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CIVILIZATION

There is a quotation that is frequently used "Out of the mouth of babes..." There was a very interesting comment about civilization made in Burk by two school children we heard talking last week.

The irony of the childish statement. With all of our advancement and culture, it appears that we could make civilization mean peace. Instead even children have noticed that an advanced civilization means more terrible machines of mass murder.

TEXAS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Texas has many things in its history of which the citizens of the State may be justly proud, but there is one organization that we have at the present that is unique—the interscholastic league.

Recent releases of the bureau indicates that the organization is starting one of its most successful football seasons this year. This year the league has 78 more members than last year.

This means that more than 16000 boys in Texas have a well directed competitive athletic program. There are many other activities including all kinds of literary and artistic contests, and the program is well balanced.

WAR

The whole world shuddered slightly Thursday when the cry "War" was broadcast. Those three letter w-a-r hold more horror and fascination than it is possible to endow any other three letters in the English language.

We have tried to close our eyes and say that people are getting too smart to fight. Common sense has replaced quarrell, according to our delusion. For almost two decades we escaped the inevitable conflict.

It is inevitable. As long as two races or two nations remain on the face of the earth, the situation is potentially one that will create war. Even after all races or nations but one disappear, that race or nation will fight among itself.

In the early dawn of history, it was by fighting that man existed at all. Dealing death to enemies and in the hunt has become a synonym of living to the race. By that process we have glorified war until we can not escape the Frankenstein that we have created in our own heart.

Men say no amount of propaganda nor the beat of drums will call them. In a few months—if this conflict involves U. S. those same cynics will stand on the side walks and when the parade passes with martial music and the beat of drums, they will experience the same thrill that all other feels.

The dirt, mud, blood and disease of the trenches is far removed from the snappy dressed parades, but the parades are War's bait by which it captures the helpless masses.

What the future hold no one knows. The general line-up is as follows. England and France will apply pressure on Italy—if England promises to help France against possible German invasion. Germany says she will remain neutral, but cross your fingers when you read that. Probably she will help Italy in case France gets smart.

Japan will definitely aid Eithopia. That is settled. If so Russia may jump either way—on Japan with England—or on Germany with England. Further Russia may join up with Japan with an eye on getting some Southern Asian possessions that now belong to England and France. United States will trail along with England which every way the wind blows.

THE FIRST CAUSE

There was a date that slipped by last week without any attention. It was Oct. 3rd. One hundred years ago last Thursday the president of Mexico, Miguel Barrigan, issued a decree that led directly to the rebellion by the Anglo-Saxon settlers of Texas. This date, which is known by its date, became the thorn in the side of the hardy pioneers.

The law requires that Texas as a state be joined with a highly centralized Federal government set up by Antonio Lopez Santa Anna. The movement was illegal, and it appeared that the last vestige of independent and constitutional government would be taken from the settlers.

The text of this decree did not reach Texas until late Nov. and in the meantime the Texans had declared that they were ready to take up arms in defense of the Federal Constitution of Mexico in 1824. The result of the publication was a storm of protest, this protest led to the revolution and finally the triumph of 1836.

That famous decree of Oct. 3, 1835, that would be hanging in the American history.

News of Week

This will be the most difficult war that we ever had so far as accurate report is concerned. The fighting will all take place in the wild territory that is cut off from the world so far as wire service is concerned, and much of the report will have to be in the form of unverified rumor. Or worse still the reports will have to be official reports from the Italian government. After such reports have passed through the hands of several censors, they will be so distorted that they will hardly be recognizable. The press services are doing a remarkable job, in view of the difficulties. Over two hundred foreign correspondents are present on both sides of the battle lines.

Italian Objectives

Italy is aiming at two things. First they wish to take Aduwa. That is a large city where they were so ingloriously defeated 40 years ago. Then they wish to cut off the Ethiopians from the ocean. That they will be cutting north and south between Eritea and Italy Somiland. They will aim at the capitol Addis Ababa when that cut off is made.

Falls' Home

To see a man that once held the respect of a government and all its people poverty stricken as the result of an act that led to his discharge is a pitiable thing. That is what happened to Falls. Formerly a member of the cabinet and a high and respected man of the United States government. Then came the famous Tea Pot Dome case. Disgraced and thrown out of the cabinet, he has been deserted by the men that he helped. Now he lives on what was once his own palatial ranch home for a nominal rental of one dollar a year.

Death Penalty

Not very many people like the idea of being responsible for the death of another person—even when that death is inflicted legally. Such is the case in the resignation of Frank D. Whipp, warden of the Joliet prison. He is resigning because he can not stand the strain of putting men to death.

That reminds us of the story recently coming from Poland. The hangman there gets 50 dollars per death and has a good business. But he is asking for a raise. He said he was so unpopular that it took more than 50 dollars each hanging for hospital bills resulting from the beatings he received by indigent citizens. That is a dreary task and one that most people shun.

England Has Trouble

If England attempts to apply the sanctions of the league of nations, she may have trouble on her own hands. The Labor party, one of the strongest has advised the prime minister that they would not tol-

erate the application of sanctions or war in any form. That is what appears will happen. If England says no, to Italy in boycott or refusal of Suez Canal, then conflict will follow.

The battle will rage in the sea, and France and Germany will have to come into the fuss. England ought to be sure of home support before undertaking such a step. Many politicians recall the ballot taken in England recently that indicated 64 per cent of the people were for peace. Propaganda may change their minds very quickly.

Current Literature

Hollywood has gone Shakespeare. The one taste that we have had of such production did not encourage us to sample very much more. "Taming of the Shrew" produced in order to show off Douglas Fairbanks' bouncing ability was clever and well directed. However, it missed much of the realness that the famous actors have given to it. It came near being a slap stick at times. However, there is no reason why Hollywood can't produce the great poets play's with much more realness than the handicapped stage production can. The elaborate background and limitations as to passage of time keeps the stage from giving versions that would be otherwise perfect. With the recent increased emphasis on good acting, we expect to see the movies do some really fine reproductions in Shakespeare. The "Midsummer Night's Dream," the longest talkie produced is said to be an artistic achievement.

Some people have an innate curiosity for the inside view of the life of the "greats" and "near-greats". That is why such columns as Walter Winchell's are so popular. That is the reason we expect to see William Orcutt's "Celebrities Off Parade" become one of the current popular books. Orcutt fits his characters into a consecutive narrative that jumps from one side of the Atlantic to another. The book is filled with letters, anecdotes and biographical flashes on persons all the way from Mary Baker Eddy to King Victor Emanuel, the forgotten man of Italy. Very interesting.

If you are a Wodehouse fan, you will enjoy "Enter Psmith." It is a

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typical Wodehouse novel with the usual insane and goofy Englishmen stumbling around over things and getting into trouble. Personally I don't like Wodehouse. I think he is a poor excuse for printing several hundred pages. Takes all kinds tho.

To nine-tenths of the population Marx is merely a name we are taught to dislike because it represents Bolshevism. All fair minded people ought to know what he really said and how his teachings has been distorted by modernists. "A Handbook of Marxism" is really interesting to read. The most enlightening part is that Marxism is really a perversion of Karl Marx's real philosophy. A sthe idea is practiced in the world today, Engel and Marx are forgotten—even in fundamentals, and Lenin and Stalin, abandon theory for real

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conditions. Then it is surprising to learn that even as early as 1848 Marx himself admitted that workers in most of the countries could achieve their ends without resorting to violence. So much has been written about Marx as an apostle of violence. "Capital" is a ponderous and sophical volum. This book is a good sound review with the tition of his first speech at the national of the whole idea.

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"BATTER UP!" rang the cry on the Elysian Fields of Hoboken, N. J. The time was ninety years ago, 1845. The Knickerbocker Baseball Club was about to start play under the first regular code of rules ever drawn up for the sport. What a moment! America's great national game was being born. But under what different circumstances than if the "match" were being played today.

Then only the few hundred spectators actually present on the sidelines could enjoy the thrill. No radios broadcast the game in millions of homes throughout the land. No trained sports commentator

could describe to listeners, the field, the rules of the game, the personalities of the players, the actual tense, thrilling moments of the contest. In homes, in country stores, in city apartments and offices, in cars on the highways, no army of men and women, boys and girls, could follow the play, run by run, inning by inning. There were no Philco radios then with high fidelity reception to enable thousands of fans who had played "rounders," "four-old-cat" and "town ball" for years to listen in on every hard fought moment as their game advanced into the field of organized sport.

More fortunate are their descendants. Now radio brings the playing field to every sports lover. While the World's Series is being played, millions from coast to coast and overseas will listen in. With the new and improved developments in radio manufacture, those millions will hear every shout and murmur of the thousands packed in the stands. They will follow every tense and thrilling moment of the big games as the newest chapter in baseball history is enacted. All over the land will be heard the same historic cry ringing down the years—"Batter Up!"

### Fire Prevention Theme Of Clubs Meeting In Burk

The Burkburnett volunteer fire department directed the observance of fire prevention by a series of demonstrations and speeches at various clubs and institutions in Burkburnett. The most spectacular drill was the fire drill at the grade school Wednesday morning. Under the direction of H. Lee Clifton, principal the children of the school were directed to empty the building in record time.

The fire department made a regular run and hooked up the apparatus at the building in a demonstration of actual conditions of fighting fires in school buildings. J. J. Blackstone spoke at the Rotary club noon Tuesday. Blackstone and Frank Kelley spoke at the Lions club Tuesday night. W. A. Roberts, president of the organization visited with them.

Wednesday the two speakers visited the Hardin Demonstration club and the University Study club. The general theme of all the speeches was the prevention by education and care. The speakers demonstrated the effect of cleaning fluid, electrical devices and spontaneous combustion.

In each of the programs the advantages in reduced insurance rates was pointed out to the members as the result of carefulness in prevention of fire. The excellent record of the department has given the city a good record for the last three years.

The best barometer of the condition of a community is its percentage of delinquent taxes.

### "THE MURDER MAN" HAS SPENCER TRACY PLAYING HARD-BOILED REPORTS

Fast moving melodrama, spiced with comedy, that catches and holds the elusive spirit of "Behind the scenes" New York and moves with terrific speed and suspense to an unexpected denouement is "The Murder Man," new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature which comes Saturday Midnight at the Palace Theatre.

The picture has several unique angles: It marks the debut as an M-G-M star of Spencer Tracy, one of the screen;

It is the first American production of Tim Whelan, who abandoned a successful career in this country four years ago to become one of the foremost directors of British films.

It penetrates a field seldom touched by the screen, the private lives of the men who led the most interesting careers on earth, the New York newspaper clan.

It brings together Tracy and Virginia Bruce, who has rocketed toward stardom since her return to the screen a little more than a year ago.

### James Scranton Peevey Honoree At Party

James Scranton Peevey, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Peevey, was honored at a party at the home of his mother Tuesday on the occasion of his fourth birthday. The party and rooms were decorated in Hallowe'en motif, with appropriate refreshments and color schemes. Those present were: Joan Sander, Marion Sandler, Carol Smith, Doris Kent, Dorothy Lorang, Ruth Adams, Verna Jean Pogue, Donna Brown, Margaret Matthews, Mary Hill, Carl Hdsen, Roy Jackson, Richard Gladden, W. C. Keiser, Jack Paul Weterfield, and Ed Gilbow.

Mrs. Peevey was assisted in program and serving by Mesdames A. B. Sandler, R. M. Gilchrist, L. Westerfield and Betty Jo Christ, Margeret Matthews.

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### ...Devol Flashes...

#### DEVOL STUDENT COUNCIL

As superintendent of this school system, I wish to express my appreciation for the commendable work done so far by the student council. The assembly program rendered last Thursday morning was indeed worthy of comment. While assistance was given by the first, and fifth grades, the idea was wholly original, planned and rendered by the Student Council.

Due to the activities of this same council, the school grounds are almost always free from trash. There is a barrel on the grounds in which to place the trash. This barrel wears the sign "Please place paper here." It can truthfully be said that so far, the student council is working nicely, and we expect a great deal from it in the future.

#### DEVOL PLANS A CARNIVAL

The Devol Junior and Senior classes are planning a Carnival for October 30, in connection with their Hallowe'en play, entitled, "The Valley of Ghosts." The purpose of these events is to raise money to help finance a trip to the Carlsbad Cavern, next spring.

The play to be put on by the two classes is a very interesting mystery play, which will keep you wondering to the last minute.

#### BASKETBALL ROUND-UP

There has been a very interesting basketball round-up for all the "has been" players of Devol. It has been running for four nights, with finals Tuesday night.

The teams were given letters and played until the semi-finals simmered the teams to team C and D and I J. In this game C defeated D and I defeated J.

C and I played the finals Tuesday night. The Queen of the Round-up was crowned after the game.

Some of the former players, who participated were: Virgil Inman, William Nelson, and Elvin Laminack.

#### JUST IMAGINE

Mr. Scott's spot light.  
Archie's 100 in history.  
Sally's black eye.  
Frank as a big fellow.  
Elizabeth's new boy friend.  
Lois' hair turning red (ask Garth Dean.)

Frank Kohutek not understanding what good diagraming will do.

#### Hardin Club Hold Business Session Wed., October 9th

The members of the Hardin Dem-

onstration club held the regular business session of the organization at the club rooms Wednesday afternoon. The presiding officer for the meeting was Mrs. Fred Brookman, president. After the routine business the Fire Marshall and members of the department gave a prevention demonstration.

The next meeting of the organization will be Oct. 23 for the demonstration of canning pork. The demonstration will be directed by the new county agent, Miss Leta H. Bennet. Biss Bennet has been appointed to fill the place vacated by the resignation of Miss Sikes.



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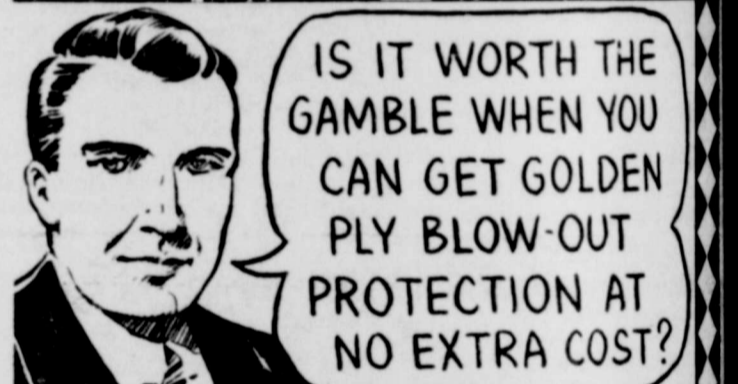
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- O. K. SOAP, 7 bars ..... 25c
- MACKEREL, 1 pound can ..... 10c
- PICKLES, 1/2 gal., dill or sour ..... 33c
- CORN, No. 2 can ..... 10c
- TOILET SOAP, 6 bars ..... 14c
- POTATOES, white spuds, 10 lbs. .... 18c
- Don't forget to get a pound of
- EARLY BREAKFAST COFFEE ..... 18c
- PORK and BEANS, 1 lb., 14 oz. .... 10c
- MEAL, 20 lbs. .... 47c
- Milk 6 small ..... 19c
- 3 large ..... 19c

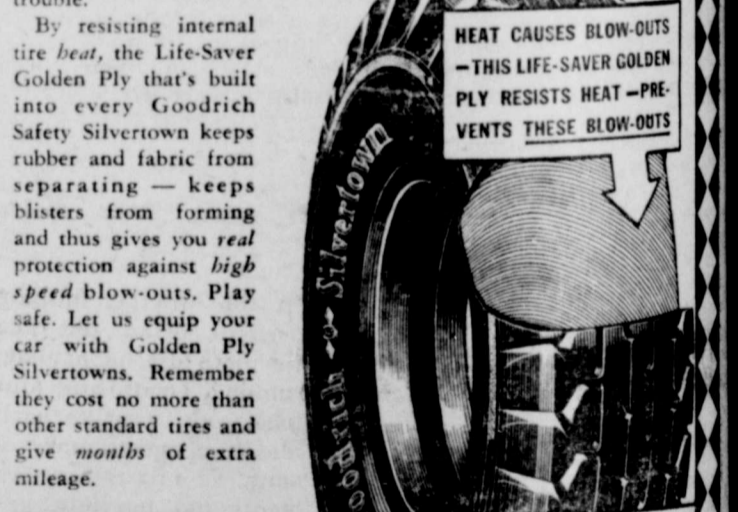
#### MEAT DEPARTMENT

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- ROAST, Fancy Beef, pound ..... 12c
- PORK SAUSAGE, pound ..... 18c
- GROUND BEEF, pound ..... 12c
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