

ADVANCES IN ENGINEERING MADE IN '30

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Advances made in engineering in 1930, are discussed in a bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society.

Construction of railroads, dams, highways and bridges played an important part in making 1930 one of great achievement. Railroads pushed into new territory. The longest new railway to be opened was the so-called "Turk-Sib" line in the southwestern provinces of the Soviet Republic. The new road, extending for approximately 1,000 miles, connects the former Turkestan with Siberia, joining the older rail systems of the two regions.

Persian Railroad
In Persia, heretofore practically without railroads, tracks were laid during the year at both ends of the projected line to connect the Caspian sea and Persian Gulf ports.

Recommendations were made in Africa for the building of new railways in southern and northern Tanganyika and Uganda. Actual construction work in central Africa, however, was concentrated on the important Benguela railway, which will provide a direct outlet to Lobito Bay, Angola and Atlantic ports from the Katanga copper mines of the Belgian Congo. Guatemala and Salvador celebrated the opening of one of Central America's few international railways during the first week in 1930. It connects the existing systems of the two countries and provides Salvador with its first outlet to the Caribbean Sea.

Building in Texas
The bulk of new railway construction during 1930 in the United States was carried on in the plains region of northwest Texas and in the extreme southern portions of the same state. Secretary of Interior Wilbur drove the first spike of the short railway in Nevada that is to connect the site of the Boulder dam with existing rail lines.

Only a few large dams were completed, but work progressed on a number. In the Soviet Republic, a dam three-quarters of a mile long was finished in four months. Work is being pushed on the construction of dams in India and the United States.

In Oregon, New York and New Orleans work is under way on important structures.

Highway Construction
Highway construction went forward vigorously during 1930 in all sections of the United States.

In Mexico, which until recently, had had few highways over which automobiles could travel, modern highways have been extended during the past year. Throughout South America, Panama, and Havana notable work was done on highways.

Both above and below ground, New York City has taken steps toward increasing its traffic facilities.

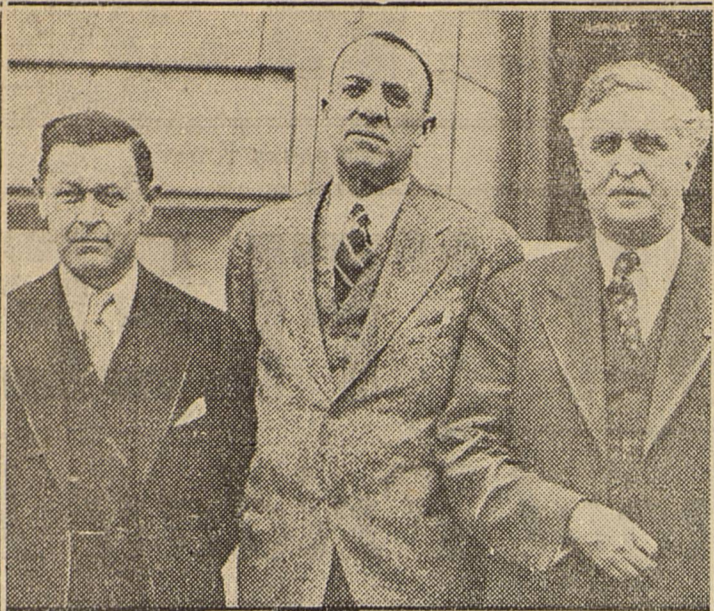
The steel frame of the world's largest arch bridge, extending across Sydney harbor, Australia, had its last girder put in place in August but probably will not be open until 1931. The central arch has a single span of 1,650 feet. The total cost will be \$30,000,000.

The world's two tallest structures the Chrysler building and the Empire State building, were completed in New York City during 1930.

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These Men Caused Hoover's Break With the Senate



Here are the leading figures in the "power trust" controversy that has brought a bitter break between President Hoover and the insurgent-democratic coalition in the Senate. The upper photo shows the three new members of the power commission whose appointments the Senate voted to reconsider after they had discharged two subordinates who, senators say, had fought the "power trust." Left to right, the commissioners are Marcel Caspard of Louisiana, Claude L. Draper of Wyoming and George C. Smith of Maine. Below are the two ousted employees—former Solicitor Charles A. Russell (left) and William V. King, formerly chief accountant for the commission.

England Learned Espionage Lesson in War; Military Secrets Are Guarded Now

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PARIS, Jan. 22.—England learned a lesson during the World war when she took the field in France to find an enemy which knew nearly as much about her army as her own was; office.
John Bull's job in these post-war days is as much his own information to himself as it is to find out what is going on in a military, naval, industrial and commercial way across the channel.
So much has England been able to hide of her movements that only a few months ago when a picked group of guests was invited to sit at the edge of a field and watch maneuvers by some new war instruments, the rest of Europe was taken completely by surprise.
Europe "Tipped Off."
Britain has not always been so fortunate, and although the utmost efforts were used to keep secret the first use of airplanes on submarines, a careless official in a government office "tipped off" the rest of Europe.
No other nation had conceived the idea of making a flying airplane which could be taken into the shell of a submarine, and then unfolded to fly away from the sub on the surface to scout, or attack. The idea was original in Europe at least.
But one day the London Gazette printed a decree which appeared non-exciting on the surface, but which caused the war office chiefs to tear their hair and delighted military attaches in the Embassies and Legations of London.
Extra Pay
The "Gazette" decree merely set-

ted the question of extra pay for flying officers serving on airplanes carried by submarines. That was all, but that blew up the bubble of secrecy. London newspapers, commenting on the fault, January 3, 1928, declared that the employe responsible had been punished.
The military and naval attaches give most governments their greatest trouble. Every government knows that these attaches file regularly long reports on everything they see and hear concerning the offensive and defensive arms of other countries, but since their position in diplomatic circles is accepted nothing can be said.
As diplomats, they are immune from arrest, or bother by police, or the counter-espionage service. They must, out of politeness, be invited to army maneuvers, sham battles and great troop concentrations but they are never invited, and are in fact, persona non grata around munition works, government arsenals and shipyards.

How It Works
Brigadier - General Stanley H. Ford, new military attaché at the American Embassy in Paris, recently publicly exposed the role of the army and navy attaches abroad. He is a former chief of U. S. military intelligence.

"The intelligence service of the armies and navies are an outgrowth of the necessity all governments feel of knowing what their neighbors are doing," General Ford said.
"In the war department that agency is the military intelligence division commonly known as 'G-2'. But there is a distinction between information and intelligence. Information becomes intelligence when it has been evaluated and placed in usable form."
"There are many sources of information, but they can be classed under three heads:
First: The printed word, magazines, publications, documents and newspapers.
Second: Other government departments, the state, navy, commerce and justice departments with which we work very closely.
Third: The greatest arm of the information service, the military attaché system.

Attache Network
"Today the United States government has a network of 39 military attaches in various parts of the world. These attaches include what we call the 'special assistants'—officers selected from particular branches, such as the chemical and ordnance service in 22 foreign capitals and in their reports they consider 48 counties.
"The procuring of military data is quite simple as to process. The securing of information is usually on the exchange basis—that is to say, the government desires its representative to obtain a certain item of information. That information is furnished provided similar information is furnished by us.
"For example, if a foreign government desires that one of its representatives visit one of our arsenals for the purpose of observing progress made in the development of tanks, or other equipment, our war department will say:
"We are very sorry but we cannot give that authority because a similar request on our part was recently denied." On the other hand, it might say: "Certainly, the necessary arrangements will be made."
"That is the way secrets are exchanged between powers in a diplomatic way."

Center - New fire truck purchased recently.

Babson Predicts

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making money. But that spinach farmer does not come within the range of Washington's eyes.
"The president of one of the great western railroads told me that his road was hauling four trainloads of lettuce a day. I daresay his road is hauling more lettuce than wheat. We have estimated that the American family spends about two dollars a day for food-stuffs. Of this two dollars only about five cents goes for wheat and corn. When and corn are still important, but they are becoming proportionately smaller in the whole farm picture. When we talk about the farm and the farm market therefore, we had better be sure that we are including all the farmers and the whole farm market.

"When we talk about the conditions of the farmer, therefore, we must give more emphasis to this vast collection of farmers who do not raise grain at all. When I say that the farmer is about out of the woods and that America is going to have a greater year of farm prosperity in 1931 than in a decade, I refer to all the farms. However, the grain farmer too is going to get his share of this approaching prosperity.
Price Flurry
"I have just traveled through the Middle West. I was there when there was a brief flurry upward in wheat prices in the fall.

Stories about crop shortage got into the papers and the speculators rushed in and pushed prices up. They pushed them up too high as usual, and, in accordance with the simple law of gravity, the prices came down again. The rumor of crop shortage proved to be untrue. Then, as prices had gone too high on the strength of the rumor, they went too low when the rumor fell flat. But that low point marks the end of the grain slump. Farm prices should begin to strengthen now, as the beginning of the recovery I predict for 1931.

"There is another item on the side of the farmer. His dollar is worth more and he will be a wise man to use it while it has a high purchasing power. Prices have been falling in the cities for many months. Low prices do not reach the farm as soon as they reach the city, but they now are rolling toward the farm—price reductions which mean hundreds of millions of dollars added to farm purchasing power. A big mail-order house writes four million dollars of the value of its inventory. That is literally four million dollars contributed to the farmer. Sugar is cheaper; coffee is cheaper. The farmer who uses gasoline gets it at the lowest price since 1915. Tires are cheaper. Paint, wire, fencing, nails, lumber and hardware begin to reflect the lower prices. All this is grist to the farmer's mill and will aid his recovery."

BIOGRAPHER TO CLEAR NAME OF PAINTER

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—The name of the immortal Dutch painter, Rembrandt Van Rijn, will be cleared of the taint of bankruptcy next month, 262 years after his death, unless the efforts of Biographer Hendrik Willem Van Loon proves fruitless.

Van Loon, now in Chicago on a lecture tour, will be in court in Amsterdam next month when the bankruptcy case of Rembrandt Van Rijn is called. This case he hopes will "rehabilitate the name and good fame" of the painter, as the Dutch statute expresses it.
"I worked for 20 years on my biography of Rembrandt," said Van Loon, "and for the last three years I've been trying to clear his name from the taint of bankruptcy under which he worked during his last 15 years. He was so deep in debt that his creditors seized every painting he did and applied it on his accounts immediately.
"We had no end of difficulty in reopening the case after so many years. A scholarly Amsterdam lawyer after weeks of work succeeded in drawing up a petition

a frightfully complicated one which entered into all the ramifications of old Dutch law.
"When the case comes up the last of this month the sheriff will call out to the courtroom: 'Is there any here to whom Rembrandt Van Rijn is indebted?' He will then go out into the streets calling the same thing. If no claimant appears and it is not likely that anyone will, the court will no doubt clear the painter's name.
"The procedure will then be printed in what corresponds to the Congressional Record in this country, and the world will in a small measure right the wrong done Rembrandt during his life time."

JOHN COLLIDGE IN FLORIDA
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — John Coolidge, son of the former president, is here on his first visit, accompanied by his wife, the former Florence Trumbull, daughter of ex-Governor and Mrs. John Trumbull of Connecticut, who are included in the party. U. S. Senator Marcus A. Coolidge and wife have made reservations to arrive here Feb. 1.
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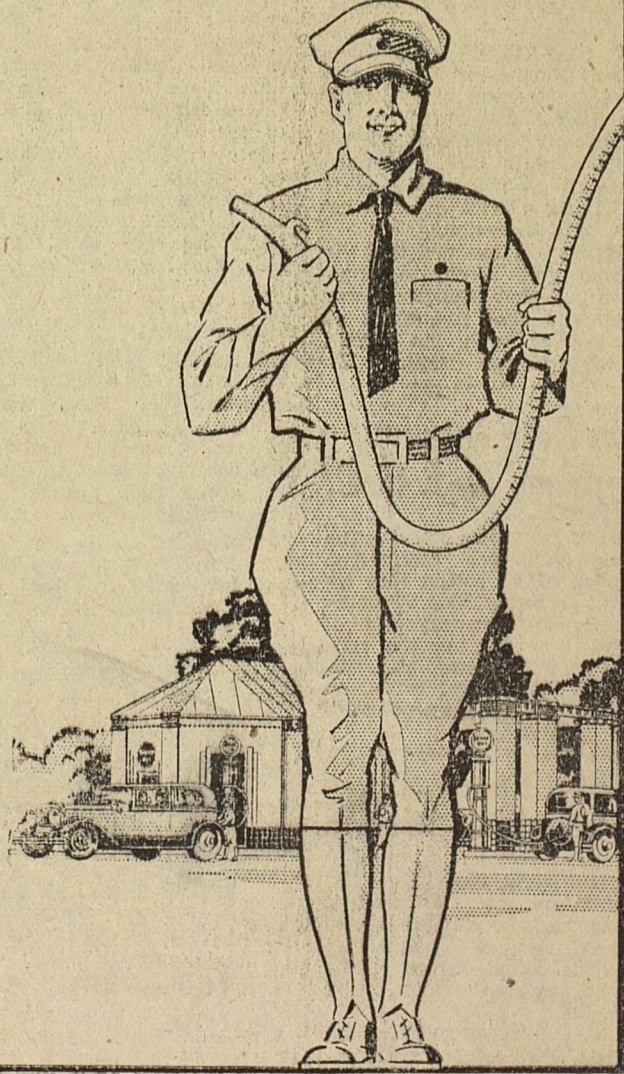
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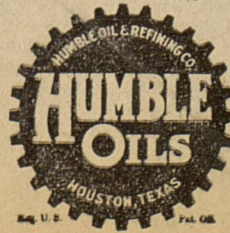
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Vocational Classes and County Helping Movement

Approximately 500 acres of land in the vicinity of Cisco has been terraced or surveyed for terracing during the past few weeks, according to a compilation made by E. H. Varnell, vocational instructor at the high school whose classes have been entered in the state F. P. T. terracing contest. The boys are divided into four teams and are engaging in spirited competition for the distinction of running the greatest total of terrace lines.

The boys to date have run 32,896 yards of terrace lines — approximately 19 miles. Some of the work of constructing these terraces is being done by the farmers during the dull season, while a great deal of it is being done by County Comm'r. Birt Brittain with the county road machinery for the use of which the landowners pay only the actual cost of operation.

Farmers and landowners upon whose land terracing is being done or has been completed are:

A. L. Thomas, Lee Diversified farm, George P. Fee, A. J. Majors, W. A. Hale, Wayne Thurman, Henry Stroebel, Guy Dabney, T. Horn, Dr. C. C. Jones, Frank Ziehr, J. R. Barton, W. A. Havner, L. D. Standifer and T. L. Lakater. Lines are being run in the farms of the latter two today.

Four Teams

The four teams of boys in the terracing contest are led by Ami Lee Richardson, Aubrey Holt, James Mathews and Ben Camp. Ami Lee Richardson's group is leading the others at present with a total of 13,104 yards of terraces run.

The boys do their work under the supervision of Mr. Varnell. In addition to being entered in the state contest the boys are engaging in a contest among themselves, the winning team to be banqueted at the expense of the three other groups.

More terracing being done this year than ever before, Mr. Varnell stated. The importance of conserving land against erosion has been emphasized by experiments carried out at the Spur agricultural station in which the loss of soil by washing even on land with comparatively little incline, has been found astonishing.

The cooperation of the county and the vocational classes is reducing the cost of building terraces to a minimum and the landowners are taking advantage of the opportunity of conserving their soil at small expense during the slack farming season. Hundreds of acres of other land are expected to be put under terraces within the next few weeks.

BUSSES REPLACE STREET CARS.

ZANESVILLE, O.—Buses recently replaced street cars here as a result of failure of the electric transportation interests to operate under a franchise. The city council negotiated with the Zanesville Rapid Transit Company for the buses following curtailment of street car service.

DIED AT THROTTLE.

BOBO, Miss.—The last act of Charles S. Brant, 54, veteran engineer of the Y & M. V. railroad, was to pull his freight train from the main tracks into a siding. He died shortly after the wheels stopped rolling.

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Abilene Jury Holds Togo Ray Is Sane, Must Serve 15-Year Robbery Sentence

ABILENE, Jan. 22.—Togo Ray, under 15-year sentence for participation with his cousin Aubrey Ray in the Ovalo bank robbery, March 1927, last night was held sane by a 42nd district court jury. The verdict was returned at 10:30, 15 minutes after the case had been given to the jury.

Ray, 25, whose home is in Eastland county, near Nimrod, was brought here January 7, from the Eastland county jail, to await transfer to the penitentiary, his 15-year sentence, assessed in 42nd district court here in 1929, having been affirmed by the court of criminal appeals. The sanity hearing was ordered by Judge M. S. Long after Ray's attorney, M. E. Lawrence of Eastland, had filed an affidavit, declaring the defendant had become insane since his trial, here in 1929.

Shows Little Interest

In the courtroom yesterday, Ray sat quietly, pale, neatly dressed and carefully groomed, sat quietly, barely shifting his position and showing little interest in the testimony of witnesses.

The case was opened at 4 p. m. and defense testimony, with exception of one witness, was completed when the court recessed at 6 o'clock for supper. Questioning of state witnesses was finished shortly before 9 o'clock and arguments of attorneys followed, the case going to the jury at 10:15.

J. R. Black of Baird, 42nd district attorney, and Gray Browne, county attorney, represented the state at the hearing.

Father on Stand

Togo's father, Jim Ray, next to the last witness called by defense counsel, gave an account of his son's life, which he said had been shadowed by ill health from childhood.

He said the health of the boy, born in Wise county in 1905, broke down at 10 or 12 years of age and at that time he was placed under treatment of physicians.

"He was always a weakly, nervous child and when he broke down I had to take him with me everywhere—to the field, to town, to the barn when I went to do my feeding. For six years he was never out of my sight," the father said.

He recounted how as a child, Togo would "lunge out of bed at night and leave the house." This condition prevailed before an operation performed by a Brownwood surgeon, Jim Ray said. After the operation, the defendant seemed better for a time, he testified.

Jailed Voluntarily

Questioned why Togo was placed in the Eastland jail, after he had been released on bond following conviction in Abilene, Jim Ray said he took his son to the jail voluntarily.

"He was getting worse all the time and I was afraid he would get off with the car and kill somebody or kill himself. He had threatened to kill himself a time or two," Ray said. He also recounted an accident which he said his son had with an automobile.

Two Abilene physicians, testifying for the state, said they considered Togo Ray of sound mind.

Dr. Scott Hollis, city and county health officer, said he had observed the defendant three or four times since he was returned to the Taylor county jail and had examined him once. "I consider he is of sound mind," he said.

Dr. Bass Testifies

Dr. T. E. Bass, superintendent of the Abilene state hospital, who examined the defendant in the courtroom yesterday afternoon, testified last night that he found no symptoms of insanity. Dr. Bass also testified he had read letters, written by the defendant and admitted as evidence. Their contents did not indicate an unsound mind, he said.

Copies of four letters, identified by E. D. Davis, deputy sheriff, as written by Ray, were used by the state as evidence. One was addressed to a young woman cousin, one to a fellow prisoner at Eastland jail and two to a young woman friend.

Ben L. Peevey, Taylor county jailer, said Ray's actions since he has been in jail here differed from his behavior in the courtroom.

"At the jail he is friendly and talks, while here today he has seemed in a stupor," Peevey said.

W. F. Whaley, former deputy sheriff, gave similar testimony.

Banker Identifies Him

I. N. Wilkinson, Winters banker, who was cashier of the Ovalo bank at the time of the robbery for which Ray was convicted, was the first state witness. He identified the defendant as the man who drew a gun on him as he sat at the cashier's desk in the bank. Jee Harrison of Ovalo, a member of the bank force, also identified Ray.

H. T. O'Bar, former Taylor county sheriff, told of arresting Ray in Oklahoma after the Ovalo robbery. The defendant's actions then were similar to his behavior since being returned to Abilene, the former sheriff testified.

Neighbors Testify

A number of Eastland county residents, some of them neighbors of the Ray family in the Nimrod community, testified the defendant frequently had "nervous spells and acted peculiarly."

W. N. Senbourn, an Eastland county constable, who served as a turnkey at the Eastland county jail part of the time during Ray's stay there, testified the defendant "took medicine for something" and

that when he was without the medicine he was different from other prisoners.

F. W. Dill of Cisco, who said he was on the defendant's bond, testified he "couldn't consider Togo of sound mind." On cross examination, he said Ray was different and more nervous when he first knew him several years ago.

B. A. Wooten of Cisco, Tom Raynoraft, Cisco grocer, P. F. Tomlin, and his son, Walter Tomlin of Nimrod, J. F. Dill and John Dill of Cisco, Oscar Pierce of Nimrod, Mrs. S. A. Bacus of Nimrod and O. E. Wilcox, an uncle of Ray, were other defense witnesses.

Jurors were Will Parmelly, W. T. Reddell, W. L. Jackson, D. C. Clark, Holland Holt, T. H. Watkins, J. D. Hamilton, H. N. Drummond, A. A. Hay, L. V. Yantreese, Leon Stevenson and T. J. Willis.

SEVEN REALTY DEALS TOTAL 300 MILLIONS

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—The seven largest real estate deals ever consummated involved more than \$300,000,000, according to the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

The association points out as especially significant the fact that four of these transactions occurred in 1930, during the economic depression.

The largest single transaction in Cleveland dates from 1928 to 1930 and included the assembling of 35 acres of land as the site for the 52 story Terminal Tower building, the 18 story Builders Exchange building, the Medical Arts and Midland Bank building, the High-bee Department Store and the Cleveland Hotel addition. The amount involved at present for the purchase of the land and buildings totals \$100,000,000, the association said. This was listed

by the Cleveland Real Estate Board as a single transaction.

"Nasty Corner"

In Cincinnati before the Civil war the intersection of Fifth and Vine streets was known as the "Nasty Corner." Last year the site at Vine, Fifth and Race streets, including "Nasty Corner," was leased to the Starrett Investing Corporation of New York for 30 years at an annual rental of \$800,000, this transaction giving the site a valuation of \$15,000,000. A \$16,000,000 building of 48 stories, a 28 story hotel, a 27 story automatic garage and two department stores are now under construction on this site.

The largest transaction in the history of Chicago, the association revealed, occurred in 1928 when the Continental Bank building was sold to the Utilities Power and Light, Corporation for a reported \$20,000,000.

Back in 1879 in Seattle, Washington, A. A. Denny and his wife Mary invested \$1 in a lot now located at the corner of Fourth Avenue, Pine Street and Westlake Avenue, which last year was leased for long terms involving a total of \$50,000,000, the largest rental per front basis ever recorded in Seattle.

Birmingham Deal

Birmingham, Alabama, recorded

an important deal last year when the 25 remaining feet of the 150x140 property at the corner of North 20th Street and Third Avenue was sold for \$1,915,000.

Los Angeles' largest transaction is represented by long term leases for \$50,000,000 covering the property at the southwest corner of Seventh and Flower Streets and running to the corner of Seventh and Figueroa Streets.

San Francisco's largest transaction, occurring in 1925 involved \$4,500,000 paid for parcels at the corner of Market, Eighth and Mission Streets for a new site for the city's largest department store.

JURY DUTY AIDS JOBLESS.

MEMPHIS.—Of the 800 persons called to jury duty in Judge Ben Capell's court here recently, 200 who were not employed were given work.

BOASTS 3 ROWS OF TEETH.

MEMPHIS.—Floyd Tharpe, 9, Indian Bay, Ark., youth was found to have three rows of teeth when doctors cared for him here.

STOLE FOOD FOR LIQUOR.

MEMPHIS.—George Day, 54, was arrested here and charged with stealing food given his wife and four children in order to buy whiskey.

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DAILY BIBLE THOUGHT

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE—And now, Israel, what does the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul.—Deuteronomy 10:12.
PRAYER—O God, help us to live as brothers toward all men.

"BUILD TEXAS IS THE STERLING SLOGAN"

"Build Texas" is the slogan of the new governor. His inaugural message sounded the keynote and the assembled thousands caught the refrain. It is an admirable public document, this first state paper, breathing from first line to last line the hope of harmony, an appeal for teamwork, constructive laws by constructive men to meet the needs of six million of Texans working under the new legislative procedure dispensation granted by the people as well as prophesying the major ills caused by the business depression may be removed and the hope in the heart of the new chief magistrate that by teamwork alone those who are depressed may be lifted out of the slough of despond and prosperity come to all classes and conditions in the rural as well as the urban centers of the commonwealth. It was an ideal beginning for the new governor of a new Texas not only in the throes of a new civilization in the making but of the trusting upon the minds of all public servants that new problems and new laws and new economic systems are on the way.

It is a matter of ancient history now. All is harmony. At the beginning of the new administration a presiding officer of the senate was elected by acclamation. A speaker of the senate was elected by acclamation. Harmony was the keynote of all the speeches made by those who figured in the farewells to the old and the God-speed and good luck to the incoming rulers of the empire commonwealth of the sisterhood. In the open air, in the glorious midwinter sun of Texas, the new governor and lieutenant governor took the oath of office to serve the people and the people alone.

It was a thundering crowd, an auspicious day, and all the speakers expressed the hope that it was the ushering in of a new era for the people of the commonwealth and a glorious reign of constructive laws by the legislators cooperating and working in harmony with the head of the executive department of government. It was a splendid setting for the function and the farewell addresses as well as the inaugural address of the people's choice who ascended the rungs of the ladder from a Texas farm to the highest and most honorable office within the gift of a free people.

"Build Texas" is a noble slogan. It is a slogan that calls for constructive work, constructive action and the giving of the very best on the part of the servants of the people in place high or humble. May success attend the efforts of all and may the patriotic urge mark the movements of all with the constitution as their guide and the needs of the people win their constant attention and wisest deliberation.

ALLRED TAKES QUICK ACTION ON THE PER DIEM.

Attorney General Allred had the per diem buck passed to him. He held that the legislature was authorized to fix the compensation of its members at \$10 per day for the first 120 days of the session and the mileage of each member at \$2.50 for every 25 miles. He didn't stammer. He announced his decision hot off the bat and lifted the pressure which had weighed down the legislative mind. As the people had voted for increased pay for the lawmakers the attorney general found with the people. They are the masters and they pay the freight.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIDE.

Texas has 254 counties and as many taxcollectors. These officials of the people do not take kindly to the tax relief bill. Tax Collector J. W. Hall of Tarrant county, a former representative and former senator, passed this advice on to the lawmakers: "If you are going to give us a wildcat, give us gloves to handle him with." And then the former lawmaker said that the machinery for collecting 1930 taxes had already been set in motion and that 120 counties did not get sufficient fees to cover the additional work of collecting the second half of the taxes. Another point he made was that this second installment would fall due at the time when collectors were preparing their reports for 1931.

There appears to be many snags under the surface of the placid water of the political stream as well as many sunken mines planted by lawmakers in bygone years. Notwithstanding all this it is possible for the modern lawmakers to undo the work of the lawmaker who was on the legislative firing line in the near oxcart period of civilization.

OTHER OPINIONS

THE HEADLIGHT LAW

The Forty-second legislature has a great opportunity to popularize itself with the public by the simple process of repealing the present headlight law. It could encore itself if the lawmakers could design a law that will rid the streets and highways of blinding lights.

The present regulations are as absurd as they are individual nuisances. Once a year the automobile owners of Texas drive into a duly authorized place of business and pay 25 cents for a slip of paper whose only value lies in the fact that an auto license can not be purchased without it. After it is shown to the clerk from whom the privilege of driving a car for

another 12 months is secured, the slip passes into complete desuetude. What becomes of the "tested" lights is a subject entirely between the person expending the "two-bits" and his inhibitions on the subject of safety first in automobile traffic.

Night driving should have much of the present danger removed. Much of it comes from headlights which blind oncoming traffic. Drivers should not wish to be menaces—but glaring headlights are purchasable and these who give regard for driving safety and comfort short shirt purchase them and the streets of Fort Worth contain an average of one to the block continuously after nightfall. There should not be any ques-

tion of constitutionality in the matter of safety for the public. Those who commit sins of omission or commission that are included in the more than 30,000 deaths a year should be restrained. Legislatures should find some means of accomplishing that feat. Public opinion should be behind their efforts.

It shouldn't require more than a few minutes to repeal the present headlight law. It accomplishes nothing but the collection of a quarter each from more than 1,000,000 Texans.
—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

FOUR MILLIONS ARE INVESTED IN FILM HERE

When Howard Hughes kissed good-bye to four millions in the making of what is the most authentic aviation talking picture "Hell's Angels" now playing at the Palace theatre; when three intertid actors and aviators kissed good-bye to life and liberty; and Ben Lyon kissed the voluptuously sweet, blonde Jean Harlow all the way through the film—motion picture history was on the upgrade.

They wrote into the annals of filmdom one of the most startling and interesting stories of that industry. And more—to the intense gratification of the raw film manufacturers, more than 2,500,000 feet of film were exposed, and it is known that before "Hell's Angels" was shown to the public the actual cost ran into the multi-millions.

Every dollar of this was tossed into the kitty by one person—an attractive looking, aggressive young man with both ideas and ideals—Howard Hughes. He never groaned under the strain.

He is from Houston, Texas, and he is the heir to a \$20,000,000 business, a business that manufactures gadgets used by those who drill for oil. Hollywood, flying and talking pictures interested him. He formed a producing company and threw cash around as it never was tossed in Hollywood before.

He produced two "Arabian Knights," which was a success, boosting the stock of Louis Wolheim and William Boyd. Then came "The Racket" and then "Hell's Angels." Greta Nissen was first assigned to the leading feminine role—a silent version. The talkies came in, and because all this happened three years ago the job had to be done all over again.

Paramount loaned the old oil-tool man James Hall; First National contributed Ben Lyon, the leading man. But what about a leading woman? Mr. Lyon saw to that. He had heard of Jean Harlow, who, luckily, was "looking around" in Hollywood and there was nothing else for him to do but to bring her to Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Lyon had met the girl as she was waiting for a chance at some extra work. She had hailed from Chicago, where she was more or less familiar to the shooting and bombing and she claimed to be just nineteen. One director remarked that she was "lusciously exquisite." However, she did react to Ben's heman embraces in a way which Mr. Hughes feels sure will bring him a return on his investment.

However, Mr. Hughes used good judgment as well as good belles and good money. Being a war

picture, the young man insisted on real war-time airplanes. From a world scouring tour he gathered genuine Spads, Fokkers and S. S. s. This collection of aerial antiques cost him many a pretty dollar. He built a Zeppelin about half the size of the Los Angeles. For accuracy every person engaged went the limit. Al Johnson, a stunt flyer lost his life in a sky battle; Phil Jones, a mechanic in the German bombing plane, crashed to death and Burton Skeens, an expert cameraman, died of a nervous stroke.

"Hell's Angels" has proved to be anything you want to call it—Hell's Belles, or anything else. Few persons leave the Palace theatre without some punchy praise for the picture consuming their thoughts.

HUNTERS SET RECORD
MEMPHIS — A 15-point deer, the largest ever received by Alfred Schmidt, Memphis taxidermist, was shipped from Harrisburg, Ark., by Gene Carter, hunter. Schmidt reported having received 50 deer heads during the past season, a record for the past several years.

CENSUS SHOWS 5000 "JOINTS"
CLEVELAND — Five thousand "joints" comprise Cleveland's list of liquor, vice and gambling establishments, according to the 1930 report of Detective Captain Emmet J. Fotts. The number was said to be a decline over that of six months ago.

Sierra Blanca — Humble Oil Co. purchases Lone Star service station in this town.

YEAR'S FIRST MAPLE SYRUP
SANDSFIELD, Mass. — New England's maple sugar season does not open officially until March, but the first of the 1931 crop already has been harvested here. H. J. Mallory tapped a few maples and gathered enough sap to make several gallons of maple syrup.

NEEDY FAMILIES ADOPTED.
MEMPHIS. — Memphis church congregations recently were called upon to pledge themselves to support destitute families. Each person was asked to "adopt" a needy family, the weekly contributions varying with the number of persons in each needy case.

GUNN FINED FOR GUN.
MOBILE, Ala. — Convicted of a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, Bert Gunn, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and fined \$250.

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