifferent and homely in a beautiful way, thus winning the susceptible Gordon from the flattery and the wiles of Wilma Mahoney, who plays the role of Julie Weston from the school which offers the scholarship. Wilma is well posed and deliberate in her action, just as the audience will wish her to be.

(See CLASS PLAY, page 6)

## Mine Workers Refuse To Back Third Term

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 31 (AP).—The United Mine Workers convention today sidetracked a resolution endorsing a third term for President Roosevelt.

It agreed to refer the matter to its international executive committee for action.

## Two Men Killed When Truck Strikes Train

BENJAMIN, Jan. 31 (AP).—Frank Hillard, about 45, and Joe Bailey Pool, about 35, both of Crowell, and who worked on a nearby ranch, were killed when their light truck crashed into the side of a Santa Fe freight train at an intersection here today.



JOHN W. HOUSE.

## Johnson's Wife Testifies for Husband Today

AUSTIN, Jan. 31 (AP).—Mrs. W. J. Johnson, wife of the superintendent of the San Antonio state hospital, testified today representatives of Governor O'Daniel had gone to San Antonio last August to demand the resignation of Claude Teer, then chairman of the state board of control who subsequently killed himself.

Mrs. Johnson testified in defense of her husband at a hearing before the board of control on charges brought by San Antonio ministers.

Teer had been under care of Dr. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson said her husband on August 25 told her Representative Fred Feltz, San Antonio, and William Lawson, O'Daniel's secretary, had "come to try to see Mr. Teer to get his resignation."

Previously Dr. Johnson testified he had refused to permit Lawson and Feltz to talk to Teer because of Teer's condition.

The superintendent claims the refusal and tragic aftermath to the Teer case are the real basis for the attempt to oust him.

After Mrs. Johnson was excused counsel for Johnson introduced a long procession of San Antonio physicians as character witnesses.

## Kidnap Story Is Held Hoax by Grand Jury

EASTLAND, Jan. 31 (AP).—A grand jury here Tuesday reported it failed to find any evidence of kidnaping as was claimed by Coyal Compton, who charged two men took him from the courthouse steps and carried him in an automobile to a nearby death case.

Compton, 27, of Abilene, was found dead Monday in a gas-filled car. "The evidence shows the witness left the courthouse of his own accord," said the grand jury report to 91st District Court. "Our further investigation leads us to the conclusion that the witness has been under a severe nervous strain for quite a while."

Compton had been called as a witness against Tillman Stubberfield, charged with murder without malice in the death of Lee Guy, Abilene welder, in an automobile accident. Stubberfield subsequently was convicted and given a five year suspended sentence.

Funeral services for Compton were held in Abilene yesterday.

## Building Program For Navy Studied

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP).—The house naval committee tentatively approved today a two-year building program to cost approximately \$655,000,000.

The revamped program would authorize construction of 21 warships, 22 auxiliary vessels and boost the navy's minimum air strength to 4,500 planes.

## Colorado City Speaker Tells Of Oil Growth

Permian Basin Area Tremendously Aided By Petroleum Money

More than 55,000 residents of West Texas get their living directly from the oil industry in addition to thousands of others who get a sizeable part of their income from it, Judge Charles C. Thompson of Colorado City told the Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting here last night. Judge Thompson is vice-president of the Permian Basin Association.

## System of Loans to Finland Is Scored By Senator Johnson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP).—Senator Johnson of California asserted Tuesday that the Administration is following an "ostrich-like" policy on loans to Finland.

"We're sticking our heads in the sand and we're covering up the loan as an increased authorization in capital for the Export-Import bank," Johnson, who succeeded the late Senator Borah as ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said in an interview.

"The California was obviously striking back at President Roosevelt's denunciation of certain of his critics at the opening of this session of Congress."

After discussing international affairs, President Roosevelt said: "I hope that we will have fewer American ostriches in our midst. It is not good for the ultimate health of our country to bury their heads in the sand."

Senator Johnson countered "it is not we who hide like the ostrich. It's the other people."

"The California said the Administration at first openly favored a direct government loan to Finland and then sensed that American public opinion and congressional leaders would 'pull the brakes on.'"

Finally, Johnson said, an indirect scheme of merely increasing the lending powers of the government's Export-Import bank was decided upon as the easiest method.

"Very perilous times are ahead for this country, if we can estimate this war abroad," Johnson said.

"My feeling against dictators is as bitter as that of anyone," the senator said. "But once we get into the war, we have a dictator of our own. Then our democracy is gone. We can't stand a war financially or any other way."

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On the other hand, he said the Russians had killed 400 civilians and wounded 930, 330 of them seriously, in 642 raids in which they dropped (See RUSSIAN ASSAULTS, page 6)

## IS ADMITTED.

Marcus Gist was admitted to a Midland hospital today.

## Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Staples on the birth of a daughter in a Midland hospital this morning. The baby weighed 8 1/2 pounds and has been named Bobbett.

## FROM STANTON.

Mrs. V. E. Sadler, her daughter, Mrs. Jim Tom, and her grandson, Jerry Sadler Graves were visitors in Midland Tuesday.

### Only 2240 Poll Tax Receipts Issued Up To the Final Day

Midland county residents today were taking advantage of the final chance to pay poll taxes for the year, a steady line of customers appearing at the windows of the tax collector's office.

A check-up last night showed that 2,240 polls has been paid, plus 70 exemptions. Officials, several of them openly disappointed at the lack of payments by many eligible voters of the county, predicted not more than 2,600 would be paid in the county this year.

The final chance comes this afternoon. Whenever the doors of the office are closed, there will not be another opportunity to become eligible to cast a vote this year.

## Russian Assaults Reported Beaten Back in Finland

HELSINKI, Jan. 31 (AP).—Smashing of renewed Russian assaults at several points northeast of Lake Ladoga with destruction of nine tanks was reported today by the Finnish high command.

Five Russian planes were said to have been shot down yesterday.

The communique reported little other action, but unofficial reports asserted Finns had recaptured Pitkanranta, important city north of Lake Ladoga about 20 miles from the Soviet border.

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## Supt. L. A. Woods, Senator Van Zandt To Visit Midland

L. A. Woods, state superintendent of schools, will speak at the high school auditorium at the assembly period at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Teachers and trustees of county schools along with sixth and seventh grade and high school pupils of the Midland group for the meeting.

A program, stressing the chorale reading and singing of the high school, will be presented.

Senator Olin Van Zandt, chairman of the legislative committee on the distribution and equalization of state aid, and Mrs. Van Zandt, will be in the party with Mr. Woods. So will be Miss Sue B. Mann, deputy state superintendent and inspector of schools for this region. Fifth member of the party will be the state superintendent's secretary.

The party will come here from Odessa tonight, following a meeting in that city.

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## CHAMBERLAIN REASSURES U. S.

### As Lieutenant Governor Visited Here



Shown in the corridor of Hotel Scharbauer just before the chamber of commerce banquet last night are Frank Stubbeman, Midland attorney; James H. Goodman, state representative from Midland; Lieutenant Governor Coke Stevenson; Dr. Jno. B. Thomas, veteran Midland surgeon; T. Paul Barron, publisher of the Midland Reporter-Telegram; and Bill Gray, staff correspondent of the San Angelo Standard-Times. (Photo courtesy of Tony Slaughter, managing editor of Odessa Bulletin.)

## Efforts Made To Avoid Any Disturbance

### Trade Relations to Be Maintained as Usual If Possible

LONDON, Jan. 31 (AP).—Prime Minister Chamberlain assured the United States and Japan today Britain was anxious to avoid friction or disturbance in her trade and other relations with them and with other neutrals in the war against Germany.

Addressing a luncheon of the national defense committee, Chamberlain expressed regret of concentration of dollar resources in America for munitions had forced curtailment of purchases of other products there.

He announced a submarine attempting to attack a convoy yesterday had been sunk by the British.

## GERMANS CLAIM 18 BRITISH BOATS SUNK.

BERLIN, Jan. 31 (AP).—Germany reported today her warplanes in two days had destroyed 18 vessels off the English coast. A communique said nine were destroyed Monday, nine yesterday and another severely damaged.

## Amarillo and Dallas Get Safety Awards For Record in 1939

AUSTIN, Jan. 31 (AP).—Dallas, Amarillo and eight smaller cities today were announced winners of statewide traffic safety awards for 1939.

In the announcement, the Texas Safety Association stated mayors of the cities would receive the trophies at the Texas safety conference in Austin, April 5. Cities were divided into three classes and the ratings calculated on a basis of traffic deaths per 100,000 population.

Dallas, with 33 traffic fatalities for an average of 11.3 deaths per 100,000, scored top honors in the big city class. El Paso, with 14 deaths for a percentage of 13.0, was second; Houston with 45 deaths and an average of 13.5, was a close third; Fort Worth with 29 fatalities took an average of 15.5 and fourth position; while San Antonio scored 41 deaths and 16.5.

The yearly change in ranking of the big cities from 1938 finds Fort Worth and Houston switching positions. While Dallas and El Paso lost ground with a slight increase in fatalities, both Houston and San Antonio reduced their margins, the port city with nine fewer deaths and San Antonio with 20 less than in 1938.

Amarillo with two fatalities for an average of 4.1 set the pace in Class II which contained cities of 48,000 to 98,000 population. Beaumont former national champion, with three deaths was a close second with 4.8.

Amarillo, Austin and Corpus Christi followed in the order in third, Fort Arthur, Galveston and Austin, all had a lower average than any of the major cities. In 1938, it was Fort Arthur that led the field while Galveston and Waco were second and third. Beaumont, Wichita Falls, Amarillo, Austin and Corpus Christi followed in the order in third.

Eight cities in the 10,000 to 47,000 population bracket were able to complete perfect records of no fatalities. These deathless cities were Harlingen, Brownwood, Greenville, San Benito, Denton, Vernon, Victoria and Gainesville.

To make their records more remarkable, each of the cities is the focal point for one or more cardinal highways carrying a heavy flow of cross state traffic. Sixteen cities in this group closed the books with no deaths in each, while five had two deaths, each, four had three, and one scored five.

The program will be one of cultural and artistic quality and well worth attending, Rev. W. C. Hinds, pastor, assured the citizenship of Midland in urging that everyone who can do so be present tomorrow evening.

The Chanters will be entertained with a social given by the young people's division of the church after the program. The visitors will be guests in homes of the city for Thursday night before continuing their 11-day tour westward to Odessa and other points in Texas and New Mexico and back through towns in the northern part of this area.

## WPA Work in State To Start Thursday

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 31 (AP).—Gates of WPA employment, closed since Nov. 1, will be opened Thursday, Director Adam R. Johnson of the state public welfare department announced Tuesday.

New applications for employment on WPA projects in Texas will be received by county welfare workers under the supervision of the department, Johnson declared, in accordance with temporary arrangements which will continue only until "adequate financial arrangements have been made by the state."

"Under the system," the director continued, "efficacy of WPA intake will depend on the willingness of counties to employ sufficient personnel. County welfare workers who will handle WPA intake are already certifying applicants for CCC and NYA employment as well as certifying for the distribution of surplus commodities and administration of local public welfare funds. Assumption of this task will add to their duties."

Cautioning counties to employ qualified workers, Johnson warned "unless the job is done properly, it may have to be abandoned." He pointed out the state department was committed to supervise the work.

## FULL HOUSE EXPECTED FOR GOLDEN GLOVES TONIGHT AT EIGHT

Meet your friends and neighbors at the high school gymnasium tonight.

They will be there when the Reporter-Telegram Golden Gloves district tournament gets underway at eight o'clock. Interest, steadily mounting since announcement was made that the tournament was to be held here, was at a peak today.

Sixteen fights tonight and as many more tomorrow night are assured for those who turn out. The bout entries were filed today bringing the total number to an even 40.

Officials of the tournament made a prize "catch" today when the entry of Walter Stone of Crane was received. Stone, a light heavyweight, won the district Golden Gloves title

at Big Spring last year and won a couple of fights in the state tournament before breaking his hand and losing out. Stone drew a bye on tonight's card but will be on hand tomorrow night. He is rated one of the top light heavyweights in the amateur ranks in Texas.

Entries of four boys from Grand Falls and one from Midland were also filed this morning. The local boy is Johnny Pickering, who advanced to the final in the Big Spring tourney last year before losing out. He rates as an even favorite in the bantamweight class. He drew a bye for tonight.

Advance sales of ringside seats has been pleasing and the gymnasium should be comfortably filled by the

time the fights start. Approximately 50 tickets have been sold in Odessa during the past couple of days and a large crowd from there is expected. Fans from many other cities in the Permian Basin are also expected to be on hand.

Several persons who had planned on missing tonight's fights and seeing the finals tomorrow night may be sorry if they carry out plans. The fights tonight should equal those tomorrow night and in many cases excel them.

The record field of entries should assure Midland's team a good chance to cop some honors in the state meet at Fort Worth. In Stone, light heavyweight, Earl Pace, welterweight, Ruffian Rhone, feather-

weight, the city has three boys that stand good chances of winning out. Tickets remain on sale at the Petroleum Pharmacy, Hotel Pharmacy, Big Ed's, Texan Club and Midland Drug. The ringside tickets are being sold for 75 cents each. A few seats have been reserved but most of them will be open for all ticket holders. Because none of the seats will be more than 20 feet from the ring, it was not considered necessary to reserve each.

Doors of the gymnasium will be thrown open to the public tonight at 7:15 and the curtain raiser will start promptly at eight o'clock.

The first fight of the night will find Dexter Jay of Monahans pitted against Billy Cain of Stanton, both

bantamweights with considerable experience. Following is a complete list of tonight's fights:

BANTAMWEIGHT—Dexter Jay, Monahans, vs. Billy Cain, Stanton.

Wm. Coppage, Kermit vs. "Kid" Huff, Grand Falls.

McKinnon, Big Spring. Edgar Griggers, Kermit vs. Sylvian Gilbert, Grand Falls.

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## Russia's U. S. Friends Desert

The last of Russia's friends among American liberals have sent their regrets that they are no longer just like that with the Soviet Republic and wondering how they ever got that way in the first place.

One of the most devoted friends of the U. S. S. R. in the days before the courtship of Adolf Hitler was John Haynes Holmes, pastor of the Community Church, New York. Getting up before his congregation in Town Hall, New York, Sunday, Mr. Holmes figuratively bowed his head and confessed he and his fellow liberals had been horribly wrong about Russia.

"If we liberals were right on certain single aspects of the Russian Revolution, we were wrong, disgracefully wrong, on the question as a whole," he said.

Most sympathizers were jolted off by the Nazi-Soviet non-aggression treaty. Even fellow travelers and party members fell by the wayside in alarming numbers, a little confused still, but aware that their attitudes toward Russia had undergone a definite change.

A few stuck by Joe Stalin, perhaps hanging on to the faint hope that this was all a delusion or that the pact was preliminary to a brilliant diplomatic coup against Fascism.

In November, Red troops invaded Finland. There wasn't much left for sympathizers. These Americans who had somehow stood by Stalin through the days of the purges, the Spanish civil war duplicities, the counterfeiting rings, the inner espionage of the Kremlin—these American friends, who had swallowed hard but had accepted all atrocities as unpleasant means to a desired end, were now sold out by Boss Stalin.

Clipped of their ideology, built up around the Soviet experiment, it wasn't easy for American liberals, who were not Communists, to flick off with the snap of a finger all the things in which they had believed for 20 years. They were left out in the cold. Like Mr. Holmes, they feel they "deceived myself as well as been deceived."

Mr. Holmes did not spare himself. He recounted all the horrors which liberals like himself and thousands of others who have preferred to remain silent were once able to justify. The despoiling of the kulaks, enforced collectivization, concentration camps, purges—they all become real. Russia's ex-friends know now that they do exist.

Mr. Holmes points his own moral. "What can we learn from this ghastly experience—not only we liberals but everybody? This immortal means can never lead to moral ends. That power invariably corrupts and ruins those who use it arbitrarily and unrestrictedly for however good a cause."

## Fighting an Old Taboo

Syphilis is still talked about in whispers. Because it was taboo for so long, the word still sounds slightly indecent. And because of the evil connotation that has grown around the disease itself, medical men are still hampered in their efforts to combat it.

No one knows clearly how many persons may be infected. The spread of compulsory tests as a preliminary to issuance of marriage licenses has aided the fight against this disease a little. Most recent estimate, reported by the American Social Hygiene Association, Inc., indicates 5 per cent of the population in this country is affected.

Other estimates have varied from 1 1/2 to 10 per cent. None can be considered accurate. There is no conclusive way of arriving at a figure. At least not until victims are less reluctant to submit to treatment. And until people unaware that they may have the disease, permit examinations.

To prevent the dangerous later stages, most people, whether they believe they are infected or not, would do well to visit a doctor. There need be nothing more disgraceful about getting treated for syphilis than for diphtheria or measles.

## You Worry About It

If you want something else to worry about these days, you might try this:

A University of Michigan professor has figured out that it costs the average motorist \$2.50 a year to push his automobile registration plates along, if he travels 1000 miles a month.

That's based on the average plate. But Michigan's 1940 plates will be larger than usual—and the professor estimates that it will cost each driver in that state an additional 50 cents.

It's all calculated on wind resistance. If you want the exact formula, the professor can probably furnish it.

If, on the other hand, you would just as soon forget about the whole thing, you may be a lot better off.

Trans-Atlantic planes may cut Bermuda from their itinerary if the British don't keep their fingers out of U. S. mail bags. Doesn't Chamberlain know its a penitentiary offense to open someone else's mail?

The Arizona National Guard has abandoned the swastika as its insignia, although it was used for years before Hitler adopted it. Guardsmen are sore, but how do you suppose the Indians feel?

Everything, from bridesmaids to publicity, is furnished for \$75 by a San Francisco wedding service. After the ceremony, however, it's the bridegroom's problem.

A southern resident protested against paying the annual street tax because he had worked 11 months of the year on a chain gang, repairing city roads. He may as well ask for union wages while he's at it.

After all that talk about crescent stars, we at last understand what is meant by a cute appendicitis.

## Shaven Mice Protect Milady's Skin

This is the second story of a series of operations of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration. Final sections of the new act under which the administration is operating became effective this year.

**BY BRUCE CATTON**  
Reporter-Telegram  
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Six floors and a basement in one wing of the huge Department of Agriculture building is "home" to a small army of skilled laboratory technicians ceaselessly busy doing things like testing eyelash dye and painting shaven mice in rainbow hues.

This is the behind-the-scenes staff of the Food and Drug Administration. Its job is to see that new products are safe when they go on the market, and that they stay that way.

Since June, 1938, when most of the provisions of the new pure food, drug and cosmetics law went into effect, the administration has been after the manufacturers of dangerous cosmetics.

### NO COSMETIC LAW IN EARLY DAYS

WHEN the first food and drug act was passed, in 1906, the cosmetics business was a minor affair and the law left the government powerless to do anything about cosmetics. But by 1938 it had become tragically apparent that protection was needed. The outstanding case was that of eyelash dyes.

Some eyelash dyes had appeared containing a drug which could and in certain cases, did cause blindness. Not every user of the dyes suffered blindness, of course.

When the dye was applied carefully, so that none touched the eyeball, there might be no bad effects. Also, the sensitivity of different persons to the drug varied greatly. Some might use the dye with impunity; some might not.

These dyes became the first objective of the Food and Drug Administration under the new law. Since the law went into effect, the administration has made 65 seizures of eyelash dyes, involving several different brands. Criminal prosecutions followed.

### MOST OFFENDERS PLEAD GUILTY

ONE eyelash case went to trial. The others resulted either in pleas of guilty or in pleas on nolo contendere.

Fines or suspended prison terms were suspended because these were the first prosecutions under a new law.

At the moment, the administration is confident that dangerous eyelash dyes have been driven out



Whether internal or external, new beauty preparations or medicines are tried on white rats or mice to make sure the preparations are safe for human use. Food and Drug Administration chemists are photographed here from under a glass shelf administering vitamin D to rodent subjects.

of interstate commerce. It suspects, however, that in certain cases the offending manufacturer may be beating the law by establishing state agencies, each of which would distribute the product within only one state.

The eyelash dye was not the only type of cosmetic against which the administration took action. It moved against a bleaching cream, popular with colored women, which contained an over-strength mercury compound that could and did sometimes take the skin off.

It purged markets of lipsticks containing poisonous metallic drugs. It took action against a certain mole-remover which contained nitric and acetic acids. This preparation undeniably removed moles but unfortunately removed a good part of the adjacent skin as well.

### AGENTS HUNT HARMFUL COSMETICS

PROCEEDING against a preparation of this kind is not a simple job. The agent must first find a specific shipment of the preparation, and must get the records by which he can prove that it actually moved in interstate commerce.

The shipment must be seized, and samples analyzed. After that, the administration must compile convincing proof that the ingredient complained of is actually

for a permit to operate an air service to Rome, CAA will in effect determine whether Pan-American Airlines is to retain a virtual monopoly in the trans-Atlantic field.

This outfit's big argument is that it has the money, the equipment, the experience and the personnel to give the nation all the service it needs. American Export argues that competition has been a good thing for domestic air service and would be equally good in the trans-Atlantic field.

Whichever way the decision goes,

## CATTON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Some time this winter the Civil Aeronautics Authority will make a decision of vast importance to America's trans-Atlantic flying service.

In deciding whether to grant the new American Export Airlines' plea

an expansion of air service to Europe is coming.

Pan-American is in with a petition to boost its schedule to six trans-Atlantic flights a week and is shopping for \$6,000,000 worth of new planes. American Export has contracted for three new four-engine planes which can fly to Europe non-stop with loads double those now carried by trans-continental sleeper planes.

Hearings have been concluded and briefs filed. The next and final step is up to CAA.

### FDR FACES FIGHT OVER NRPB FUNDS.

THERE was more than a simple desire for economy back of the House's refusal to give any money to the National Resources Planning Board.

The board wasn't liked by congressmen, who accused it of egg-headism on folks back home to demand expensive public works. They also didn't like its general brain-trust aura.

The NRPB is a key New Deal agency, and FDR will fight to get its money back—but the fight will be tough.

### MRS. CRIDER MAY GET HER PENSION.

THERE'S an odd story in Congressman Robert Corbett's fight to get a \$40 Civil War pension for Mrs. Ella Crider, 88, of Pittsburgh.

Back in 1861 Mrs. Crider's husband joined an outfit called "the 56th Illinois Mechanic Fusiliers," whose colonel was promising recruits extra pay and light duties. The colonel was talking through his hat, and the boys kicked so hard when they learned it that the War Department mustered the regiment out of federal service the same day it was mustered in.

For 30 years Mrs. Crider has been seeking a pension, getting turned down each time because her late husband's regiment was in federal service only that one day. But his discharge shows that he himself had substantially over the required 90 days of service—which would make her eligible.

### RED TAPE, RUBBER GLOVES, PLAGUE SEC WORKERS.

WHAT red tape is like is illustrated in the case of the Securities and Exchange Commission and its \$12 worth of rubber gloves.

Some time ago SEC workers found the special inks they use hurt their hands. SEC bought 'em rubber gloves, but the comptroller general

## Texas Today

By The Associated Press

Jimmy Haynes, 35, of Gainesville appears to have a serious and a frivolous personality. By day he manufactures the palatable variants possible to ice cream, but at evening lies on the floor of his living room twirling and tumbling a small barrel with his toes.

In most other towns people might talk, but Gainesville has a considerable group of citizens who conduct the city's mercantile and money marts, drive trucks and run trains, deliver telegrams and treat the sick, cook for the family and educate children as normal vocations, but after the day's work emulate variations of Haynes' odd pastime. Next April he will appear in public where his foot-juggling barrel act will be something new in the program of the only show of its kind in the world, Gainesville Community Circus.

Gainesville gave the world bring-'em-back-alive Frank Buck and Charles Paddock, the "earth's fastest human," by accident of birth, but the amateur circus is the fruit of perseverance. Ten years ago the Gainesville Little Theatre group found the competition of talking pictures too stiff and turned its budding thespians into amusing champions for entertainment. The group put on a burlesque circus with 150 performers and from this the community circus was born.

The first performance was given in an exhibition hall on the Cook county fair grounds. The tight rope walker used a piece of steel cable stretched on a pair of sawbucks. Boys impersonated girls on the aerial ladders because no member of the other sex dared attempt the role of aerialists, and a community band endeavored to play the double-quick tempo of circus music.

Today the group performs beneath a big top containing 2,000 square feet of space with three rings and a hippodrome track, together with several tent dressing rooms, trained horses and other auxiliaries paid for out of the profits of past performances.

Most unusual, however, is the performance personnel. It is composed of bankers, school teachers, business executives, messenger boys, housewives, doctors, lawyers, railroad brakemen, milliners, soda dispensers and others drawn from the citizenry of Gainesville, whose only remuneration is the applause of those who see them perform. They are largely self-trained aerialists, bare-back riders and acrobats. The clowns also are volunteer citizens who successfully transformed their sense of humor into grotesque costumes and patois.

The turnover in the volunteer performers is substantial and, says A. Morton Smith, director, who earns his living as a Gainesville newspaper editor, "we have been faced with the loss of performers whose places we thought we could not fill, but usually someone comes along who does an even better act."

Content to let the past write its record of fun and success, the circus folk are looking to the future. Therefore, no one smiles when Bud Lucas, 21, truck driver, stands on his head when he takes a drink of water. The reason is that Bud's most dramatic act in this season's performances will be drinking a glass of water while balancing on his head in a trapeze, and he must learn to control his throat muscles.

Haynes and Lucas are but two of 50 Gainesville citizens learning new circus tricks under the schooling of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Henry, who have spent their lives under the big top, for the opening performance April 24.

In a store building where hangs

## A. F. of L. Head Urges His Pardon



George Scales (above), ex-convict president of the Building Service Employees International Union, on whose behalf A. F. of L. head William Green is urging a Presidential pardon. Convicted on white slave charge in 1913, Scales served four years in Atlanta Penitentiary.

ruled out the purchase as illegal unless specifically authorized by Congress.

For a while SEC officials simply counted the money out of their own pockets. This year, however, they got a \$12 rubber glove item from their appropriation bill.

# The Town Quack



Billy Brunson, who has been cowpunching or ranching around the country as long as anybody his age, tells about a cowhand who once hit him up for a raise. Brunson explained to the cowboy that he couldn't afford to raise his pay, as cattle were not bringing much and feed was high.

"Well, just cut it five dollars a month then," said the cowpuncher. "Anything for a change."

Coke Stevenson, among other good things, said he still has high regard for the press, in spite of the fact that it is the popular thing nowadays for office holders to make an attack on the newspapers. In telling how he had gained from the press, he recounted a joke about a salesman who approached a man, talked up his wares and finally slowed up long enough to learn

a labyrinth of aerial rigging, boys and girls of primary school age vie with gray-haired business men learning acts. A half dozen high school girls may be found doing nothing more than climbing ropes suspended from the ceiling.

"They've got to learn to climb a rope," Mrs. Henry explains, "before they can reach their trapeze bars, and while they're doing it they are getting strength in their arms to do their trapeze tricks."

In contrast, tumblers start work, bending and twisting because they must develop leg muscles. At the fair grounds Sunday afternoons, pretty, fair-haired Geraldine Murrell may be found putting her beautiful white mare, Sun D, over high hurdles. When the show opens, Mrs. Murrell, a milliner, will emulate Dorothy Herbert of circus fame, riding her horse in jumps over flaming bars. At the same time, Verne Brewer, trucking contractor, and Porter Sims, dry cleaner, work every night in the poultry building training horses and ponies to mount pedestals, kneel and dance, and a stubborn mule to kick bench balls with his hind legs.

To complete the picture, in the old natatorium building, Alex Murrell, light plant operator and husband of the equestrienne, is building a new calliope wagon, which will house the instrument Mrs. Henry is teaching several high school girls to play.

Coincidentally with the opening, Lee Reese, county AAA administrator, is conducting a school of instruction for ticket sellers, ushers and ticket takers, and Roy Stamps takes off time from his ice company to have general supervision over the activities—for he's president of the circus.

When the season opens, 150 persons will take part, but 200 others will have contributed their time and talent to the enterprise. "There are few firsts of May among our thinkers," says Stamps. Like the others, he talks circus lingo after the fashion of a veteran trouper.

### Inventor Doubts Adage About Better Mousetrap

BAKERSFIELD, Cal. (UP)—Roy McKee, who believes he has built a better mousetrap, finds the old adage does not work out. Rather than beating a path to his door, the world thinks he is kidding.

The trap literally puts the mouse on a "hot seat." Full of scamper, he smells bait, runs up a little enclosed ramp with a streamlined box after it, springs a trip door and is electrocuted instantly. Similar to a mantle radio and designed chiefly for grocery stores, hotel and restaurants, the traps are finished in blue green, white, black, maroon and ivory.

The electric unit is sealed against outside contact, according to McKee.

### Governors Speedy With Pen

COLUMBIA, S. C. (UP)—Gov. Burnet R. Maybank claims a new speed record in name signing. By signing 700 highway bonds in one hour he bested the record of 500 held by E. P. Miller, state treasurer.

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### Dog in Water Barrel Struggles for 9 Hours

TYRONE, N. Y. (UP)—DeForrest VanLiew, produce dealer, missed his dog Mitzie one evening. He conducted a thorough search for the animal, but Mitzie was not to be found.

While en route to Binghamton, early the next morning with a load of produce, VanLiew thought of the one place that he hadn't looked. He telephoned his hired man and told him to look in a rain barrel. Sure enough there was Mitzie still struggling to get out and nearly exhausted. It was estimated that the dog was in the water barrel nearly nine hours.

### Wedded Half Century, No Deaths in Family

CONCORD, N. H. (UP)—When Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Dube observed their golden wedding anniversary, they revealed that in those 50 years there had not been a death in their family.

The Dubes have nine children, 25 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. All were present at the celebration.

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Mrs. D. W. Brunson Hostess to T. E. L. Class Annual Party

Following her custom of entertaining her Sunday school class with a party on the occasion of her birthday, Mrs. D. W. Brunson was hostess to the T. E. L. class of the Baptist church at her home Tuesday. A number of guests were also present.

Peggy Joyce Minear Is Honored With Birthday Party

Honoring her daughter, Peggy Joyce, on her seventh birthday, Mrs. Roy Minear entertained at her home, 410 South I street, Tuesday. A color scheme of pink and white was carried out.

Delphian Quarterly Coffee Scheduled For Next Tuesday

Study of "Why England Won the Race for European Supremacy" was continued in the fifth Tuesday meeting of the Delphian chapter held in the private dining room of Hotel Scharbauer.

Tuesday Club Meets With Mrs. Mix

Mrs. C. A. Mix was hostess to the weekly meeting of the Tuesday club with an afternoon of bridge at her home, 800 W Louisiana, Tuesday.

FEMININE FANCIES

By Kathleen Eiland
The new gloves and hats, gloves particularly, seem to have gathered into themselves the spirit of spring and to be scattering it brightly prodigally about them in display windows and counters.

Cleanliness Is No. 1 Rule in Fastidiousness

BY ALICIA HART
NEA Service Staff Writer
CLEANLINESS is one of the sound principles on which true attractiveness is based. No fastidious woman, determined to appear at her best day in and day out, underestimates for a moment the importance of a daily bath or of hair which looks, smells and is clean.

Lorado Sewing Club Meets at Home of Mrs. Andrews

Lorado Sewing club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. A. Andrews for an afternoon of sewing and conversation.

MIND Your MANNERS

Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:
1. How might a young girl introduce another girl and young man?

Bridge-Luncheon Is Courtesy for Adelante Club

An arrangement of ranunculus centered the large table at which covers were laid for nine when Mrs. W. B. Harkrider was hostess to the Adelante club at her home, 1306 W. Texas, with a one o'clock bridge-luncheon Tuesday.

Mrs. A. H. Riley Entertains for Bridgette Club

Mrs. W. P. Thurmon and Mrs. C. J. Buser played with club members when Bridgette club was entertained by Mrs. A. H. Riley, 608 Cuthbert, with an afternoon party Tuesday.

FREQUENT SHAMPOOS

SO are her ears. That male society columnist who complained that women no longer wash their ears doesn't irk her even a trifle. She knows that her ears and the area behind them, too, are always clean.



THURSDAY
The Chanters of McMurry College will present a program at the First Methodist church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Octet club will meet with Mrs. H. D. Dickson, 609 Cuthbert, Thursday afternoon for a bridge-luncheon at one o'clock.

Needlecraft club will meet with Mrs. A. W. Wyatt, 515 W. Holmesley, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Leshe Flyaron will meet with Mrs. Leland White Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Friendly Builders class of the Methodist Sunday school will have its monthly social at the home of Mrs. O. F. Hedrick, 800 W Michigan, Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Thursday club will meet with Mrs. R. W. Patteson, 904 W Louisiana, Thursday afternoon.

Presbyterian auxiliary will present a program in observance of the week of prayer and self-denial for foreign missions at the church on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY

Child Study club will meet with Mrs. R. W. Patteson, 904 W Louisiana Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Children's Service League will meet with Mrs. J. M. Kenderdine, 601 Cuthbert, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Belmont Bible class will meet with Mrs. W. G. Ataway, 404 W. Ohio, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Women's Golf Association will meet for play at the Country Club Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Closing the annual observance of the week of prayer and self-denial for foreign missions of the Presbyterian church, a fellowship dinner will be held at the church Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

SATURDAY

Treble Clef Juvenile Music club will meet at the Watson studio, 210 W. Ohio, Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Story Hour will be held in the children's library Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

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BOSTON (U.P.) — From a child, District Judge Thomas H. Connelly of Brighton learned the importance of wearing his robes while hearing cases.

Stomach Hyperacidity Held Largely Mythical

BOSTON (U.P.) — Acid stomach is largely a myth and calls for rearrangement of living habits rather than the use of alkaline preparations, according to Prof. Chester M. Jones of Harvard Medical school.

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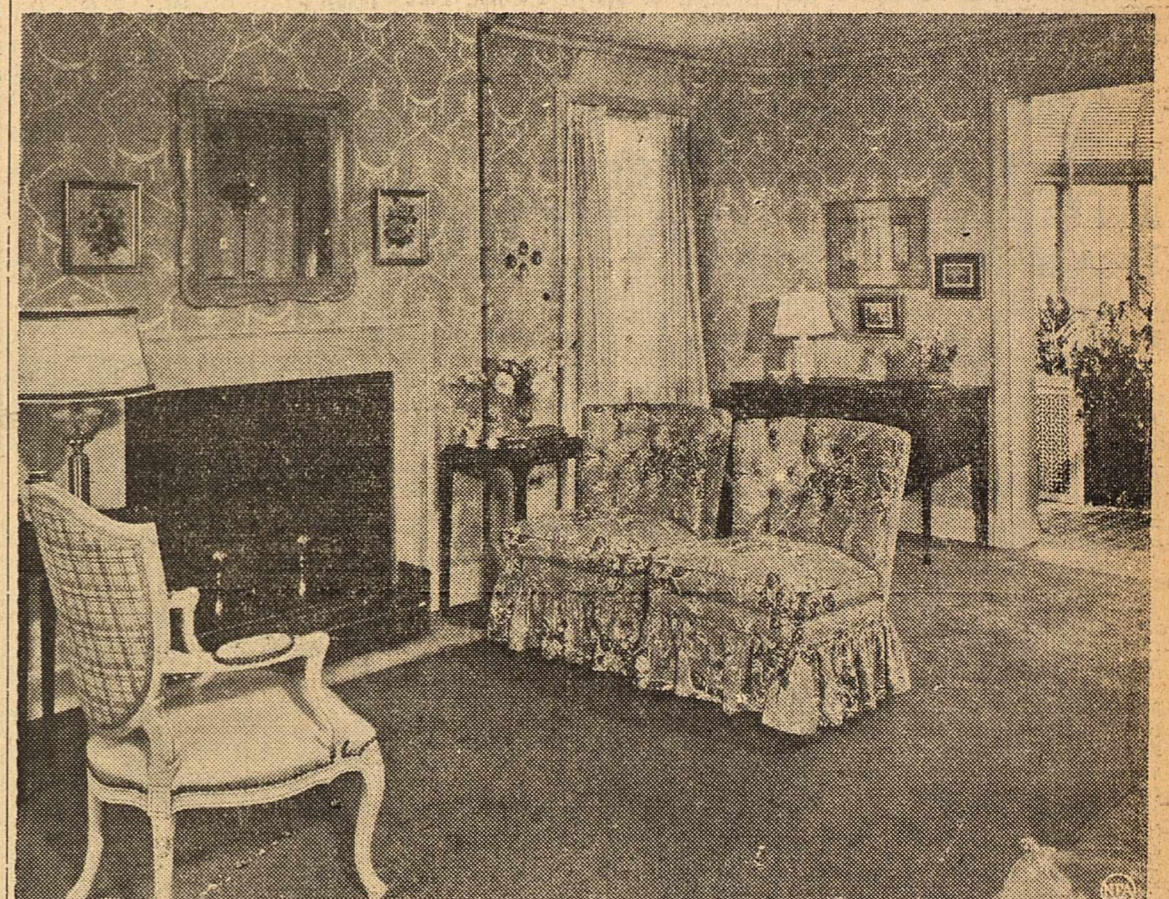
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Headstrong Child Usually Go-Getter

BY OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

"BOBBY'S so headstrong," his mother sighs. Is such a child to be:

- A. Admired? B. Criticized? C. Called a Bad Boy? D. Permitted to have his way?

Usually the headstrong child knows exactly what he wants and goes after it.

Summed up, this is a high test of success. It's our old friend "purpose" and "stik-to-it-iverness" all over again, the secret of a Washington, a Lincoln, and Edison or a Curie.

But here you counter with, "Yes? It was also the pride of Captain Kidd, Jesse James and Lucrezia Borgia."

We're both right. It's the will to do, to insist on one's own way and pursue the road to a goal.

However, the quality of firmness is to be admired. It is a condition of mind that needs many things to keep on the right track.

I choose "A" for my answer. As for "B," yes, that too is correct at the time and place needed.

TEMPER AMBITION WITH SELF-CONTROL OUR Bill or Jack or Charles simply has to go his own way at his own risk, at least part of the time, if he is a headstrong lad. So does

School Yearbook Shows Dewey as Interlocutor

OWOSSO, Mich. (U.P.) — Thomas E. Dewey, young racket-smashing district attorney who has declared himself a candidate for the 1940 republican presidential nomination, was sized up in his high school annual as a youth with a flair for oratory and political leadership.

In the Owosso high school yearbook, published 23 years ago when Dewey was graduating, his ability as interlocutor in a minstrel show drew editorial praise.

His picture was accompanied by the usual sketch and here is what it said: "First in the council hall to steer the state, and ever foremost in a tongue debate."

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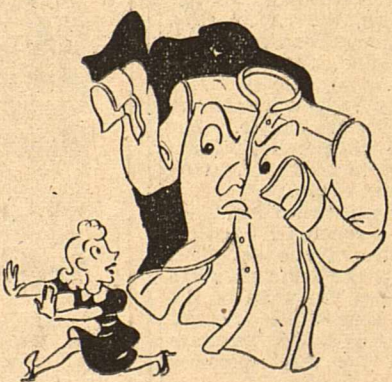
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### Bulldogs Take 24-17 Decision From Lamesans

The Midland high school Bulldogs ran their winning streak to seven straight games last night when they came through with a 24-17 victory over the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes.

The Bulldogs were playing without the services of Windell Williams, ace guard of the team, who was out of the game because of illness. However, he wasn't needed because of the fine work done by Coleman Collier and Little Mallonee. Collier fouled out of the game late in the contest and Mallonee filled his shoes in capable style.

High point honors of the night went to Brown of Midland who sacked up four field goals and a free shot for nine points, one more than Bratcher of Lamesa could gather.

The box score:

Midland				
Players	fg	ft	pt	tp
Gee f	1	3	3	5
Arrington f	2	0	0	4
Bratton c	2	0	2	4
Brown g	4	1	3	8
Collier g	0	0	4	0
Mallonee g	1	0	2	2
10 4 10 24				
Lamesa				
Players	fg	ft	pt	tp
Blair f	1	0	1	2
Reeves f	2	1	2	5
Bratcher c	2	2	3	8
Furlough g	0	1	3	1
Carmichel g	0	1	1	1
Bussell g	0	0	0	0
6 5 7 17				

### GG Welter Entry



Earl Pace, Midland boy who has had 27 fights in the past year and won 26 of them, is one of the favorites in the welterweight division in The Reporter-Telegram Golden Gloves tournament that gets underway at the high school gymnasium tonight. Pace's lone loss during the past year was a decision to Morris Corona, Port Arthur, state Golden Gloves champion in 1939. Pace will be seen in action tonight.

### Finds It's More Fun to Play With Than Manage Team

PITTSBURGH. — Two years ago Francis Fogarty, son of John Fogarty, groundkeeper for the Pittsburgh Pirates, was student manager of the Duquesne College hockey team. Last season he learned to like the game so much he decided he'd play it. He started as goalie. This year he is a star defenseman.

### Tourney to Get Best Quintets From 18 States

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (UP). — Success of the National Basketball tournament of state champions here seemed assured with the announcement that 18 states will conduct separate tournaments and send their winners to Chattanooga.

The national tournament is scheduled for Feb. 26 through March 1 in Chattanooga's memorial auditorium.

Last year there were 13 states represented in the tournament. This year, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Oregon have joined the increasing list of states.

Tommy Reeder, president of the newly-formed American Basketball Congress, said there probably will be half a dozen more teams added to the number already represented before pairings are drawn.

"Basketball has long needed a tournament to establish a truly national champion, such as the world series does in baseball," Reeder said.

The American Basketball Congress, with its state commissioners, supplies this need by establishing state tournament winners to enter the national tournament.

"Professional or traveling basketball players will not be allowed to compete, but professionals in any other sport may participate. This rule will allow professional baseball players, who keep in condition through the winter months by playing basketball, the privilege of entering."

### Lawrin Returning Says Owner Woolf

HEALEAH, Fla. — Herbert M. Woolf, owner of Woolford Farm in Kansas City, announces that Lawrin, 1938 Kentucky Derby winner, is coming back to the races after a season in stud.

Woolf has four eligibles for the Flamingo Stake—Prompt Pay, In-soclad, In-soclassie and Quenemo—but says he will confine most of his racing to New York tracks this year.



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Players	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.
Grant	173	124	144	441
Jones	166	138	190	494
Cassidy	170	127	126	423
Chambers	177	204	143	524
Schneider	190	156	162	508
Team average 876 749 765 2390 797				

MACKEY MOTORS.

Players	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.
Jones	133	149	128	410
Nalley	132	178	147	457
Bizzell	134	161	177	472
Clement	161	152	158	471
Hall	144	135	116	395
Handicap 12				
Team average 708 779 730 2217 714				

SHELL NO. 2

Players	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.
Odale	130	124	96	350
Boring	141	170	147	458
Blind	153	153	153	459
Allen	136	121	135	392
Roripaugh	159	123	201	483
Handicap 123				
Team average 760 732 773 2265 714				

BLATZ MILWAUKEE.

Players	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.
Parker	144	178	141	463
Warren	131	210	131	472
Walker	162	155	179	496
Anderson	198	136	150	484
Dozier	195	150	243	588
Team average 830 829 844 2503 834				

SHELL NO. 1

Players	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.
Shores	158	150	200	508
Owens	121	116	133	370
Brewer	120	146	171	437
Baker	195	157	161	513
Kimrey	154	148	149	451
Team average 748 717 814 2279 760				

MIDLAND HARDWARE.

Players	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.
Kiser	170	133	148	451
Nance	148	142	131	421
Gibbs	141	115	152	408
Hunter	152	76	69	297
Adams	113	143	151	407
Handicap 294				
Team average 822 707 749 2278 681				

### May Lose Spouse 4 Times Her Age

When anyone in Odessa agrees with anyone in Midland that is SOMETHING. When Odessans offer publicity and support to a Midland enterprise it is a fact worth headlines. For that reason, we are reprinting an article printed by Jada Davis, Odessa News-Times sports scribe.

Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 will be eventful days for many young athletes in this vicinity. On the two nights of those dates, the West Texas youngsters will step into a ring in Midland and prepare to do mayhem and almost-murder. The winners will receive handsome awards — and a chance to earn further honors and glory at the state tournament in Fort Worth.

It is all in the spirit of clean fun—and it is one of the most valuable sports attractions in the nation today. Even football can't equal boxing for sportsmanship and excellent training.

When a lad dons a pair of mitts, steps into the ring, he knows he's on his own. There will be no teammates to block for him—and little mercy shown by his opponent. It's give and take—with the best man giving, and the weaker taking.

There is no shame in defeat. Learning to take it is one of the most essential parts of the game. The youngsters must learn to take it mentally, as well as physically.

Prof. that Odessans, as well as all others, go for amateur boxing is shown by the number of telephone calls to this department for reserved seats at the fight tonight and tomorrow night. Approximately 50 seats had been purchased by Odessans early this morning, one block of 32 being ordered.

Deviating from a previously-announced plan, a few seats along the ringside have been reserved for persons purchasing them from this department. However, there is little difference in any of the ringside seats—not one of them being more than 20 feet from the ring.

There are no seasons on the moon.

### Doggone!



Doggist hat seen since Hector was a pup is this one—a black felt affair in the form of a dog's head. It is shown as modeled at a recent spring millinery show in New York.

## Pro Wrestling Requires Face-Lifting, Says Great Londos, And Iron-Handed National Organization Is Badly Needed

BY JERRY BRONDFIELD  
NEA Service Sports Writer.

JIM LONDOS doesn't intend to become an out-and-out missionary, but the Gorgeous Greek has some sensible ideas on how to cure professional wrestling of a lot of evils.

"If I tried to deny the accusations made against wrestling I'd only be a hypocrite," he explains. "But it isn't too late to do something about the distasteful aspects."

It pays to listen to Jimmy Londos. Not only is the 44-year-old grappler one of the marvels of the athletic world, but he is one of the most astute men sports has embraced.

"Fans scoff and say wrestling is just a burlesque," he says. "News-papers often treat it with contempt and refer to it as drama. Sometimes I can't blame them. The sport could stand changes."

"Baseball men meet once a year and make necessary changes to improve their game. Football does the same. That's what wrestling needs — a national organization that can dictate with an iron hand and clean up a lot of this hippodrome."

"It needs someone who can talk for the sport."

"There's too much holding and stalling. There isn't enough wrestling."

"It should make its referees more than a party to an act. I'd like to see referees disqualify more wrestlers for some of their tactics. It wouldn't take long before the sport would be completely rejuvenated."

### JIM LONDOS STARTED AS OLYMPIC CLUB AMATEUR.

LONDOS came to San Francisco from Greece when only 12 years old. He wrestled as an amateur for the famous Olympic Club for four or five years and then succumbed to the influence of his early idol — Stanislaus Zbysko—and turned professional in 1917.

His quarter of a century as a topnotcher outdoes the iron-mat stunts of Lou Gehrig and Glenn Cunningham.

"And I'll be around for a couple of years yet," he smiles. "I just want to convince two or three of the pretenders who the boss really is."

Then, Jim infers, he'll retire to his ranch near Escondido, Calif., and raise oranges and avocados.

Londos has made a big financial as well as glamorous success of his art and he has no worries for the future.

He has wrestled all over America, Europe, Australia and Africa. He has traveled more than 400,000 miles and engaged in more than 1500 matches.

He has made as many as six appearances in a week. Outside of handball his conditioning program consists of wrestling and more wrestling.

Londos has had a half dozen ribs cracked during his career. A few years ago, the late Jim Brown, wrenched his ankle badly enough to put him in bed for several weeks.

A startling number of wrestlers have died as a result of mat accidents in recent years, Londos reveals.

Among them have been Mike Romano, Stanley Stasiak, Steve Zenoski, Joe Shimkus, Eli Fisher, Dimitri Dimitroff and Sailor Jack Woods.

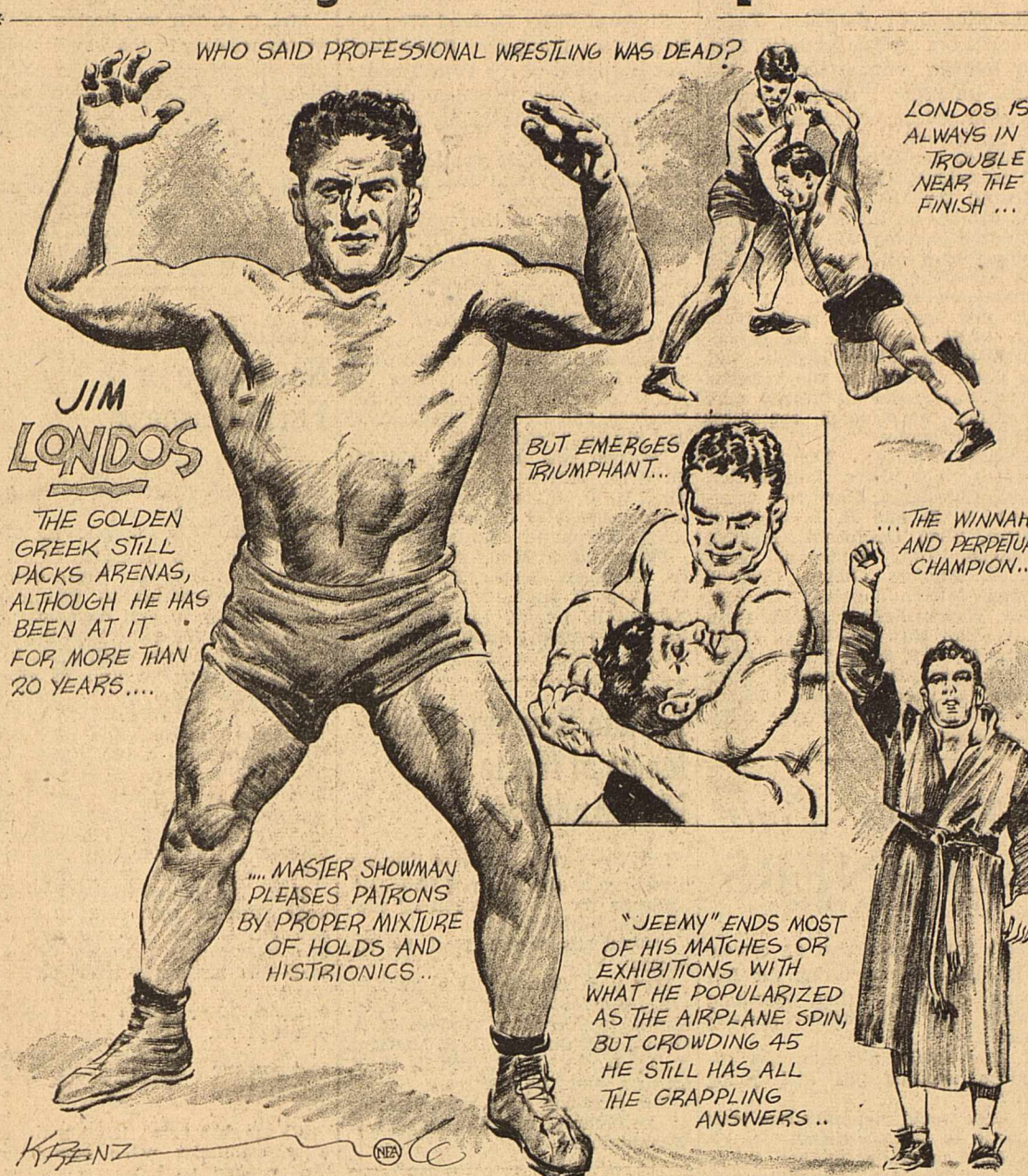
WRESTLED BEFORE LARGEST CROWD IN MAT HISTORY.

BUT to Londos the most poignant memory he will carry away from the mat is the time he wrestled the Russian, Kalo Kwarlana, before 110,000 people in the Arena in Athens in 1933.

It was the first time the famous amphitheatre had ever been turned over to professional entertainers and it was fitting that Greece give the honor to its leading athlete.

"My father seconded me in that match," Londos recalls. "It was the first time he had ever seen me wrestle. He had been firmly against my becoming a wrestler when I was a boy. He was the proudest man in the world that day."

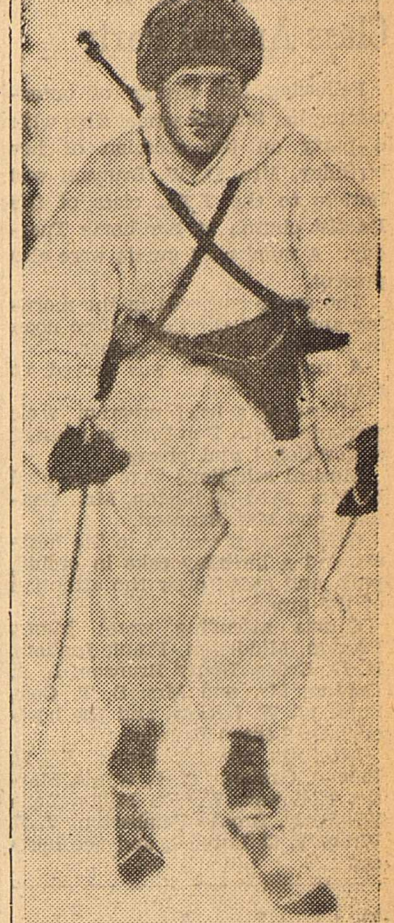
The Athens turnout was the biggest wrestling crowd in history. Londos also grappled before the largest mat audiences in this country. He is the most magnetic bucks office magnet in the history of the antiquated dodge... has been for more than 20 years.



JIM LONDOS WHO SAID PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING WAS DEAD? LONDOS IS ALWAYS IN TROUBLE NEAR THE FINISH... BUT EMERGES TRIUMPHANT... THE WINNAR AND PERPETUAL CHAMPION... "JEEMY" ENDS MOST OF HIS MATCHES OR EXHIBITIONS WITH WHAT HE POPULARIZED AS THE AIRPLANE SPIN, BUT CROWDING 45 HE STILL HAS ALL THE GRAPPLING ANSWERS... "MASTER SHOWMAN PLEASES PATRONS BY PROPER MIXTURE OF HOLDS AND HISTRIONICS..."

Among the younger leaders in livestock work in Texas is F. I. Dahlberg of Texas A. & M. College who will be superintendent of the southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, March 8-17.

### Sergeant Niemi



Pekka Niemi, who won 50-kilometer world skiing championship at Chamonix, France, in 1937, is a sergeant in Finnish army. He led patrols which many times penetrated to rear of Russian lines.

### Swine Specialist



Among the younger leaders in livestock work in Texas is F. I. Dahlberg of Texas A. & M. College who will be superintendent of the southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, March 8-17.

### It's a Real Sail All Right, But Boat Is Moored

NEW YORK. — A dark blue spinaker on a Lightning sloop, filled by air from a fan, billows out over the edge of the middle aisle of the National Motorboat Show at Grand Central Palace here.

"That's not a real sail," remarked a woman visitor. "If it was it would pull the boat along."

For the lady's information, the boat is moored to a wooden cradle and the breeze is very light.

### Revere Statue Won by Ballad

BOSTON (UP). — All because of a poem, Boston will have an equestrian statue of Paul Revere.

Since 1884 Cyrus Dallin, world-famed sculptor, had tried to get the city to accept his work, but it was success until Mayor Maurice J. Tobin saw his latest appeal, a parody on Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's Midnight Ride ballad:

"Listen, my children, and you shall hear Of the ignoble failure of Boston to rear The equestrian statue of Paul Revere..."

Tobin, acting as chairman of the city's George Robert White Fund, influenced the other trustees and Dallin was awarded a \$27,500 contract for casting the statue in bronze near the Old North Church where the lanterns were hung to start Revere on his ride to warn the Minute Men that the British were coming.

The statue was first rejected by the city because a critic, now dead, described it as "an improbable man on an improbable horse." The description rose to plague Dallin when he tried to please succeeding mayors in his work.

"It is," he said, "far better than my 'Appeal to the Great Spirit' or any other of the works for which people have praised me. I made the model when only a boy of 23, and it's the finest thing I have ever done."

What pleases Dallin most about his new statue is the fact that there is a new theory of how "man-on-horse" statues should be made. It is "from the horse's rear feet to his fore feet to the man's head being mayors in his work."

Unconsciously, Dallin carried out the theory while an "untrained boy."

FEAR BASKETBALL SCANDAL. NEW YORK — Betting on basketball games at Madison Square Garden has reached such proportions that some fear a scandal.

### Rassler Prefers Freedom to \$\$\$\$

CHICAGO. — Sander Szabo turned down a guarantee to wrestle in Budapest, his old home town, but refused without thinking twice.

Szabo, who played on the Hungarian water polo team in the 1932 Olympic Games, was afraid his native hand would present him with his birth certificate and throw him into the army.

### Bowling Tougher Than Footballer Leemans Imagined

SUPERIOR, Wis. — Tuffy Leemans discovered bowling is much tougher than he thought. The New York Giant halfback taking up the game in Superior, his home city, did so well in practice that he was given a place on a league team. But in his first match appearance Leemans rolled 323, with three games of 104, 96, and 123.

### GARRISON FINISH.

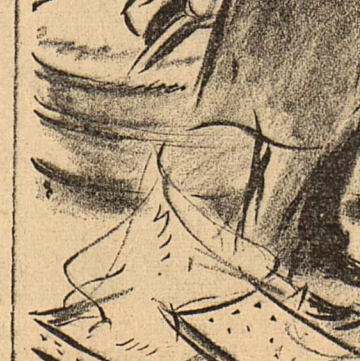
LINCOLN. — Roy Petsch, Nebraska's blocking back, didn't score a point until the final game of his career last fall when he took two touchdown passes which beat Oklahoma.

### RACIAL DISCRIMINATION OUT.

BOSTON. — Boston College, which yielded to Clemson's request not to use Lou Montgomery, Negro star, in the Cotton Bowl football game in Dallas, Jan. 1, will contract no more contests with teams asking racial discrimination.

### SIDE GLANCES

by Galbraith



It's so sweet of you to buy me this purple handbag! I'll have to run downtown tomorrow and buy a dress, hat and shoes to match.

### Kiefer in First Stage Appearance

CHICAGO. — Adolf Kiefer, contemplating Hollywood offers, made his first bid for theatrical fame by appearing in the role of a press photographer in "Stage Door."

The play was presented by students of the Columbia College of Drama and Radio, in which the world backstroke swimming champion is enrolled.

### Forward's Injury Maintains Record For Badger Coach

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### Expert Says Always Take the Fat Meat

SAN ANTONIO, Texas. (AP). — "Take the fat meat," says an expert on beef grading at the San Antonio stockyards.

An expert trencherman does not need this advice, the expert says, but one who prefers lean meat will turn it down and, thereby, draw second quality.

The rules for recognizing tender steaks and roasts are simple. Fat and tenderness run parallel. Lean meat dries out in cooking, leaving the cut hard and tough.

Buy meat with "marbling," or streaks of fat through it. Gristle—pure connective tissue—toughens meat. Fat cells, the more they are inflated, stretches the walls of the cells to many times their normal size and as they do so the fibres are weakened and the meat becomes tender.

Bright meat indicates young beef, but as the animal grows older the meat becomes darker. Young pork is pale pink.

Color is an important actor in the selection of meat, the expert says, since even the color of the fat is a guidepost. The best quality is indicated by white, or creamy, fat, because it indicates good feeding. Yellow fat, common in dairy cattle, however, may not always mean poor quality meat, because pasture forage when fed exclusively, and green oats when used as a single grain diet, produces yellow fat.

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**TWO-ROOM** apartment; Frigidaire; close in; couple only. 110 West Michigan. (280-1)

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- For District Attorney:** MARTELLE McDONALD (Re-election)
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- For County Judge:** E. H. BARRON (Re-election)
- For County Attorney:** MERRITT F. HINES (Re-election)
- For County Clerk:** SUSIE G. NOBLE (Re-election)
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- For Constable:** (Precinct No. 1) R. D. LEE (Re-election); For Justice of the Peace: Precinct No. 1—Place No. 1: J. H. KNOWLES (Re-election)

**Pig Champions Fair Play**  
**HAYWARD, Cal. (UP)** — A 300-pound pig at the Vierra ranch near here probably believes that turn about is fair play. Edward Moriera got the first turn and caught the pig by the ears. The pig got the second turn and caught Moriera by the thumb. After that the game was called off. Doctors, with the aid of three stitches, put Moriera's thumb back in shape again.

## Paul Harrison in Hollywood

**HOLLYWOOD.** — Well, they've finished "Northwest Passage." It took nearly three years and a lot of aspirin, and pop-eyed auditors are still totting up the costs of the movie's most spectacular location enterprise. Herbert Stothart has recorded the last of the background music, and cutters have completed their ticklish task of scissoring the fantastically expensive film to a suitable length.

At first it was planned to pack all of Kenneth Roberts' historical novel into one picture. That was abandoned with the discovery that it would run an hour longer than "Gone With the Wind." Now it is confined to the first half of the book, once serialized as "Rogers' Rangers," and the picture never reaches the northwest passage part. It'll be called "Northwest Passage" anyway, because of the title's value. The book has run through 45 American and foreign editions, including Czechoslovakian and Braille.

## BOB TAYLOR IS NO SECOND FIDDLE

**SPENCER TRACY**, as Major Robert Rogers, famed pre-Revolutionary Indian fighter, is about the only individual who has stuck with the production from its beginning. Robert Young succeeded Robert Taylor in the fictional role of Langdon Towne because Taylor decided, probably unwisely, that he wanted no second-fiddle assignment. King Vidor did all the actual directing, although W. S. Van Dyke was named for the job in 1939. Laraine Day eventually wound up in the romantic feminine lead, but Isabel Jewel, as the white girl rescued from the Indians, has much the larger and better part.

The story, if you recall, is mostly just a narrative of Rogers' epic expedition against the French and Indian village of St. Francis and the tortuous return journey. Some producers could have whipped up a picture about it in three weeks in some local eucalyptus grove. Metro did a staggeringly thorough job. A crew spent six months scouring the entire Pacific Northwest for a location site, and finally settled on Payette Lake, Idaho.

## CARLOADS ACCOMPANY FILMING TROUPE

The first expedition went up in June, 1938, with construction crews, camera staff and 15 stunt men. Also with seven freight cars full of items such as 1500 pairs of moccasins, 800 powder horns, 1100 Ranger uniforms for 240 Rangers (each man had to have one new, one worn and one ragged uniform, besides spare ones for water scenes), 2000 wigs and an assortment of gory scalps, 1,000 suits of long woolies and 1000 muskets.

There were 125 buildings ready for burning in the village of St. Francis, and two complete forts, Wentworth and Crown Point. The latter was a replica of the one which the British actually spent \$10,000,000 to build on Lake Champlain.

Filming really started on July 6, 1939. Sets had been recon-ditioned, another trainload of props brought in, and camps established. The main one included 40 log cabins, two frame dormitories and a flock of circus tents. There was a separate camp for extras and a third for the 364 Indians. A fleet of power boats was brought in by rail; a river was widened and dammed, and a special hydroelectric plant installed.

All in all, it was quite a job.

## Mother Forced to Choose Among 3 in Fire Rescue

**RHYMNEY (UP)**—Waking in the night with the home ablaze and three small children in bed, unable to carry all of them, a mother had to make a terrible choice.

Should she carry out the baby boy in her own bed, or run for the twin girls in the next room. Mrs. Annie James Brown, 27, rushed screaming for help into the back bedroom and picked up the twins, intending to return for the little boy. She threw the children into the arms of neighbors and turned back, but it was too late. George Maynard Brown, 4, was trapped and it was impossible to save him.

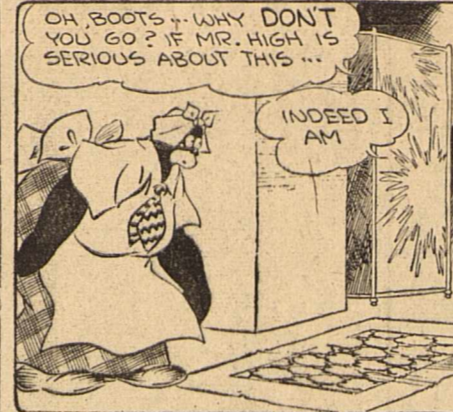
## Teacher Draws Salary But School Is Empty

**SHUBERT, Neb. (UP)**—Mrs. Raymond Donn had her first school teaching job today—and it comprised sitting alone in a studentless classroom for a salary of \$50 a month.

The only children in the rural school district for which she was retained are being sent by their parents to the Shubert town school.

The school board assured Mrs. Donn that she would be paid, so she devised for herself a daily schedule of knitting, letter-writing and listening to the radio. Even that, she finds, is monotonous.

## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



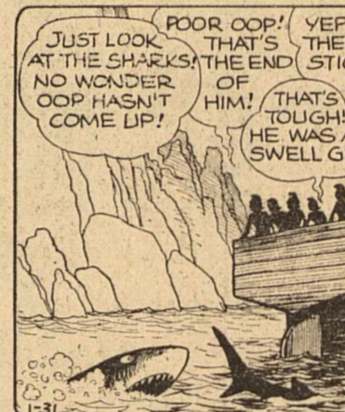
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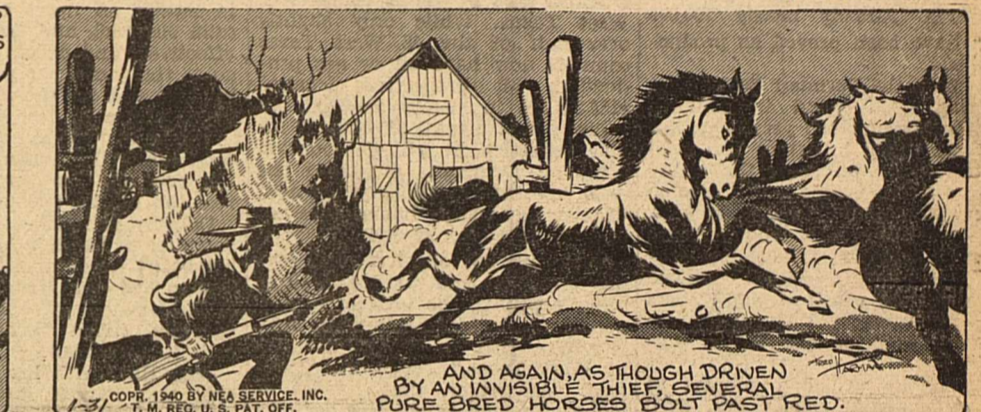
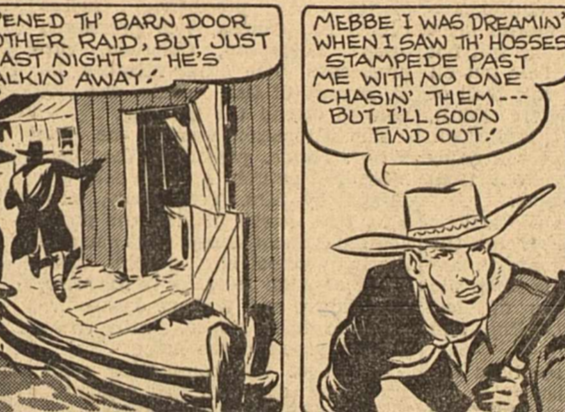
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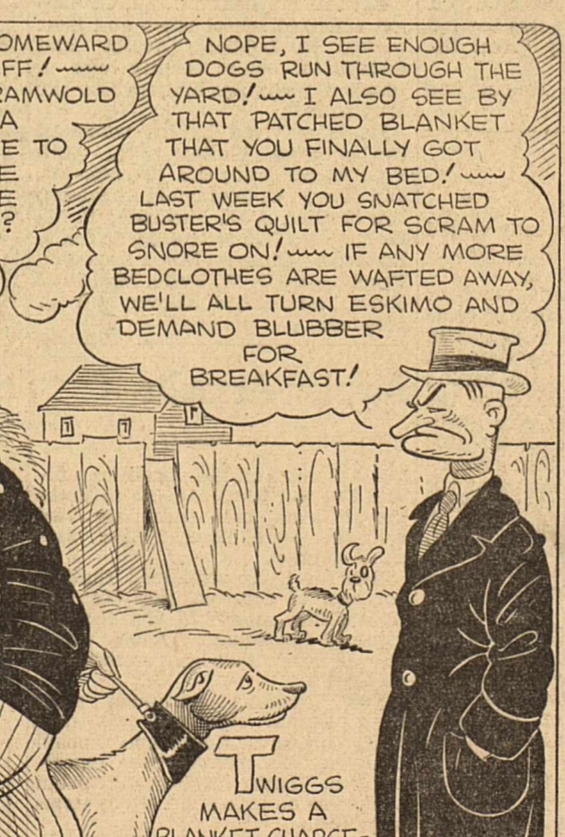
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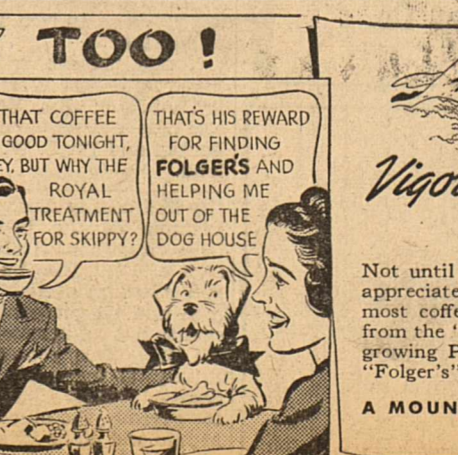
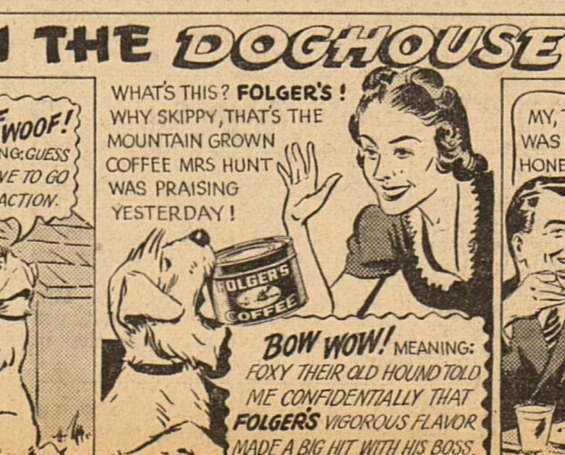
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### CC Speaker—

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Oil is the principal support of the schools and county and local

### Favors Johnson



Dr. W. J. Johnson, superintendent of San Antonio state hospital for insane, charged before the board of control with improper conduct in that office, replied to the charges with the testimony of Mrs. Anna Price Hewitt, pictured here. Mrs. Hewitt, manager of a San Antonio apartment house, testified against one of the accusing witnesses, a girl, against Dr. Johnson.

governments of West Texas, declared Judge Thompson, a former county official of Mitchell county.

By latest available figures, oil paid \$9,263,511 in State and local taxes in 1938 in the 48 counties of West Texas. While only slightly over half of the 48 West Texas counties now have oil or gas production, oil properties totalled \$155,341,532 in county assessed tax values out of a total \$464,817,418 for all properties in all 48 counties. This oil represents one-third the total assessed valuations of the area whether the county has or does not have oil or gas production.

"Counting payrolls, lease and royalty payments and taxes, as well as other expenses, the total of all expenditures by oil reaches \$51,018,498 in a year in the 48 counties of West Texas," Judge Thompson said. "Altogether, that's a lot of money. In fact, as we consider oil's many advantages to us, to our business institutions, to our city, county and state agencies of government and to our school children, we are apt to conclude that its benefits are unlimited. But oil is not a magic pitcher whose stream of economic nectar flows undiminished. Its flow is subject to a number of factors, including heavy state taxes, large and unwarranted levies by the cities and counties, and by some of the approximately 9,000 independent taxing agencies in the state.

"For the oil producer is being penalized on every barrel of oil he produces in Texas. In 1938, he paid an average tax per barrel of 9.3 cents. In 1939, he paid 1/2 cent a barrel more, or around 9.8 cents for every barrel he produced. That is the highest average tax of any oil state in the union, a penalty of 10 cents a barrel over Louisiana, next highest and of nearly 1 1/2 cents over Oklahoma, third largest. And as for Illinois, the Texas tax last year was practically five times as much. Competition on such terms is increasingly difficult for the Texas oil producer.

"Nor should it have to be on these terms. After all, the oilman and the oil industry are sharing with you a large part of the income from which oil brings into this great area. If the oilman is a friend worth making, isn't he a friend worth keeping? And we can only expect to keep him so long as he can find and produce oil in West Texas as cheap or cheaper than in Illinois, Mississippi or the other states which charge him only a fourth or fifth as much to operate as Texas does. Let's keep for the Permian Basin its present great oil development and foster further exploration and activity which will bring additional wealth in their wake."

Speaking particularly of Midland, Judge Thompson said, "Your own

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### Class Play—

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Edith Wemple and Cletas Hines, are in mostly an upside condition. His calm deserting him, he storms most effectively and declares he will not go to the game, nor will he put on his best suit for the party; both of which things he does before Edith, as the boss of the family, is through with him. The audience will enjoy the complete transformation from real life of the two people.

Dorothy Sue Miles as the artistic daughter of the Smiths reaches the height of her dramatic art in action as well as in painting when she illustrates the symbolism of her painting, called "Echo." Pop still calls it a dishpan.

Jack Hurt with his southern accent and Payton Anderson as a suave, wealthy playboy give good supporting parts.

We should not know what the play would be without the maiden sister of Mrs. Smith and Professor Slattery who somehow gets a terrible bump from one of the Smiths every time he comes into the house. Poor "Slats" has for so long been on the verge of proposing. These roles are played by Kenneth Williams and Verre Berry. It seems a shame to enjoy the traditional timidity and absent-mindedness of a professor, but true to tradition the audience will.

As Betty and Buddy Smith, Helen Armstrong and Roger Sidwell are incorrigible. Buddy with his slang as when he says, "Tnxay! When I get that loco, you can lay me out with a ly in my mit," gives his mother great despair. Betty with her goose-stepping majorette practice does a good piece of work. Both as to voice and acting this pair will be one especially attractive to the audience. If we do not miss our guess the kid brother and sister may "steal the show."

We recommend the drama and the entire cast.

### Luncheon—

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Claude O. Crane who recently visited the cave, Lion Herbert King was in charge of the program.

Max Bentley, assistant manager of the West Texas chamber of commerce, Abilene, made a brief talk in which he told of visiting Carlsbad Cavern in 1924, writing the second magazine article ever written on the famous cavern. Bentley also advocated Midland's asking for the 1942 convention of the West Texas chamber of commerce, the theme of the convention to be "The Homecoming for West Texas folks everywhere." Tariff and freight rate projects of the regional chamber of commerce were also discussed briefly by Mr. Bentley.

D. E. Carter, R. K. Cross and W. N. Cole were elected to membership in the club at today's luncheon, bringing the total number of new members, transfers and reinstatements during the month of January to thirteen.

The banquet to be held in Big Spring tomorrow evening honoring Melvin Jones, secretary-general and founder of Lionism, was announced, all members being urged to attend. John P. Butler, Bob Scruggs, L. T. Boynton and R. C. Conkling were appointed as an "On To Big Spring" committee.

Guests present included Charles Woodward, Fort Worth; Max Bentley, Abilene; Jim Velvin, Midland and Big Spring, and Dr. W. W. Lackey and Dr. L. W. Leggett, Midland.

city and county disclose to us a fine example of the benefits received from oil without a single productive acre of land. The buildings, homes and other properties owned by oilmen and oil companies in Midland county has an assessed value of \$2,274,461. This represents approximately 31 per cent of the total assessed value of your county. As for payrolls, the oil companies spent in Midland alone in a year the sum of \$1,083,000."

### Business Men—

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long as the tax payers will furnish the money. How long that will last is entirely up to the business interests, he said.

The speaker exhorted business men not to leave it up to the legislature to solve the problem of increasing social security costs, or the methods of taxation, but to revise their study of the present day government needs and to voice their opinions before the law making bodies.

Also a principal speaker on the program was Judge Chas. C. Thompson of Colorado City who told of the tremendous growth of the Permian Basin area because of development in the petroleum industry. Full text of Judge Thompson's speech appears in connection with this article.

Fred Wemple, Midland business man, introduced lieutenant Governor Stevenson, and E. B. Spence, executive secretary of the Permian Basin Association, introduced Judge Thompson.

Judge Ed M. Whitaker, retiring president of the chamber, referred to the printed report of accomplishments of the organization during the past year but mentioned briefly the outstanding achievements, including the \$2,000,000 municipal airport expansion program, the securing of free mail delivery, aid in organization of the Permian Basin Association and progress on securing additional highways.

Toastmaster M. C. Ulmer introduced one representative from each of fifteen towns and cities who, in turn, introduced the members of his party, as follows: Andrews, six; Abilene, five; Amarillo, four; A. F. Yates, Scagraves, four; W. S. Cooper, El Paso, three; Loyd Bludworth; Junction, two; Judge Randolph; Dallas, Mr. Irwin.

Executive board members of the Permian Basin Association, introduced by Secretary H. B. Spence, included J. L. Greene, Midland, president; R. B. Oberholtzer, Seagraves, vice president; George Elliott, Jr., Odessa, vice president; Judge Thompson, Colorado, vice president. The other member, M. D. Bryant of San Angelo, was not able to attend the meeting.

The invocation was by the Rev. W. C. Hinds, pastor of the First Methodist church. A violin solo was played by Mrs. Tom Sealy, with Mrs. Holt Jewell playing the piano accompaniment. Songs were sung by the high school boys' quartet, composed of Jack Hurt, Billy McGrew, Jim Turpin and Wallace Jackson.

Ranch fried steaks, "with trimmings," provided the menu.

Report of the nominating committee for directors was presented by Bill Collyns, chamber manager, and was adopted unanimously. The directors retired from the meeting and elected officers. The complete list follows:

John W. House, president; Ed M. Whitaker, vice president; Paul McHargue, vice president; R. M. Barron, treasurer; additional directors, E. H. Barron, H. P. Fox, J. E. Hill, R. E. Kinsey, P. A. Nelson, L. G. Mackey, Hamilton, McRea, J. G. Miles, R. L. Miller, Roy Parks, Dr. W. E. Ryan, Clarence Scharbauer, W. B. Simpson, J. C. Smith, Dr. John B. Thomas, M. C. Ulmer, Allen J. Watts.

### Covington—

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managed to hold his own through the day and night but succumbed this morning.

Born in Floydada in 1901, Covington attended school there and later worked in Lubbock, Austin and Sweetwater before coming here a couple of years ago and opening the drug store.

He is survived by his wife and two children, Wallace, Jr., Gail Francis, Midland; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Covington, Floydada; two brothers, J. C., Floydada; F. M., Daugherty; five sisters, Mrs. Travis Edwards, Olney; Mrs. Raymond Teeple, R. D. W. Fyffe, Mrs. Fred Jones, Mrs. Kyle Glover, all of Floydada.

### Russian Assaults—

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20,340 bombs on 207 localities outside the war zone. In 24 instances the officers said hospitals and churches were bombed and machine-gunned.

General Salvo explained that 63 per cent of the casualties occurred in the first month of the war because of inadequate defenses which now, however, have been strengthened.

The Russians continued their raids Tuesday, sending a new wave of bombers over South and Central Finland. The attacks were reported from Viipuri and Rovaniemi but there was no indication of any damage done.

In Central Finland the Russians made three raids, dropping between 15 and 20 bombs on the wooded countryside 10 miles from Rovaniemi, highway and railway center, about 60 miles from the Finnish-Swedish frontier.

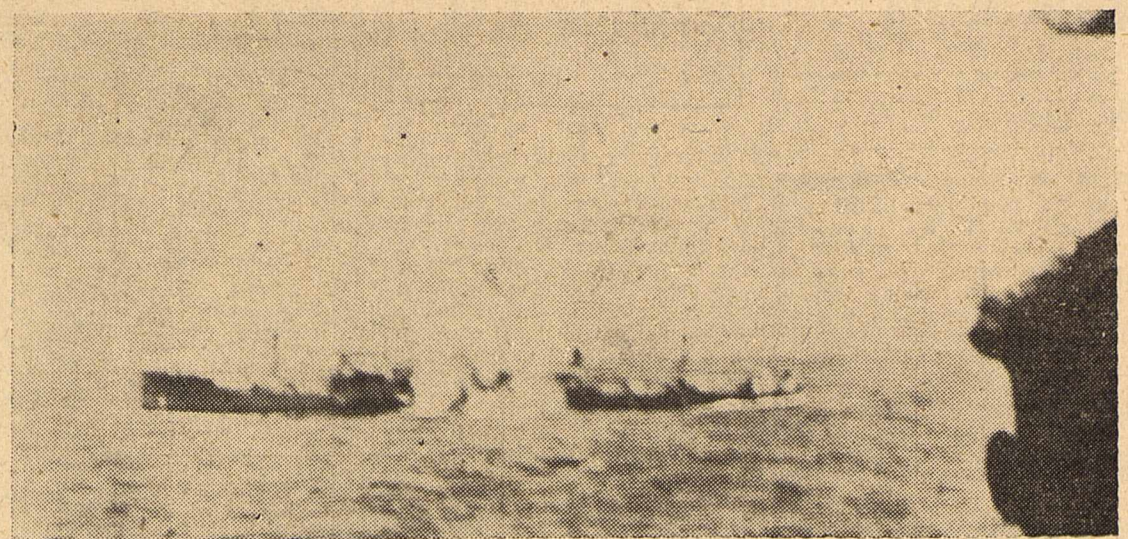
### Borah's Estate Set At \$200,000 Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—The late Senator William Borah of Idaho left his widow an estate of approximately \$200,000, almost all of it in government bonds.

This was disclosed today by Mrs. Borah, who said her husband's will had been found in a safe deposit box.

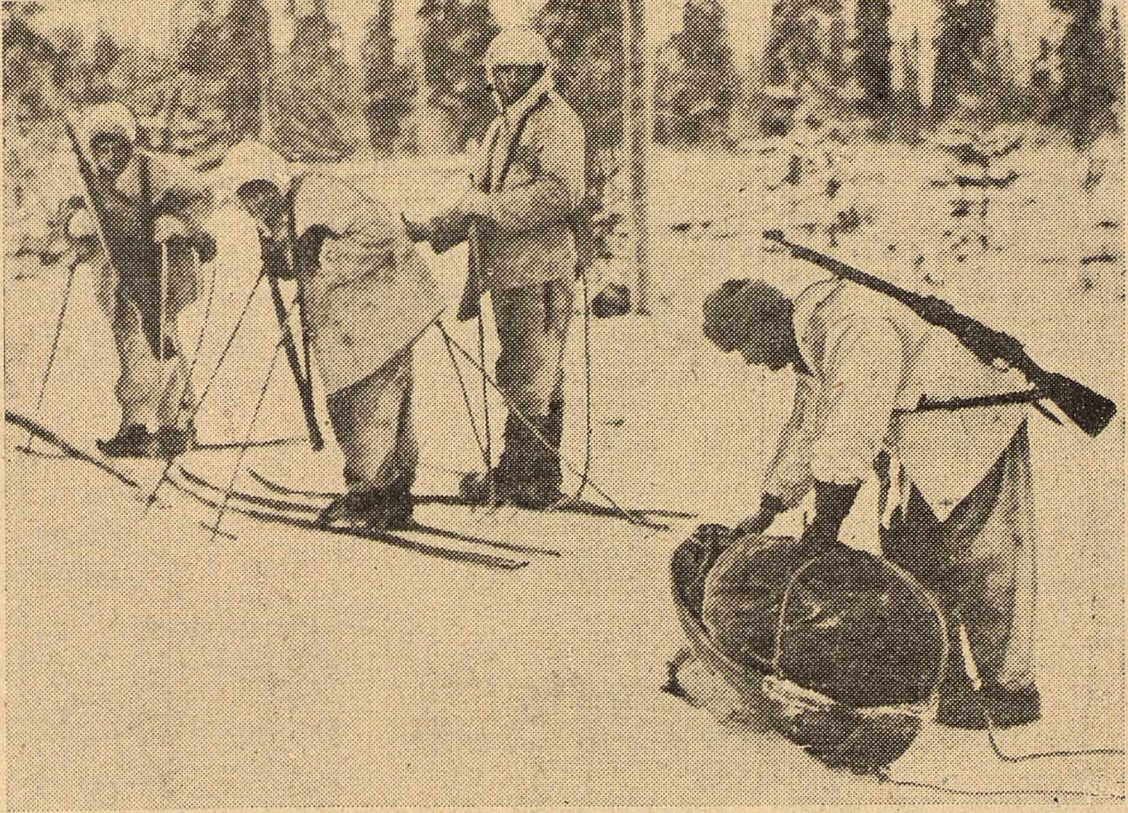
London's zoo has a feed bill amounting to approximately \$75,000 annually.

### Saga of Sea in Pictures



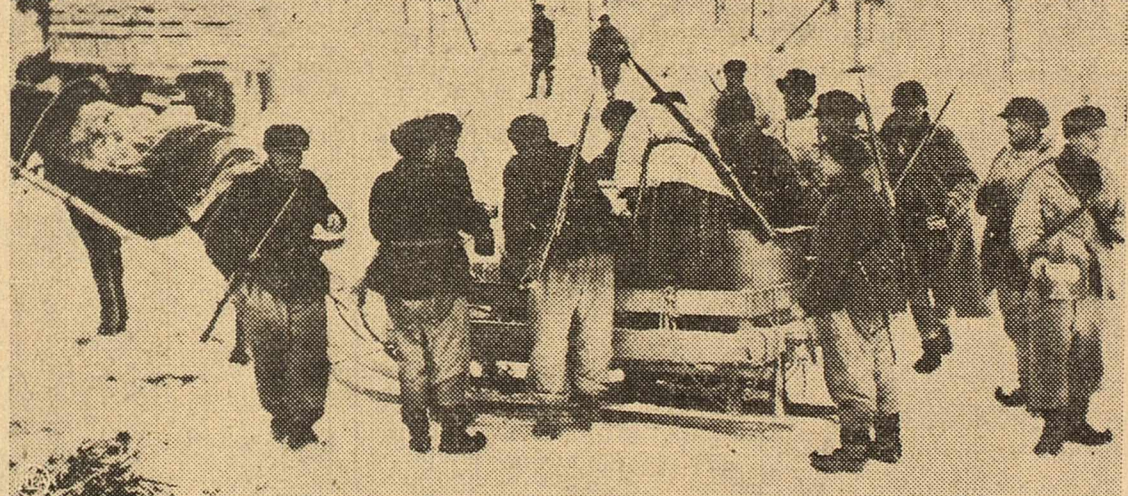
Scuttling of the Graf Spee at Montevideo last December ended one of the most daring sagas of the sea in wartime, and removed the most potent of early-war threats to the Allied cause. Mysteriously, the Nazi pride sailed the seas, preying on Allied commerce, eleven ships were her victims in three months. Now for the first time, the exciting story of her voyage is told in picture, made by a member of her crew. Photo shows British merchant ship Ashlea receiving death blow as Graf Spee fires torpedo into her side, and the huge column of water spouts into the air.

### Yo-Ho, Heave, Ho---No Volga Boatman's Song Here



Ski-shod Finns produce the pulling power for their boat-like supply sledges sailing across the snows to camps on the northern front. Exclusive picture showing unique method of transport was taken by Eric Calcraft, NEA staff photographer traveling with the Finnish armies.

### Hot Porridge in the Pot for Finns' Breakfast



Army horses pull the larger supply sledges to Finnish troops in the north. This one has just arrived with kettles full of hot porridge. While he waited for his bowl of porridge, Eric Calcraft, NEA staff photographer in Finland, took this exclusive picture.

### Woman, 83, Sees First Fair

GREENWOOD, S. C. (U.P.)—Found a woman who has lived in a rural county 83 years and never attended the county fair. Mrs. P. B. Dorn made her first visit to the Greenwood county fair this year, and was so pleased she already is planning to enter an exhibit next year.

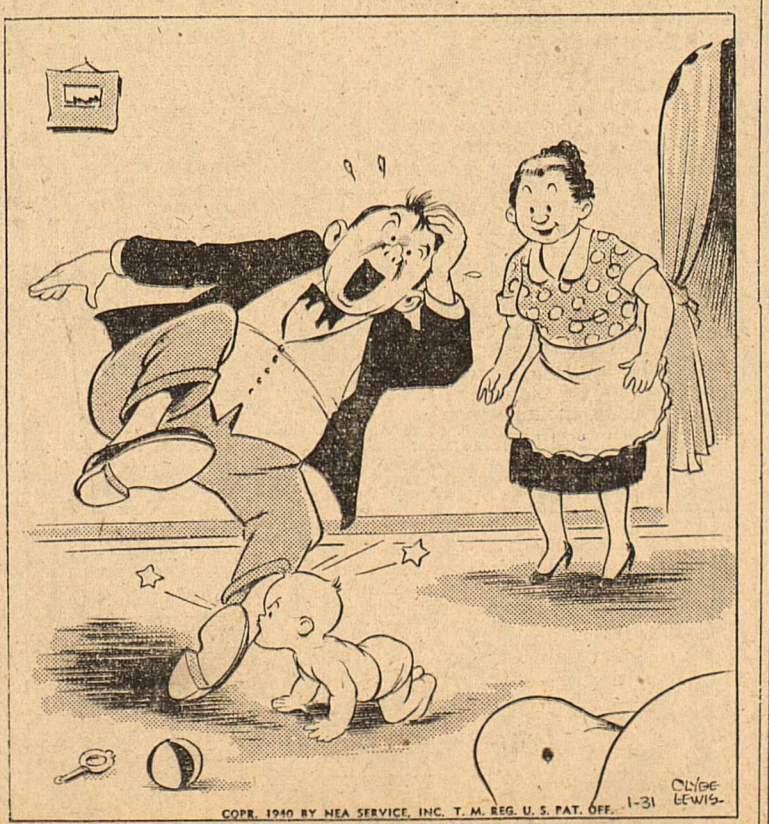
### Ten-Point Doe Killed

FORT DAVIS, Texas (U.P.)—Gabriel Salcedo killed a doe during the hunting season, but State Game Warden Tom Redford made no arrest. The deer had horns. Salcedo bagged the animal and found it to be a doe with 10-pointed horns, so Redford termed it an "honest mistake."

### Seminole Banquet of C of C Is Postponed

SEMINOLE, Jan. 31.—The chamber of commerce banquet, which was scheduled for Thursday, February 1, has been postponed indefinitely, according to a statement given out yesterday by members of the board of directors of the organization. A. J. Payne, recently of Slaton who last week was elected secretary-manager of the chamber of commerce, will begin his work here Thursday, and a new date for the banquet will be set just as soon as he gets matters in hand here.

### Hold Everything!



"Aw, isn't that cute? He's teething, you know."

### State Officials to Be Rotary Speakers

Speakers at the luncheon of the Midland Rotary club Thursday will be the Hon. L. A. Woods, state superintendent of public education, and Senator Olin Van Zandt of Tioga county. With Miss Sue B. Mann, deputy state superintendent, Mrs. Van Zandt and Mr. Woods' secretary, the party will arrive here tonight from Odessa and will be at the high school Thursday morning, according to W. W. Lackey, superintendent of schools.

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