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Welles Says Japanese Apology Did Not Close Tutuila Affair

U. S. Awaits Further Word From Tokyo

Japanese Ambassador Apologized Before Complaint Made

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, said today Japanese apologies for the bombing of the U.S. gunboat Tutuila in China were insufficient to close the incident.

This government, he said, awaits a more complete reply from Japan to the American representations made here and in Tokyo.

Welles said that immediately upon being informed of the incident at Chungking yesterday morning, a representative of the Japanese government called at the embassy in Tokyo and expressed deep regrets.

This was done, he said, before Ambassador Joseph C. Grew was able to carry out instruction to make representations.

Welles disclosed he had made identical representations here in a conference yesterday morning with the Japanese ambassador, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura.

Detailing to his press conference further Japanese moves in connection with the incident, Welles said the Japanese government made a further preliminary reply after Grew had carried out his instructions.

Until a more complete reply is received, Welles said he could make no further comment.

In reply to a question as to whether the preliminary reply was considered insufficient, Welles said that was a justifiable deduction.

The prompt action of the Japanese government in apologizing and expressing regret, however, that it was anxious to avoid any further tension in the already badly strained relations with this country.

Meanwhile, the Japanese, while manifesting some apprehension, apparently were ready to risk their merchantmen in American ports for the present.

Although the state department still refused specific assurances on ships, developments indicated that Japan had decided to permit at least some of her United States-bound vessels to make port.

More than 40 of them have been lying off the coast for days, because of owners' fears that they might be immobilized in American waters under last week's order freezing all Japanese assets.

The \$15,000,000 liner *Tatuta Maru* put into San Francisco yesterday six days behind schedule—the first to dock since the freezing order. Subsequently, another overdue Japanese freighter reached Balboa in the Canal Zone. Other belated Japanese ships were to make Honolulu and Seattle some time today.

However, diplomatic sources here detected Japanese uneasiness in the desire for a quick turnaround of the ships once they had discharged passengers or, in some cases cargo. They mentioned the abrupt decision to have the *Tatuta Maru* sail for Japan today instead of proceeding to Los Angeles as scheduled when she docked.

The belief was expressed in some quarters that the Japanese decided to risk their ships under present conditions in the belief that if the United States acted against them, Japan could take reprisals against American shipping in the Far East.

Louis Will Fight Divorce Settlement

CHICAGO, July 31 (AP)—Joe Louis' lawyer served notice today that the champion is not going to allow his wife to get a divorce without a fight.

All plans for an amicable settlement are off, said attorney William H. Temple. "We tried to work things out at a conference last night, but we couldn't, and now it looks like a real court battle," he added.

Weather Forecast

WEST TEXAS—Fair in the Rio Grande valley. Elsewhere, scattered thundershowers tonight. Friday partly cloudy, scattered thundershowers. Little change in temperature.

EAST TEXAS—Generally fair tonight and Friday except scattered thundershowers in extreme north portion.

LOCAL WEATHER DATA
Highest temperature Wednesday, 96.1; lowest today, 74.2.
Sunset today, 7:44; sunrise tomorrow, 6:01.



Japanese Base in Indo-China—This is a view of Saigon harbor, principal city of South French Indo-China, now occupied by Japanese Naval and land forces as one of the numerous bases they have taken over by agreement with the Vichy government.

Vast Counter-Offensive Promised By Red Sources

Ickes Asks Closing Of Eastern Filling Stations

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—In a move toward compulsory restriction on the use of gasoline, Secretary of Interior Ickes today called upon the oil industry to close 100,000 service stations in the eastern states from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. seven days a week, effective Aug. 3.

The closings would affect all gasoline retail stations on the Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida.

Declaring that "voluntary rationing to date has not achieved the reduction which must be accomplished if we are to avoid a more serious situation later," Ickes spoke of the possibility of more serious rationing, including issuance of ration cards.

"Unless this first action achieves results, it must be followed by other steps to accomplish our end," said the secretary, who is defense petroleum coordinator.

The recommendation for closing of service stations during night hours would be applicable "throughout the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, the Peninsula of

Negroes Will Give Program In City Park

Spirituals, folk songs, and novelities will be presented at the amphitheatre Friday at 8 p. m. when the first all-negro program is offered as one of the summer community entertainment series.

Feature of the show will be several numbers of a massed chorus, heard by many in two presentations of the negro religious musical—*Early Gates*—here recently.

Although the program was not complete Thursday noon, it will include a solo by Cattie Bush with choral background. She will sing "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray."

Solos include those by Lavara Ferguson, Mrs. L. E. Browning, and Bronson Manning, all singing spiritual numbers. Charlie Johnson, with Ethel Lee Carpenter at the piano, will sing popular selections. The program is to open with the singing of "America" and the Rev. L. E. Browning will pronounce the invocation. "Beautiful Texas" is down for an offering and there will be request numbers.

Sam Leach, who is sponsoring the program, is to be master of ceremonies.

As a prelude to the program, the municipal high school band will give a brief concert under the direction of Dan Conley. At the conclusion of the concert, the program will be turned over to the negroes.

Showers Relieve Heat Sufferers

By the Associated Press
Widely scattered showers and thundershowers brought relief today to much of the area still sweltering from the worst heat wave.

Spence Clears Off Desk In City Hall

After 10 years, most of it spent in one office space, E. V. Spence cleared his desk Thursday as he prepared to conclude his duties as city manager of Big Spring.

Friday Boyd J. McDaniel, city engineer, will take over as temporary city manager and H. W. Whitney, city secretary, as assistant.

Spence submitted his resignation Monday afternoon and commissioners granted a month's leave of absence, although he will be relieved of his duties as of Friday. The resignation becomes official as of Sept. 1.

Spence and the two men who headed the two most vital departments of city operation under him conferred Thursday morning over certain details of city affairs.

By an act on the part of the city commission, Whitney is to continue as city secretary in addition to his post as assistant city manager. Although McDaniel's duties were not outlined, he probably will continue in his capacity as engineer for the time being.

The resigned manager planned on a short vacation in Northern New Mexico before returning here to await an anticipated assignment by the U.S. army in a special line of duty.

Japanese Soldiers March Into Saigon

SAIGON, French Indo-China, July 31 (AP)—Japanese troops formally entered Saigon today and persons familiar with Japanese military outfits were quick to comment that Tokyo has sent a first-class army.

Nazis Insist Leningrad Is About To Fall

By the Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's invasion armies may expect a vast counter-offensive by 3,000,000 Red army troops within two weeks, soviet military quarters in London predicted today, while the Germans declared that Nazi columns smashing toward Leningrad had destroyed seven Russian divisions (about 100,000 men).

London sources said Red army ranks which underwent the first violent shock of the German blitzkrieg were now being strengthened by hundreds of thousands of reservists for the predicted counter-drive.

These sources declared that Premier Joseph Stalin would give the signal for the big push immediately when he was satisfied that the German armies had spent their reserve strength in attempts to batter their way through the central front to Moscow.

Soviet dispatches asserted that the Germans were being held to a standstill and were exhausting themselves in futile assaults on soviet defenses.

By contrast, Berlin pictured the Russians as cracking along the front and indicated that Nazi forces may soon have Leningrad under siege.

Earlier advices had already indicated that soviet defenses were crumbling before Leningrad, with German columns striking from the south and Finnish troops moving down the Karelian peninsula from the north in a gigantic "squeeze" maneuver.

A Red army bulletin, reporting bitter fighting all along the 2,000-mile battlefield, gave no hint that the fall of Leningrad might be imminent.

North of the city of more than 3,000,000 population, lying on the Gulf of Finland, the Germans said Russian troops were spraying the forests and fields with machine guns and then setting them afire with artillery barrages in a desperate attempt to stem the advance.

Whether the Russians would put Leningrad itself to the torch, in execution of Premier Stalin's "scorched earth" policy, remained to be seen.

Germans Claim Five More Freighters Sunk

BERLIN, July 31 (AP)—The German high command reported today that U-boats pursuing "scattered remnants" of a British convoy attacked in the Atlantic had sunk five more armed merchant vessels, totaling 24,000 tons, bringing the whole toll of destruction to 24 merchant ships totaling 140,500 tons.

Germans reported Tuesday that 18 merchant ships, a destroyer and a corvette were sunk after a running attack lasting for two days and two nights by submarines and their "safety craft" protection.

Electricians Resume Work In Navy Yard

AFL Follows Request Of Mediators

By Associated Press
Striking AFL electrical workers today exempted a \$70,000,000 expansion program at the Brooklyn Navy Yard from their walkout and announced they would go back to work immediately as the Office of Production Management in Washington asked them to do.

The city-wide strike would continue on other construction projects, union officials said.

The OPM had promised an immediate investigation of the union dispute with Consolidated Edison company which precipitated the work stoppage. It halted construction of a 16 store warehouse at the navy yard, affected work on two super-drydocks and threatened to slow down building of the \$100,000,000 battleships Iowa and Missouri.

That walkout and a strike of the CIO-Steel Workers organizing committee at the Timken Roller Bearing company plant at Columbus, Ohio, were the principal strike controversies dotting the scene.

The city-wide strike, involving 8,000 workers, started after the company refused to hire 600 union members in the building of a new powerhouse. The company contended that it had a contract with an independent organization, the Consolidated Edison employees.

The union claims that electricians on the project are being paid \$1 an hour, instead of the AFL scale of \$2.

The Steel Workers walked out at Timken in a dispute over the discharge of five women after a union official said incorrectly numbered parts were found in work which had passed the quietest inspection tables.

Railroad management and labor negotiators, meanwhile turned over to the National Railway Mediation Board their dispute over a multi-million pay increase for 1-150,000 rail employees.

Honorable Navy Discharge Given Jack D. Wrather

NEW ORLEANS, July 31 (AP)—Lieutenant E. P. Adams of the procurement division, eighth naval district, said Jack Wrather, who will marry Molly O'Daniel tonight, had been honorably discharged as an apprentice seaman in midshipman training.

Adams, who signed the discharge, said Wrather notified the navy of his intention to wed the daughter of the Texas governor, and "his discharge went out of here Monday night."

"He had taken no oath he would not get married," Adams said, "but simply said 'I would not in accordance with provisions of the training regulations.'"

"He could have been married even without obtaining the discharge, but would of course have been discharged afterward."

HENDERSON, July 31 (AP)—A \$735,000 suit was on file here today against Jack D. Wrather, Jr., wealthy young Tyler oilman who is to marry Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel's daughter, Molly, tonight.

The suit involved ownership of 251,000 shares of stock in the rearing corporation alleged to have been issued to Frances Caroline Walters, a minor. She is the 13-year-old granddaughter of the elder Wrather.

(For more about the O'Daniel-Wrather nuptials, see page 2).

Raids Made On Pro-Nazis In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, July 31 (AP)—Smashing of a "subversive plot" intended to overthrow present authorities" of Argentina was announced by police at Parana today after a series of raids in that province, a capital, a reputed hotbed of Nazi activity.

A large quantity of propaganda documents was reported seized in houses whose doors and walls the raiders said were decorated with the swastika.

Nine persons were arrested in the alleged plot which police said was centered in the finger of northward along Uruguay's inland frontier and controlling waterways leading to Paraguay, Bolivia and Brazil.

The raid was the latest in a series of anti-Nazi moves in South America.

State Property Tax Rate Cut 11 Cents



Marines in Iceland—United States Marines (two men at right) are greeted by a British soldier (at left) on their arrival at a Y.M.C.A. canteen at an undisclosed place in Iceland.

Rodeo Slated August 15-17

Dates for the eighth annual show of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo association were set Wednesday afternoon for Aug. 15-16-17 following a decision of association officials to not break the continuity of the performances launched first in 1934.

Immediately plans for the show were thrown into gear and organization of committees was begun Thursday morning.

Unlike previous rodeos staged here, the 1941 offering will be held to four performances in three days. The opening day—on a Friday—will include afternoon and evening shows. There will be an evening show Saturday and a grand finale Sunday afternoon.

The program will include calf roping, wild cow milking, steer riding, bronc-bustin', and bareback wild mule riding as well as a cow-girls sponsor flag race. Prizes for all events will total \$1,330 cash plus other awards such as boots, hats, etc.

Dr. M. H. Bennett was announced as chairman of the sponsors' committee and Lewis Rix, Lloyd Wasson, Randall Pickle, Pat Patterson were assigned to the committee. Dr. Bennett will name other members.

The sponsors contest will be based on a flag race, graded 75 per cent on speed and 25 per cent on horsemanship, equipment and horse. Girls will ride in the first three shows and the top eight for the championship at the final show. Louise Anne Bennett will be sponsor hostess.

By events, entrance fees and prizes will stack up as follows: Calf roping, entrance \$15, day (See RODEO, Page 4, Col. 8)

Tiny Baby Dies After 11-Day Fight

Harold Cecil, tiny premature son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McMahon, lost a valiant 11-day fight for life Wednesday evening.

Obstacles which the attending physician described as much too great for the two pound, four ounce infant took his life at Cowper Clinic and Hospital, where he had been kept in an incubator.

A prayer was to be said and the remains buried at 5 p. m. today at New Mount Olive cemetery. Eberley Funeral home made the arrangements.

Ringed By Totalitarian States— Little Switzerland Celebrates Freedom

SCHWYZ, Switzerland, July 31 (AP)—Fires will be lighted and cannon will roar throughout this war-ringed little nation for the next two days to mark 600 years of Swiss freedom.

Following age-old custom, magistrates of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden, the original three cantons of the Swiss federation, inaugurate the independence celebration at midnight tonight by setting torches to a pyre in

School Fund Slash Leaves 58 Cent Total

Automatic Tax Board Finds Valuations In Texas Have Increased

AUSTIN, July 31 (AP)—An 11-cent reduction in the state property tax rate for 1941 was ordered today by the state automatic tax board.

Meanwhile, the state comptroller announced an increase in property valuations for tax purposes of approximately \$89,000,000.

The reduction, from 27 cents to 16 cents, made in the rate for the available school fund will save taxpayers an estimated \$3,630,000.

The total rate was set at 68 cents, 25 cents for the general pension fund. This compared with a total of 80 cents for last year. The general fund and pension fund rates were unchanged from last year.

A prospective cash balance of \$1,289,000 in the school fund as of next Sept. 1 made possible the lower rate.

The board's action was unanimous on motion of State Comptroller George Sheppard, Governor W. Lee O'Daniel and State Treasurer Charley Lockhart are other members of the board.

"I guess the taxpayers can stand the reduction," the governor quipped.

He had inquired of statisticians as to advisability of a 10-cent school rate and was informed such a rate might leave the fund approximately \$330,000 in the red at the end of the next fiscal year.

A reduction in the general fund rate was impossible, however, as agreed, because of an accumulated deficit of \$80,000,000 and greatly increased expenditures authorized for next year.

It was estimated next year's expenditures from the general fund would total \$41,900,000 which together with the existing deficit would require \$72,000,000 to offset. Special taxes will bring the fund an estimated \$10,000,000 next year and the yield from the 35-cent property tax rate will supply another \$8,800,000, leaving an estimated deficit of \$44,000,000 on Sept. 1, 1942.

The pension fund also is in the red and will end next year in that condition because added revenue resulting from increased valuations will not offset the fund's requirements.

The board estimated the school fund would need \$38,898,000 next year, \$44,898,000 for scholastic per capita apportionment and \$3,000,000 for textbooks. It was contemplated the property tax would supply more than \$5,000,000 and other sources \$30,000,000 which with the cash available would keep the fund in balance.

Taxes based on the new rate are payable beginning October 1. They become past due after Jan. 31, 1942.

The general fund and pension rates were maintained at the maximum permitted by the constitution. The school rate can be set as high as 35 cents under the constitution.

Valuations reported by the counties to the comptroller totaled \$3,669,582,023 for 1941, compared with \$2,580,407,885, an increase of \$89,174,338.

Major cause of the increase, comptroller's attaches said, was oil development.

Wood county, with 1941 valuations of \$2,781,196, reported an increase of \$4,171,450, or 80.5 per cent, due largely to such cause. This was the greatest per cent increase among Texas' 254 counties.

Normal business development and community growth were suggested as other reasons for boosts.

Ringed By Totalitarian States— Little Switzerland Celebrates Freedom

Rustli Glade on the very spot where men of the little states raised their hands Aug. 1, 1291, in a pledge of mutual assistance.

That pledge marked the beginning of a successful fight against the powerful House of Hapsburg and eventually resulted in the birth of Switzerland, a nation of 28 cantons cut from the imperial lands of Germany, Italy and Burgundy.

The fiercely patriotic people of

Switzerland, who have three national languages, German, French and Italian, and whose small states differ from each other in nearly every point—religious, political, social, industrial and physical plan a colorful celebration.

Runners are to carry torches from the Rustli bonfire to all parts of the country, where they will light other fires in a simultaneous observance of the anniversary.

County Alertness Campaign Against Boll Worms Starts

Cooperative Vigil Against Invasion Due

Recognizing the control of boll worms as a community responsibility, several groups in Howard county are organizing a campaign of alertness against a possible invasion by the insects.

With the crop getting well along toward maturity, Howard county now has excellent prospects for a 40,000 bale harvest worth \$4,000,000. Good weather could increase this yield to 80,000 bales and the value to \$8,000,000. Or, cotton boll worms could reduce it to two million dollars or less, if a threatened plague of the insects develops.

Under the alertness campaign now being conducted, the county farm agent will furnish necessary information on presence of the worms by inspecting cotton every day between now and August 15, longer if necessary.

He will report his findings through newspaper articles, radio announcements, and circular letters, and in community farmer meetings. Methods of control will be discussed at the same time.

All residents of the county, whether engaged in farming or not, will be requested to call attention to the boll worm campaign in his conversations and any other way. This is intended to increase the measure of alertness to the threatened invasion.

Insecticide dealers are being requested to keep contact with the sources of calcium arsenate and be prepared to furnish it in large quantities on short notice between August 5 and 15.

Many farmers have bought enough of this poison for one application, and others are urged to do so.

Farmers, anxious to protect wealth contained in cotton fields this year, are keeping a close watch on the cotton. Many plan to be in their cotton fields each afternoon just before sunset to watch for boll worm moths.

The boll worms may not show up. They are now in corn and feed crops in unusually large numbers, but it is possible that they will be eaten by ground beetles during the next pupating period. However, the threat of \$2,000,000 worth of cotton being eaten by the insects is enough to cause alertness throughout the county.

Hopkins May Go Through Far East

LONDON, July 31 (AP)—Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's military aid coordinator, now in Moscow discussing United States help for Russia, will return to the United States by some route other than London, it was reliably reported today, indicating that he might travel through the Far East.

There has been some speculation that Hopkins might visit China. He has pledged both the Chungking and Moscow governments all possible, immediate aid.

Millions Enjoy Peaches During Flush Season

Millions of families throughout the country are being treated to new taste thrills as a result of the cooperative educational campaign being conducted by the peach producing industry and food trades industry in cooperation with the surplus marketing administration in the interest of greater peach consumption by everyone.

This was brought out today in a statement made by Ralph Linnick, chairman of the Howard county food industry committee. He said, "Peaches have long been noted as food delicacy. United States Government reports show that peaches are America's favorite fruit, in season. As a food peaches now take on new importance.

"As a result of this cooperative educational campaign, millions of Americans are learning for the first time the important health-giving qualities in peaches, and the dozens of new ways of serving the appetizing fruit, fresh or cooked. Many families have received new peach receipts for delicious peach shortcake, pies, cobblers, fresh home-made peach ice cream, peach and cantaloupe salad and dozens of other tasty dishes.

"Peaches have been found to be excellent sources of Vitamin A, Vitamin B, Vitamin C and Vitamin G (B2), are vital to good health, growth and vitality, maintenance of body vigor, protection of teeth and improving complexion.

"It has been found, too," he added, "that their low caloric content makes peaches an excellent food for reducing diets and the No. 1 aid for women desiring a 'girlish' figure. Scientists say this is also due to the high fat-burning qualities of the natural sugars found in peaches."

Orange Youngsters Will Visit Chicago At Pop's Expense

ORANGE, July 31 (AP)—Spic and span in glittering uniforms, 125 Orange youngsters will take a trip to Chicago at Pop's expense in a couple of weeks.

H. J. Lutzer Stark, University of Texas regent, civic leader and important businessman, would be offended if the boys and girls he has taken under his wing called him anything but Pop.

The trip will permit the Bengal Guards and Lancers, prize-winning drum and bugle corps, to show their stuff during the annual music festival at Chicago beginning Aug. 13.

Always interested in kids, Stark inaugurated his drill corps six years ago, figuring that music, smart uniforms and well-executed drills would interest them. He was right.

And now, he says, he's got the doggondest best drill team in the country.

'Sky Harbor' Opened As New Night Spot

Formal opening of a new dine-and-dance spot for Big Spring—the "Sky Harbor"—was held Wednesday night, and the place will be open nightly for entertainment-seekers.

The Sky Harbor is on the west highway, at the location formerly known as the Plantation. Merle Burgamy, who formerly was at the Park Inn, is in charge, and has had the place completely renovated and remodeled.

Food and drinks will be offered, and a nickelodeon provides music for those who wish to take advantage of the large dance floor.

Three Killed, Six Hurt In Wreck

AMARILLO, July 31 (AP)—A head-on collision between two automobiles seven miles east of Groom on highway 6 killed three persons and critically injured six others last night.

The dead: George Edward Work, 35, Monterey Park, Calif.; Lawrence Work, 10, his son, and Mrs. W. R. Oldham, Winchester, Ky. The injured: Mrs. George Work, Barbara Ann and Ruth Work, 7 and 4 years, and W. R. Oldham, 22 of Winchester, Ky.

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6⁴⁷
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SALE! 5 Pc. Porcelain DINETTE
Value up to \$57.00! Heat-, stain-proof table top! Extends to 60 in. 1-in. steel tubing legs! Seats artificial leather.
31⁹⁷
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12⁴⁷

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10⁹⁷

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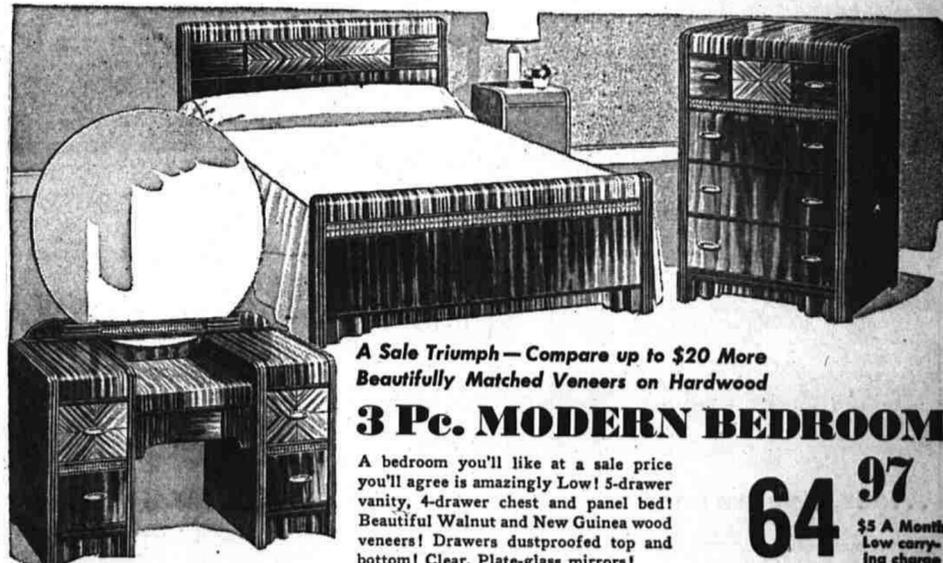
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It's a beauty! And priced so low you won't be able to resist it! New style, oval arms! Beautifully carved, Walnut finished arm and base panels! Deeply upholstered overall! Comfortable coil spring seat and back! See it today!
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\$6 A Month Low carrying charge



A Sale Triumph—Compare up to \$20 More Beautifully Matched Veneers on Hardwood

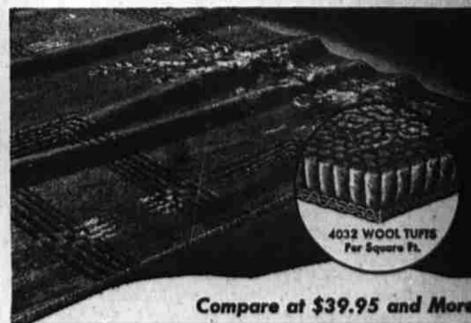
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A bedroom you'll like at a sale price you'll agree is amazingly Low! 5-drawer vanity, 4-drawer chest and panel bed! Beautiful Walnut and New Guinea wood veneers! Drawers dustproofed top and bottom! Clear, Plate-glass mirrors!
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Here 'n There

Speaking of eggs, Mrs. W. F. Swiger of the Sterling City route seems to collect the champions in her daily rounds to the hen nests. She was in town the other day with one measuring eight inches around the long way and six inches around the other. It weighed 3 and 3/4 ounces, although two ounces is a good sized egg. The egg was laid by one of Mrs. Swiger's Rockhorn hens, which produce such frequently. They usually contain only one yolk.

Word has been received here that Kathleen Hubbard, Coahoma, graduate of East Texas State Teachers college, has enrolled for summer work there.

The county AAA office has received visits this week from two auditors out of the state office and the district supervisor.

The Lubbock Baker Cardinals, a junior team, will play the Big Spring junior Bombers in a baseball game at Roberts Field at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, it was announced today.

Lawrence Rollins, who has been engaged in organization and supervisory work of the surplus food stamp program here during the past few months, has been transferred to Corsicana to supervise a district with headquarters there.

County Superintendent Anne Martin points out that Friday is the last day on which she will accept scholastic transfers. And few have transferred thus far.

Marvin B. Simpson, Jr., a member of the Texas house of representatives from Fort Worth, was a visitor in Big Spring today. Laying over to wait for a bus, he visited around the county courthouse and talked to members of the commissioners court about road bond problems.

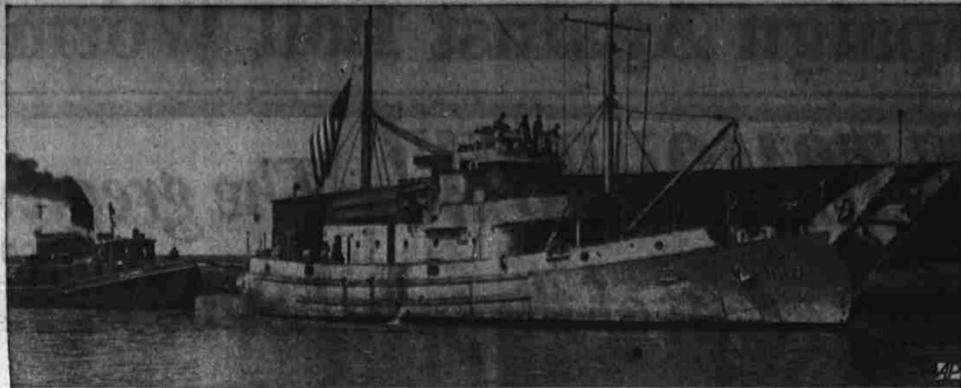
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mead and daughter Nell, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mead, Jr., of Wichita Falls, left today on a 10-day vacation trip.

Word has been received here of the death of W. H. Buck, of Centerville, Washington, brother of Mrs. Virgil Smith of Big Spring. Buck died suddenly Wednesday when he was stricken with a heart attack.

Earl Sanlin entered a plea of guilty in corporate court Thursday to a charge of driving on the wrong side of the road and was fined \$50 by City Judge Tracy T. Smith. Sanlin was taken into custody Wednesday evening in the 700 block of E. 3rd street by officers.

A car stolen from Ralph White in Coahoma on Tuesday night was recovered here Thursday by Chief of Police J. T. Thornton. The car had been parked on a downtown street.

Old settlers said Thursday that they forgot to mention one of the



NAVY'S NEW NET TENDER GETS TEST—The U.S.S. Locust (above), given tests in Lake Erie, is first of a dozen 158-foot anti-submarine net tenders to be ready for Uncle Sam under a \$6,500,000 contract with Cleveland and Lorain, Ohio, shipyards.



MAN-SIZED JOB—With agricultural workers changing over to the defense industries, farmhands are scarce in rural regions, which explains why Mrs. Elmer Barton (above), 58, of Peotone, Ill., works her acres aided only by a 12-year-old grandson.

ing out thanks in connection with most important things when past the recent reunion. Somehow Higginbotham - Bartlett Lumber Co., from whence came the dance platform number, was overlooked. Martha Cochran, fresh from a triumph at the bathing revue held in Odessa in connection with that city's "little international oil show," will leave Friday to compete in the state-wide revue at Mineral Wells. Winner of this revue will be given a week's paid vacation.

Master Draft List Received

It may not be long now before Howard county's new crop of 21-year-olds know where they stand in reference to selective service order numbers. From the master list received Wednesday, the local board had ascertained sequence numbers for the 116 youths who were registered with the board as of July 1. Thursday the task of assigning order numbers was being undertaken, although it was not proving to be as simple as it looked. First number to be assigned possibly will go to Theo R. Willis as 571-S. Possibly others will follow in the order number sequence at intervals of 18, except where there have been eliminations due to either transfer or death of registrants. To take into consideration these eliminations, the board was having to check its entire record system before undertaking the assignment of new order numbers.



Succumbs—Funeral services were held at the First Christian church in Big Spring at 3 p. m. Thursday for Mattie Martin, who succumbed to a brief illness early Wednesday at Waxahachie. Miss Martin, a member of a well known Big Spring and Garden City family, had been a teacher at Garden City for the past three years.

Cotton

NEW YORK, July 31 (AP)—Cotton futures turned irregular today as uncertainty over Washington price control legislation again dominated trading. After losing as much as 75 cents a bale prices turned upward on a persistent mill demand and local replacement buying which offset commission house liquidation and New Orleans selling. Futures closed 27 to 35 lower. Open High Low Last Oct. ... 16.40 16.55 16.08 16.08-12 Dec. ... 16.52 16.70 16.23 16.16-27 Jan. ... 16.52 16.64 16.27 16.27 Feb. ... 16.80 16.79 16.32 16.32 Mar. ... 16.62 16.80 16.31 16.31-33 July ... 16.58 16.79 16.29 16.29-30 Middling spot 16.75N, off 33.

Markets At A Glance

NEW YORK, July 31 (AP)—The stock market today bowed out July, best recovery month since September, 1939, with a suspicion the party may have been a little too uproarious. Rails, aircrafts and specialties were bid up moderately at intervals, some to new highs for the year, but numerous leaders acted weary from the start. Closing trends were slightly ragged. Steels, motors, utilities, coppers, oils and rubbers never got anywhere in particular. Transfers amounted to around 850,000 shares.

Livestock

FORT WORTH, July 31 (AP)—(U.S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle 2,000; calves 1,000; slow and weak trade in most classes cattle and calves; most common and medium slaughter steers and yearlings 7.00-9.50; beef cows 6.00-7.50; canners and cutters 4.00-6.00; bulls 5.75-7.50; slaughter calves 7.25-10.00. Hogs 1,300; steady to 15c higher; top 10.75; good and choice 180-270 lb. 10.60-75; good and choice 150-175 lb. 10.00-55; heavy butchers scarce, few good around 325 lb. weights down to 10.00; packing sows steady, 9.00-50; feeder pigs 9.75 down, or 25c lower. Sheep 2,000; spring lambs weak to 25c lower, good yearlings scarce, aged wethers and feeder lambs steady; spring lambs 8.50-9.00, common and medium yearlings 7.00-50; aged wethers 5.25 down; stocker and feeder spring lambs 8.00-50.

Wool Market

BOSTON, July 31 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Inquiries were being received today in the Boston market for three eights and quarter blood grades of South American wools. Little business, however, was reported on these grades. Similar grades of domestic wools were mostly quiet with quotations largely nominal in the absence of sales. Combing bright three eights and quarter blood territory wool was sold in moderate volume at 85-87 cents, scoured basis. Fine territory wools continued to move at steady prices compared with earlier sales this week.

Grain

CHICAGO, July 31 (AP)—After fluctuating irregularly most of the session, wheat prices turned definitely lower today and closed near the low point of the session although net losses amounted to less than a cent a bushel. Weakness of cotton, hedging and adjustment of accounts for the private crop reports to be issued tomorrow constituted most of the selling. Trade was sluggish because of cautious operations pending price legislation developments. Wheat closed 1-3 to 5-8 lower than yesterday, September \$1.06, December \$1.08 1-3 to 1-4; corn 1-3 to 1-4 off, September 74 7-8 to 75; December 77 1-2; oats 1-4 to 1-3 down.

The United States obtains much of its bauxite, ore used in manufacturing aluminum, from Surinam, Netherlands colony on the northeastern coast of South America.

Arms Seizure Bill Approved By Committee

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—The house military committee today approved legislation to authorize the president to seize military or naval equipment, supplies or munitions, or machinery, tools and materials necessary for the making, servicing or operation of such equipment, supplies or munitions. The committee vote was 14 to 4. Two amendments were adopted to the senate-approved version of the legislation. One provides that the "fair and just compensation" to be paid for property requisitioned shall be "confined to the fair market value of the article or material" without consideration of prospective profits or damages. The other limits the requisitioning authority by stating specifically that nothing in the legislation shall be construed as allowing the requisitioning or requiring registration of firearms possessed by an individual for personal protection or for sport, and further saying that the legislation does not infringe on the constitutional right to keep or bear arms.

Pirates still infest the island-studded waters off the coast of Kwangtung province, South China, and occasionally attack junks in the vicinity of Hongkong island.

Railroad Wage Issue Argued

CHICAGO, July 31 (AP)—Sharply conflicting views on the financial ability of the nation's railroads to pay increased wages marked the initial conference today between rail management and labor negotiators on demands for a pay hike. The carriers were portrayed alternately as financially burdened and rolling in wealth while each side produced figures which is claimed proved the point. The day's negotiations centered on the demands of 14 non-operating brotherhoods for an increase of 30 cents an hour in all classifications and a minimum wage of 70 cents an hour.

Court Upholds Prescription Law

GALVESTON, July 31 (AP)—The First Court of Civil Appeals today upheld the constitutionality of the recently passed state law restricting drug store sales of liquor. As Austin, Liquor Administrator Bert Ford said he had ordered field men to resume immediate enforcement of the law, held up pending the decision. The appeals court dissolved a temporary injunction restraining enforcement.

NAZIS IN MADRID MADRID, July 31 (AP)—Representatives of the German ministries of industry, labor and economy and of the German labor front arrived in Madrid today to negotiate an accord with Spain for sending Spanish workers to Germany.

Rodeo

(Continued From Page 1) money \$100, \$50, \$40, \$30 and \$10; wild cow milking, entrance \$10, day money \$75, \$40, \$30, \$20, and \$10; bronc riding and steer riding, entrance \$5, day money \$50, \$30, \$20 and \$10; wild mule riding, entrance \$4, day money \$30, \$20, \$10 and \$5; championship calf roping and wild cow milking, \$40 each. Money will be based on the shows for one day and the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon shows for the other in all riding events. Friday will constitute one day for ropers and milker and Saturday evening another. The top 15 ropers then will have a chance at the championship on Sunday afternoon. Boots, hats, etc., will be given as championship awards in addition to the top cash prize.

According to an announcement by rodeo officials Thursday, arrangements have been concluded for rodeo stock. The show this year promises to be one of the most economically operated in the history of the association. A local committee has agreed to secure underwriters agreements on the show up to \$750 pending a decision on the show by rodeo officials.

Cowper Clinic And Hospital Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Jones, 1908 Johnson, are parents of a son born Thursday morning at the hospital. Mrs. J. H. Finley, Coahoma, has been admitted for treatment.

August Gets A Big Start With

DOLLAR DAY



-NEXT MONDAY- IN BIG SPRING!

All Howard and adjoining counties will head Big Spring way next Monday, Aug. 4, for 1941's "in-between" DOLLAR DAY, the greatest value event of them all!

It is an "in-between" occasion because it finds merchants regrouping all sorts of summer merchandise for a final whirlwind selling ... too, it finds many making advance showings of the newest in early fall lines.

Big Spring merchants, anxious to prove to you that here is the shopping center for this entire area, invite you to join this "first Monday" value festival.

DAILY HERALD



CIRCULATION IS ... UP!

Build Your Advertising Program Around The Herald

Thanks to fast-pounding Associated Press machines and an alert editorial department, Herald circulation is now—and has been for months—climbing past an all-time PEAK!

More families in Big Spring, and throughout Howard and adjoining counties, are keeping pace with local, national and international events through The Herald than ever before ... No other advertising medium serves this potential buying power so thoroughly as The Herald.

When your store is merchandised through these columns, you know your message will be read by thousands. That's the guarantee of a PAID CIRCULATION!

The Herald



... yes, we have no mañanas!

If mañanas make your life one long excuse, hearken to a way of making hay today ... then duck those warm-weather doldrums. Just raise an ice-cold beaker of grand-tastin' Grand Prize to your lips, and you'll give life's enjoyment a lift.

Supremely mellow, surprisingly smooth Grand Prize will snap your taste to attention. It will chase your thirst on the double-quick. So, let the sun go to blazes while you enjoy the deep-mellowness of this truly great beer—the grand-tastin' brand.

Brewed by Texans for Texans, Grand Prize brings you a taste-treat you'll long remember. Your nearest dealer features Grand Prize in quarts, 12 ounce bottles and Keglined cans. Why not order a supply right now, for your grand-tastin' refreshment?

GRAND PRIZE IS GRAND-TASTIN'



Gulf Brewing Co., Houston

O'Daniel To Take Oath On August 4

AUSTIN, July 29 (AP)—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel announced today he would take the oath of office as United States senator at noon, August 4.

He announced a schedule of his movements until that time, but did not say whether he would resign his present office or merely take the oath of the new one to which he was elected June 28.

The governor said he would attend the wedding of his daughter, Molly, to Jack D. Wrather, Jr., of Tyler, at the mansion Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Friday morning he will leave Austin for Fort Worth where at 6 p. m. he will be present at an outdoor barbecue, reception and farewell party tendered by friends.

Another barbecue, reception and farewell party will be held in his honor at Hermann Park, Houston, and 6 p. m. in Houston and that night at 9:40 o'clock he will depart for Washington, traveling by rail by way of New Orleans.

His schedule called for arrival in Washington Monday morning.

The announcement from his office said he would "take the oath of office as United States senator in the senate chamber as Washington, Monday noon, August 4."

Clint Morton, Lamesa, Dies

LAMESA, July 29—Funeral services were to be held at 4 p. m. here today for Clint C. Morton, 44, long time resident of Dawson county and who succumbed in a local hospital Monday.

He had sustained serious injuries last Thursday in a truck-car collision and died from effects of the hurt.

Rites were to be at the First Methodist church with the Rev. E. F. Cole, First Baptist pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in the Lamesa cemetery.

Morton had been a resident of Dawson county since 1924.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Roma Morton; a son, Dennis Kirk, Abilene, and a daughter, Ruby Gene; two brothers, Ace Morton and Truman Morton, Big Spring; two sisters, Mrs. L. W. Buttler, Big Spring, and Mrs. Ralph West, Monahans.

Flaggers - For - Help By Roadside Are Avenged

This old world is full of folks who have been stranded by the roadside, desperately in need of assistance for motor trouble, who have uttered dire benedictions on the motorists who have whizzed by without offering a helping hand.

The world is full of folks who, in such unfortunate situations, have been tempted to leave big rocks through the fast-disappearing rear-windows of such cars.

But those of us who have been tempted to such villainy have restrained ourselves because of the veneer of courtesy civilization has put around our primitive urges.

And now, because liquor removed all his inhibitions, a man has done just what all of us have on occasion been tempted to do. He had tire trouble eight miles

south of Big Spring Tuesday afternoon. He needed—or fancied, in his drunken state—that he needed aid. So he started trying to flag the passing cars.

They kept passing, so our inebriated friend collected a pile of rocks, presenting one with considerable velocity to each passing motorist because none stopped to offer aid.

The sheriff went out and carted him in to the jail to pay a drunkenness fine. Throwing rocks at cars just can't be allowed to go on.

But all the same, a lot of folks got a mile of satisfaction out of knowing that at last some of those blanket-bis k stingy so-and-so's who never stop to help a fellow got what was coming to 'em.



PLAYING 'POSSUM—Orchids in the wearer's hair and diamond clips against the neckline give extra fillip of glamor to this new American opossium jacket in which a fashion-wise New Yorker starts out for her gay tour of night spots.

Much Feed May Go Into Trench Silos

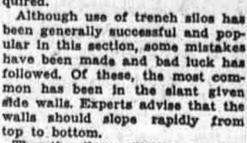
One of the best feed crops in several years will be harvested in Howard county this year, giving rise to considerable discussion among farmers of the trench silo method of storing feed.

Trench silos have become increasingly popular in West Texas during the past three or four years, and it is expected that more will be filled this year than ever before.

Experience of farmers and ranchers has been that the silos represent the most practical way of storing feed yet found. Silage is a good substitute for green pasture, none of the feed is lost, and it may be kept indefinitely. Cost of constructing a trench silo is seldom more than the labor required.

Although use of trench silos has been generally successful and popular in this section, some mistakes have been made and bad luck has followed. Of these, the most common has been in the slant given the side walls. Experts advise that the walls should slope rapidly from top to bottom.

Thus the silage will form a wedge shape mass and if it settles unduly, will merely pack itself tighter into the bottom of the trench. When side walls are too straight up and down, the silage fails to settle in wedge fashion and often cracks open, exposing much of the silage to air and causing spoilage.



EUGENE V. SPENCE

Improvements Many During Spence Tenure

Extensive development in various affairs of the municipal government have been effected during the past 10 years, the period of time during which E. V. Spence, who resignation has been accepted by the city commission, has served as city manager. The city for the entire time has been operated on a cash basis.

Despite the voting of \$300,000 in bonds during the 10-year span, there has been a net reduction of \$24,000 in the city's bonded debt. The tax rate, which was pegged at \$1.55 per \$100 valuation then, has fluctuated and today is \$1.70. However, the average rate for the period is \$1.47, less than the 1931 rate. It declined as low as \$1.20 in 1936 and jumped up to the present level in 1939 to care for \$275,000 in bonds voted for water works improvements. Valuations in 1937 were listed at \$7,199,935 by the city and today they are \$6,612,420.

Bonded indebtedness was \$887,000 in 1931 when the manager assumed his duties at the time construction of a \$300,000 city hall, fire station and auditorium was being started. Today the total is \$663,000. Bonds voted during that time include \$20,000 to finance purchase of lands for the Big Spring state hospital, for which the city was given designation in 1937, \$375,000 as the city's share of a \$500,000 PWA waterworks project, and \$25,000 for additional airport lands.

One of the most outstanding improvements of the decade has been in the water department. Virtually all city mains have been lowered from their near surface levels to greater depths to guard against breaks and to clear the way for future paving programs. Although the city only voted bonds for a half million dollar program in conjunction with the PWA in 1938, actually \$545,000 was spent in building dams for two city lakes, installing 14 miles of 14-inch cast iron mains, erection of a 200,000 gallon elevated storage tower, construction of a new reservoir, filtration plant, covering of existing reservoirs and the laying of new mains. Prior to that the reservoir and pump station had been installed to give Edwards heights. Sewer lines have been extended and revamped intensively in the 10-year period. Effect of the surface water supply has been to give the city a dual system.

The water rate has been adjusted several times. In 1931 it stood at \$3.00 for 5,000 gallons minimum with a 40 cents per M excess. Then came the summer residential irrigation rate of \$3.50 for 10,000 gallons with a scale-down on higher consumption. Recently it was adjusted again to hold to the same minimum but with a 25 cent per M excess charge.

City pavement has been more than doubled in the time, approximately 100 blocks having been constructed. Perhaps a third of this was along the two U. S. highways which bisect the city. All paving was carried out without necessity of a bond issue.

The city park was just being started 10 years ago. There was a limited amount of playground equipment and a few wooden benches, tables, etc. Since then the park area has been increased by 320 acres, a stone amphitheatre seating more than 6,500 constructed, stone tables, benches, barbecue pits, restrooms, park area guards built, four surfaced tennis courts installed, drive and park ways paved, a \$32,000 swimming pool built with PWA aid and non-tax revenue bonds, a community center (now used by the NYA resident center, accumulated, a lighted softball field and roquet courts provided, the golf course extended from nine to 18-holes grass greens. The city also spent \$6,000 out of its cash reserve to purchase lands needed for development of the scenic Mountain state park.

The past decade has produced an impressive gain in city equipment. From a total of only six pieces of equipment, including one small street maintainer and five cars, the city has increased its store to items including trucks, cars, etc., for seven departments of which most is in the street department

Resignation of E. V. Spence as Big Spring's City Manager Made Public Today

Resignation of E. V. Spence as Big Spring's city manager was made public today, following acceptance by the city commission in a special session Tuesday afternoon.

The resignation becomes effective September 1, but administrative changes actually are in effect Friday, since Spence was granted a month's leave of absence.

The commission named Boyd McDaniel, city engineer, as temporary city manager, and Herbert Whitney as assistant. Whitney also will continue to serve as secretary.

Spence said he is looking toward special duty with the U. S. Army, although he has had no definite assignment. He plans a short vacation, to start this week, then will return to wind up his affairs before finally vacating office on Sept. 1. McDaniel and Whitney assume new duties Aug. 1.

Spence's letter to the council follows:

"In making my future plans, having been invited to enter on special duty with the U. S. Army, I hereby submit my resignation as City Manager effective September 1, 1941, and request that I be relieved from duty as of August 1 and be allowed 30 days leave of absence in order to consummate my plan."

"I also request that an audit be made of the city's records covering the period from April 1, 1941, to the date of the last regular audit, up to August 1."

Mayor Grover C. Dushan said the arrangements for the audit will be made.

There has been no indication on the part of the commission, he said, to consider yet a permanent successor in the city manager's slip. Plans are, he said, to continue indefinitely with McDaniel and Whitney in charge.

Spence is rounding out an even 10 year administrative career, having come to Big Spring Aug. 1, 1931 holder of bachelor and master's degrees in engineering and city management from Texas A. & M. college, he has served as an engineer with the Medina Irrigation Company Drainage District as a general engineer in land subs. division work, as county engineer of Jim Wells county, as mayor of the city of Alice.

After getting his master's degree in 1925, he went to San Angelo as city manager, to serve for four years. He was in private business there from 1929 to 1931.

Spence was in the army during the first World war, holding a captain's commission, and serving in the Intelligence department.

McDaniel has been with the city since 1932, first as building superintendent, and for some eight years as engineer. Whitney has been in the secretary's office since 1933.

While Spence's action generally was unexpected, those close to the administration realized that some change might be in the making. The city manager some months ago considered an army assignment at Fort Sill, but eventually rejected it. His future plans had been a topic at some commission meetings, and members were prepared for immediate action when his resignation was submitted.

and embraces street paving equipment of varying types, tractors, blades, etc. The water department now has its own drilling and welding equipment.

Departmental expansion has been pronounced. Added have been the building division, created with erection of the city plant; the airport department, which the city purchased out of cash reserves for \$36,000 and on which \$100,000 in WPA-city funds were spent in addition to a \$667,756 city-WPA-CAA project now in underway (plus a \$30,000 NYA airport terminal building); the swimming pool and park department; the city cemetery department.

Added services include the installation of free garbage collection (four pieces of equipment added); two-way police radio; flood control program including erection of two detention dams; unit system of valuations; revised traffic code; more than doubling the number of traffic signal lights; addition of a fire truck (now on order); and perhaps others.

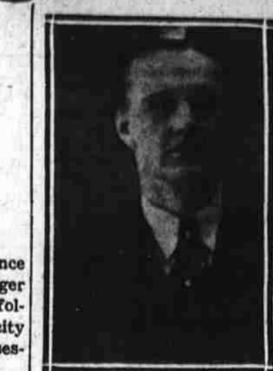
No credit was claimed by the manager for the development, rather he passed it along to his staff, which has increased by about 27 in the 10 years.

The gains were, he said, of such nature none could claim credit above the other, but from which he believed the city would be the winner.

McDaniel To Temporarily Fill Post

Veteran Official Plans To Accept Army Assignment

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HERBERT WHITNEY



BOYD McDANIEL

College Girls Head Colorado Aluminum Drive

COLORADO CITY, July 30 (Sp)—Four college girls home for the summer—Catherine Sigel, Freddie Watson, Virginia Whipkey, and Nancy Price—composed a special committee staging Mitchell county's successful drive for aluminum-for-defense, Friday through Tuesday.

The girls assisted Judge W. W. Porter and Mayor J. A. Sadler in arranging the various drive features. The four of them made a house-to-house canvass on Friday, collected aluminum at the Ruddleick park amphitheater program on Friday night, arranged a downtown pen for donations from Saturday crowds, and helped the Palace theater put on an aluminum matinee on Tuesday. The Lions club contributed one piece of aluminum for each member at its Friday luncheon.

Catherine Sigel attends Texas Tech, Lubbock. Freddie Watson is a student in Howard Payne, Brownwood. Virginia Whipkey goes to Baylor university, Waco, and Nancy Price is from the University of Texas.

Freezer Locker Plant Stock Sale Pushed

Directors of the Howard County Food cooperative hope to complete by August 15 sale of enough common stock to assure construction of a freezer locker plant in Big Spring.

O. Y. Miller, who was employed by the cooperative to solicit memberships, plans to make a final call on prospective members within the next few days. A total of 200 shares of \$50 per share stock must be sold. Thus far, about half that number has been subscribed.

If enough stock is sold, it is hoped that the locker may be put into operation by mid-autumn, so that hogs and beefs fattened by that time may be stored.

Any person engaged directly or indirectly in production of agricultural products may buy a share of common stock in the cooperative. Only one share per person will be issued.

Preferred stock, also costing \$50 per share, will be offered in blocks of any size when the common stock is sold.

PRICE CONTROL LEGISLATION TO BE OFFERED

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—Speaker Rayburn told his press conference today that price control legislation had been satisfactorily revised by the administration and probably would be introduced this week.

Rayburn said the measure probably would be accompanied by a presidential message and indicated he thought its passage should be expedited by congress.

"We are liable to wake up here some day and find a lot of runaway prices," the speaker declared.

He gave no details of the new measure but said he thought it now was in satisfactory form.

Some weeks ago, it was disclosed that Leon Henderson, price administrator, submitted a bill to Rayburn and other leaders to provide a form of mandatory price and rent control restricted to defense areas.

Capital Stock Tax Deadline Is Extended

A general 60-day extension of the period for filing capital stock tax returns has been announced by the secretary of the treasury.

The extension makes Sept. 29 the final day for filing such returns and interest will not be chargeable on unpaid taxes until after that date, it was announced.

Any corporation, which has filed its return under the assumption that no general extension would be granted, may amend the declared valuation by an amended return filed on or before Sept. 29, 1941.

According to word from Washington the extension was granted because of the uncertainty and difficulty of calculating valuations under the contemplated changes in the revenue law and because the ways and means committee's recommendations to increase the capital stock tax rate from \$1.10 to \$1.25 per thousand dollars of valuation is intended to apply to the taxable year recently concluded, for which returns would have been due July 31.

Huge Contract Let To Texas Arms Plant

WASHINGTON, July 30 (AP)—The war department has announced the award of a \$78,940,000 contract to the Lone Star Defense corporation, Akron, Ohio, for management and operation of the Lone Star ordnance plant at Texarkana, Tex. The corporation is a subsidiary of the E. F. Goodrich company.

Of the total amount of the contract, \$33,500,000 was for construction and equipment on the plant, and \$45,440,000 for training of personnel for one year's operation and for one year's capacity output.

The department said a contract for designing and constructing the plant would be let by the corporation at a later date.

The plant is a shell-loading factory and will load artillery and howitzer shells, bombs, detonators and artillery primers.

It will cover approximately 24,300 acres. Construction will be started as soon as subcontracts are negotiated.

The plant will be government-owned and operated by the Lone Star Defense corporation as a government agent.

Nance Family Holds Reunion At Comanche

Members of the Nance family here have returned from Comanche where they participated in the first annual Nance reunion held near that city Sunday.

The reunion got underway Sunday morning and featured introductions of new "in-laws," an hour of gospel singing, and a big meal spread out-of-doors. The next reunion was set for the last Sunday in July of 1941 at the same place.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nance and children, Virginia and F. Frank, of Ballinger; Mrs. Homer Carsey and son, Julian, Rusk; F. M. Casey and daughter, Mary Francis; Thelma Casey and daughter, Norma Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Acker, all of Matador; Mrs. E. E. Elms and son, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Elms of Ralls; Kate Nance, Hot Springs, Ark.

Wayne and Winnetta Nance, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Nance and children, E. A., Jr., Jvanale, Richard, Rex, Jean and Charles R., all of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Blevins, Sr. and Mrs. A. J. Blevins, Jr. and son, Stanley, of Ranger; Carl Lynn Nance of Brady; Golda Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nance and son, Lyndon, of Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nance of Comanche. Billy Todd, Big Spring, was a special guest.

Dutch Cut Off Japanese Oil

BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, July 28 (AP)—The agreement of last year whereby Japan was to receive 1,800,000 tons of oil annually from the Netherlands East Indies has been suspended by the Dutch and all monetary and commercial dealings with Japan have been placed on a special permit basis.

The extent of the economic measures was outlined early today at a session of the people's council of this Dutch colony by H. J. Van Mook, director of economic affairs, who has been the chief economic negotiator with the Japanese.

He said all exports to Japan, Manchoukuo, China and Indo-China henceforth are subject to special permit, all foreign exchange transactions between the East Indies and Japan discontinued for the time being, and Japanese accounts in the N. E. I. frozen.

"As a result of these measures monetary and goods traffic with Japan has been frozen—that is, been made entirely dependent on special permits," he said.

Conditions In Sweden Told

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 30 (AP)—Youthful Bill Folio is on his way to attend the University of Alabama, after a 2 1/2 year visit with his parents in Sweden, which, he said, is fast undergoing economic restrictions because of the spreading European war.

"Sympathy of the people toward the Russians and the Germans is divided," he asserted last night, shortly before departing by train for Birmingham, Ala., after a visit with Arthur H. Zieske, vice-president of the Southwest Cotton company, Goodyear Tire and Rubber company subsidiary. His father is associated with Goodyear in Norrkoping, Sweden.

"Sweden is hemmed in by Germany or German puppet states and has little choice but to aid Germany. She fears the Russians more than the Germans and now her sympathies will be more than ever with Germany since the two rivals are at war."

"Business is terrifically restricted. Everything is rationed."

Orphans To Appear At Garden City

GARDEN CITY, July 30 (Sp)—The children of the Cumberland Presbyterian orphanage in Denton will be here the evening of Aug. 18 and will present a program at 9 a. m. in the church.

Members and friends are giving the children a sunrise breakfast and all are cordially invited to attend. There are 19 children in the home all of whom are making the trip.

Temperature Reaches Second Highest Level

The temperature in Big Spring soared to its second highest level of the season Tuesday afternoon, but at that only reached 93.3 degrees.

Previous high, reached several weeks ago, was 97. Otherwise maximum temperatures have been 94 and under.

Farm Leader Urges Restraint In Boom Days

FLORENCE, Ala., July 30 (AP)—Edward O. Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, warned today that he knew of no more certain method of bringing about wild inflation than for farmers to drive prices now as high as the traffic will bear.

"I counsel farmers to stick to the reasonable demands we have made for 20 years," the federation head asserted. "We have won parity, therefore let us be thankful."

In an address prepared for delivery at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Lauderdale County Farm Bureau, O'Neal declared:

"Let us not make the mistake of getting greedy and insisting on getting more than parity just because we could possibly get higher prices during the emergency period."

Inauguration Of Stevenson Set

AUSTIN, July 30 (AP)—Lieut. Gov. Coke R. Stevenson will be inaugurated governor August 8 if nothing occurs to prevent, a joint legislative committee announced today.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel plans to leave Texas late Saturday for Washington and take the oath as United States senator at noon Monday.

He has said he will not resign his present office but will automatically vacate it by assuming another.

Stevenson will become acting governor under the law, the moment that O'Daniel crosses the Louisiana-Texas state line.

Midland Gets US Oil Board Office

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—Secretary of Interior Ickes announced today plans for establishment of sub-offices of federal tender board No. 1 at Midland, Houston and Corpus Christi, Tex., and New Orleans, La., to further the enforcement of the Connally act.

Personnel for these offices will be transferred from the Kilgore, Tex., office of federal tender board No. 1, which office will exercise general jurisdiction over the sub-offices and all activities in the designated areas defined by an administrative order.

Ecuador-Peru Settlement Near

BUENOS AIRES, July 31 (AP)—A "finite final formula" for settling border differences between Ecuador and Peru was said in foreign office circles today to have been arranged.

Representatives of the two disputing neighbors and three mediating nations, Argentine, Brazil and the United States, were expected to announce the agreement shortly.

More Prospects For Flying Unit Needed

Sgt. Troy Gibson, U. S. army recruiting officer, said Tuesday that he had a few prospects for a Big Spring flying cadet unit and that he needed four or five others to qualify for the unit.

Under a new plan, a unit organized here would bear the city's name and the recruits would get their training together. Two years college training is a prerequisite.

Inspector Approves Draft Board Work

Capt. Robert H. Berryhill, state advisor on occupational deferments, inspected records of the Howard county selective service board Monday.

Ram Brings \$1,005 At San Angelo Sale

SAN ANGELO, July 30 (Sp)—Highest price since 1928 was paid for a ram in today's selling at the San Angelo ram auction, with a Rambouillet consigned by Lloyd White of Fort Stockton bringing \$1,005.

The ram was purchased by Jeff Owen of Odessa.

Sixty-nine head, all Rambouillets, had been sold at noon today, these bringing an average price of \$34.30. About 500 animals are to be sold during the San Angelo auction.

The Soviet naval base at Kronstadt, 20 miles off Leningrad, has three harbor basins, one of them capable of holding 1,000 merchant ships.

Anti-Aircraft Brigade Will Camp Near Here Next Week

An anti-aircraft brigade, presumably en route to maneuvers in Louisiana, will encamp west of here Monday evening, it was learned today.

Col. Packard and Capt. Hoffman of the 39th anti-aircraft brigade with city officials here Tuesday morning for passage of two regiments through Big Spring early on the morning of Aug. 5.

There will be approximately 500 trucks in the contingent. It was estimated that it would require around an hour and a half to speed the convoy through Big Spring.

Plans are to pitch camp near the Morita siding, about 10 miles west of here, on an open section off U. S. highway 80. Twenty seven trucks will be sent to Big Spring to take on a water supply at the hands of the fire department.

According to word from the officers, the movement of trucks will be in two sections, each stretching about 30 miles in length. In all probability the contingent will be the largest unit ever to pass through Big Spring, surpassing even the 20th infantry streamlined convoy which camped here two years ago while enroute from Fort Francis E. Warren at Cheyenne, Wyo., to maneuvers in South Texas.

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Dorothy Thompson Says— England's Courage Stands Uninjured Despite Strain

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

LONDON—There was an uneasy feeling of suppressed but persistent apprehension about visiting England during this war. Perhaps that was why I postponed it so long—because of that inhibited, almost unconscious fear of being disappointed. All American correspondents told heroic stories and I believed them, yet always there was the realization that I wanted to believe them, that I was hearing what I wanted to hear. So many things have not been as we wanted them to be, nor as we believed them to be.

There was, for instance, France. We had been told previous to a year ago last spring of the immortal vigor of France, of the unquenchable army, of the imperishable morale. But the other truth was there, for any candid eye to see before the German armies blasted their way through Holland and Belgium, cutting through France as if it were overripe cheese.

Those armies had not yet moved on May 1, 1940, when I revisited France after a three-years absence. Officials were brightly confident. One noted their words for the meticulous reports. They spoke assuredly; surely they could not be wrong.

But something was wrong. One felt it rather than realized it. Something was wrong with the people. Their faces wore a sullen, furtive expression. Soldiers going off to the front departed in a silence that was not reticent but ominous.

No one there seemed to notice it. Perhaps other observers had become accustomed to it and found it normal. No one seemed to notice that waiters in restaurants and sales-people in shops were irritable. Courtesy had departed from them. They were overwrought and their nerves were snapping.

As though it had some profound significance I observed that the grass in the gardens had turned a yellowish green. It was already in the garden that I had already thought, before a bomb had fallen, and put resolutely out of mind what I could not put out of my nerves. That was on May 1, 1940, and before I had departed on May 23 it was all over really.

Perhaps, I thought, I would find something like that in England. People had written, "England has changed." Yes, but how? There were things one would like to see changed in England. But something else was in England, something flowing, imperishable, deep like England's turbulent rivers, something continuous, unchanging, strong.

Had the bombs, the insufferable clamor and the insensate tumult of the skies exploded that deep, quiet stream, throwing upon its surface all the sediment and hidden sours? Perhaps that had happened. Better not go, I thought—better trust and believe and have faith, but do not see.

I saw first the port at which my plane put down and then the faces of those who came to meet me. Homely faces. Merry faces. The people must have thought me a little overwrought from the flight when I began to laugh—a laugh of sheer relief.

The port was terribly scarred. Street after street of obscene ruins of houses caught off guard, and all their intimacies revealed in the wreckage. Shops, factories and great stores which represented someone's livelihood, someone's pride, were now dumps into which no one could burrow for salvage.

There were bits of patches. A sign told me a dolls' hospital had moved to another street. The firm intention to continue to patch up dolls was absurd, but in that absurdity was the will to live.

I watched faces, looking hungrily for confirmation, looking bravely for repudiation. People walked briskly past. Girls with stout legs, men bent on their business. They ignored the ruins. They did not avert their eyes from them; they overlooked them only comment of my companions. And then our car swept off into rural England, into the eternal, beloved landscape of cumulus clouds in the ever-changing English sky, browsing cattle, thrifty haycocks that combed and brushed and lovingly tended the land—a shy country, gentle and restraining.

Boys and girls peddle bicycles on the road and soldiers passed, walking and on bikes. They did not look quite like soldiers. They were too casual, too at ease. Yet I had the feeling that they were watching, that everyone was watching in an unconscious way as though unwilling to pay too great a tribute to the enemy who was dangerous, but still contemptible.

"I have 150 sulphur bombs sunk in my lily pond," I heard someone say. "They don't disturb the

Editorial — City Manager Job No Bed Of Roses

Resignation of E. V. Spence as city manager after 10 years of service in that office once more brings public attention to that office.

It must be admitted, on the basis of fact, that the record of improvement and development during the past decade has been a rather impressive one for the city government. And that, we believe, is strong argument in favor of the city manager form of government.

The office is of its very nature one that tends toward cumulative personal unpopularity. Being chief administrative officer for the city government and responsible for its economical and efficient operation, a city manager must be prepared to act without regard to his personal affairs but with consideration of what he thinks is best for the city. Any time this goes contrary to personal desires of a constituent, an enemy and critic is made.

Dallas Brags As Ft. Worth Hottest

DALLAS, July 31 (AP)—Dallas was bragging today because its old friend and neighbor, Fort Worth, won something. Said the Daily Times Herald:

"Between the sister cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, the latter has established an undisputed mid-summer hot weather title. Fort Worth has set a heat record that nobody in Dallas wants...."

A. C. Hamrick, chief of the United States weather bureau at Love Field, Fort Worth temperatures have been from one to three degrees higher than temperatures in Dallas every day for the past few months. The high mark was hit Tuesday when Fort Worth recorded 101 degrees while Dallas perspired in a balmy temperature of 95 degrees."

Britain's Sterling Bombers Described

LONDON, July 31 (AP)—Britain's big new Sterling bombers, it is permitted now to disclose, have a wingspread of 99 feet, are 87 feet and three inches long and many are powered by engines built in the United States.

Some have four 1,400-horsepower Bristol-Hercules engines, a British type, but others have four Wright double-row, .350-horsepower Cyclones.

Their speed, bomb capacity and guns still are secrets, but British sources said their armament is "very heavy" including gun turrets both front and rear.

Puerto Rico's sugar industry has more workers under collective bargaining than any other agricultural area in the world.

Summer Care Saves Lives Of Many Babies

AUSTIN, July 30.—The lives of thousands of Texas babies are being saved this summer by intelligent parental care during hot weather. However, many more infant deaths could be avoided if parents would have a keen realization of the value of simple common sense precautions," states Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer.

Records of the state health department's bureau of vital statistics show that 2,506 babies died of diarrhea and dysentery during 1940, many of them occurring during hot weather. The infant death rate for diarrhea and dysentery in Texas is too high, as can be seen from the above mortality figures. Public health officials cannot solve the problem alone; parental cooperation is the real key to its solution.

The following suggestions, if followed by parents of infants, would go far in further reducing deaths from diarrhea and dysentery:

Whenever possible, infants should be breast-fed for the first 6 or 8 months. When bottle milk is used it should be boiled or pasteurized. Drinking water for the baby always should be boiled.

Personal cleanliness should be the rule for every member of the household. Those handling milk or food should be particularly careful.

Any members of the family or visitors showing symptoms of disease, no matter how slight, should be kept away from the baby.

The house should be screened.

While most of the above suggestions are applicable at all seasons of the year, the following precautions are important in hot weather:

The baby should be kept as cool as possible; he should be kept clean; clothing should be reduced to the simplest essentials; should be protected against insects; should not be overhandled; should be kept in the open as much as possible; water should be increased internally and externally; should not be overfed; and finally, if there are signs of illness, the family physician should be consulted promptly.

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Man About Manhattan— Columnist Conducts Quiz Hour

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW YORK—Wanna play quiz? 1. What curly-headed prizefighter, now in the movies, is a bridegroom? 2. What's the difference in status between Hawaii and the Philippines, of between Alaska and Puerto Rico. 3. What's the real name of that tiny but widely known church affectionately called "The Little Church Around the Corner?" 4. Identify these baseball players: "The Lip," "Bad News," "Muscles," and "Old Long Pants." 5. What famous Broadway song and dance man got so long ago was voted a congressional medal for his patriotic songs. 6. What two brides, recently in the news, have the same first names? 7. If you saw The Perfect Fool having dinner with the Last of the Coon Shouters, who would you see? 8. What is said to be the oldest city in the world? (It's been in the news every day for weeks.) 9. What orchestras do these musical signatures identify, "The Dipsy-Dooodle," "When My Baby Smiles at Me," "Thinking of You," "Oh How I Love You," "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You?" 10. Who are the two most widely read books in the world? 11. What is it that has two up, four down, and a long tail that goes wiggy-waggy? (Not a cow.) 12. Breeds Hill, Telegraph Hill and San Juan Hill have played spectacular roles in the lives of three widely-separated American communities. Where are they? 13. Who are John Florence Sullivan, Emanuel Goldenberg, the Town Crier, Priscilla Mullican, and Jules Garfunkel? 14. If you were standing on the prow of an incoming ship, what is the first thing in New York you would see? (Not the Empire State Building or the Statue of Liberty.) 15. The papers are full of bauxite these days. What is it? 16. What is that big noise you hear when an airliner roars overhead? 17. There have been five independent republics on the territory that now comprises the United States proper. Name them.

ANSWERS: (1) Billy Conn; (2) Hawaii and Alaska are territories, the Philippines and Puerto Rico are dependencies; (3) The Church of the Transfiguration; (4) Leo Durocher, Sam Hale, Joe Medwick, Carl Hubbell; (5) George M. Cohan; (6) Brenda Frazier and Brenda Marshall; (7) Ed Wynn and Sophie Tucker; (8) Damascus; (9) Larry Clinton's, Ted Lewis's, Kay Kyser's, Tommy Tucker's, Tommy Dorsey's; (10) The Bible and the Koran; (11)

Hollywood Sights And Sounds— To Get Job In Movies: Get Fired From One

By ROBBIN COONS

HOLLYWOOD — Movieland, my movieland.

The girl in the script was a nice girl. Too nice.

"She lacks character," said the mogul, who wanted to fix things up. "I tell you what—we'll make her a woman of easy virtue, a tramp."

And so they did. But whether they'll plant the usual sewing machine in her room (as a visible means of support for the Hays office) I haven't learned yet.

Sam Wood, the director, had a nice get built for his new movie, "King of the Ring." It was a lovely set, small town stuff down by the railroad yards. But Sam Wood couldn't get his movie started—casting

troubles that began months ago when he first suspected he wasn't going to nab Tyrone Power. So what happens? Raoul Walsh, the director, moves in and with a few brisk changes sets the town back a few decades, and there he is now, with a crowd scene and Major Gene Lockhart welcoming General George (Errol Flynn) Custer home as a hero for "They Died With Their Boots On." . . .

It was a beautiful book, and people who read it all seemed to think of one man for the hero's role in the movie, just the way they cast Gable as Rhett Butler. And the scenarist wrote the script with that one man in mind—the man who didn't get the part.

"Too obvious casting," said the producer firmly.

Wanda McKay, who was pretty little Dorothy Quackenbush, airline stewardess, until pictures hit her, had a contract at Paramount until recently. The most notable opportunity she had, unless I missed an epic or two, was the day she served as guinea-girl for a new kissproof make-up.

So they "dropped" Wanda McKay, and now they've hired her back for Bill Boyd's new Hopalong Cassidy, "Twilight on the Trail." The way to get work in Hollywood is to get fired . . .

Musical Interlude:
They are both movie stars today, and she can sing if she wants to— which she does rather often.

There was an orchestra on the set, and the girl, between scenes, went over and whispered to the band leader. He struck up a torch tune popular some years back. The girl, standing over her romantic lead, began to warble the words. He shuddered. "Don't sing that," he pleaded.

"Why? Don't you like it?" she asked innocently.

"A long time ago," he said, "I was carrying a torch something awful. Couldn't eat, couldn't sleep. I'd go to a little cafe and cry into my beer. There was a kid there, singing, and I'd work her overtime singing that tune. She must have thought I was nuts—the dough I'd give her just to sing that song."

"I know," said the girl. "I know. Remember me?"

"No!" he said. "It couldn't be..."

"Yes," she said. "It could."

How To Torture Your Husband



Blue Stamp Foods Listed

The list of foods available during August for purchase with Blue Stamps by families taking part in the Food Stamp Plan in Howard county, was announced today by Robert M. Moss, stamp plan representative. These foods are obtainable in local stores throughout the month of August.

Fresh pears, plums, prunes, apples and enriched wheat flour have been added to the list of foods which will be available during August, while pork and pork lard, obtainable during July in all areas are not included in the August list.

With these revisions, the complete list of "Blue Stamp Foods" for the period of August 1 through 31 in all Stamp Plan areas, is as follows: Fresh pears, plums, prunes, apples, oranges and peaches; fresh vegetables (including potatoes), corn meal, shell eggs, raisins, dried prunes; hominy (corn) grits; dried edible beans; wheat flour; enriched wheat flour; self-rising flour; and whole wheat (graham) flour.

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MADE UP TO KILL

by Kelley Roos

Chapter Five POISON

Somehow it shocked me. I knew, of course, that Eve wasn't the actress that she had once been, that when her sparkling beauty had begun to fade her talent had faded away with it, but I had never dreamed she would be received like this.

With every play in the last five years she had lost a little ground, but in Green Apples rock bottom had come up to hit her. Playing with her it was hard to tell if she were good or bad. She was so much the great lady, above all reproach or criticism, that you forgot to think about her acting. She herself took her talent so much for granted that you began to do the same.

I was sorry for Eve North. In spite of a star complex I had found her fine to work with, and once she had been a really great actress.

"Listen to this," Jeff was saying, "Miss Halla Rogers gives a performance that is both delicate and charming."

"I am delicate! So delicate that I'm going right home to bed."

After gathering the papers together to show Carol, we paid our check and went out into the street. There were faint pink streaks in the dark sky and street lights and signboards were popping off. A few people hurried along dodging the spray of the sanitation truck that passed. We walked slowly and the pink light in the sky spread and grew and it was daylight when we reached my apartment. The elevator bell rang hollowly through the silent building when I pressed it, but no Jinx appeared.

"Let him sleep," Jeff said.

"Sofie!"

We trudged up the six flights dragging our heels and resting at each landing. I felt above the ledge of the door for the key that Carol was to have left there. The ledge was smooth under my exploring fingers. Sleepily, I rattled the knob and the door swung open. Then I stepped back and reached for Jeff. There was a long thin man asleep on my studio couch.

"It's an overworked burglar," I whispered. "Should I search or can you take care of him yourself?"

"Scream," Jeff said.

The man stood up. I guess he hadn't been asleep. He looked at me and I saw he had nice gray eyes and a sour looking mouth.

"Miss Halla Rogers?" he asked.

"Oh... yes. May I come in?"

"Come in," he said, not very graciously, "and sit down. I'm Peterson. Of the Homicide Bureau."

Questions?

"How do you do?" I said charmingly and sat down. Then I stood up again, gazing at him. "Of the what did you say?"

"Peterson," he repeated, "of the Homicide Bureau." He was looking at Jeff. "Who's this?"

"His name is Jeff Troy and he's a very dear friend of mine. And as it rudes me to want to know just how you got in here and what you're doing here and where is my roommate?"

"Sit down." To my surprise I sat down unprotesting. Jeff stretched on the arm of a chair and we waited. Peterson eyed us quietly. "You live here with Carol Blanton?"

"Yes. Or rather, she lives here with me. It's my apartment."

"You're both employed by Clinton Bowers in a play called Green Apples that opened last night at the Colony Theater?"

"Yes."

"How long have you known Miss Blanton?"

"Four, no, five weeks. Since the day we started to rehearse Green Apples."

"And how long has she been living here with you?"

"Five weeks."

"Since the first day you met her?" he grunted, giving me a quick look. "How come?"

"Because she hadn't any other place to live and because she was broke. I invited her to stay with me and she did."

"What do you know about her?"

"Nothing very much. She's a nice girl who wants to be an actress. Why? What's the matter with her?"

"He went right on. 'What about her private life? Where's her home and her family? Who are her friends?'"

"She's from Salt Lake City and she hasn't any family, but she's never told me anything more than that. And as far as I know she hasn't any friends in New York. Just some friends of mine whom she's met up here in the apartment and of course everyone in Green Apples."

"How long has she been in New York?"

"I don't know exactly. I think about six months."

"Six months? And she hasn't met any people?"

"That isn't hard to do," I told him. "Not when you live in a furnished room and eat in drugstores and spend your days going around to casting offices."

"What about Lee Gray?"

I frowned. "All right. What about him?"

"He's a friend of hers, isn't he?"

"I don't know. If he is I've never heard her speak of him. I've never met him."

Peterson rambled over to the window and stood gazing the colors in his pocket and looking out at the morning. He turned suddenly.

"And you don't know anyone who might want to kill her?"

I jumped up and then thought better of it and sank limply back into my chair. "To kill her?" I said. "My voice was such a tiny thing that it surprised me. 'Has somebody tried to kill her?'"

He nodded grimly. "And damn near made a good job of it, too. She collapsed in the elevator last night and the doctor who was called discovered she had a skinful of poison. He notified us and we managed to get her to Bellevue in time. She's going to pull through."

Jeff spoke for the first time. "What was the poison?"

"Morphine," Peterson said.

"What did she get it?"

"At the theater. During the last act. It seems you got a scene in your play where everybody drinks a toast. Well, that scene was when it happened. Headquarters says there was morphine in the glass she drank out of. All the other glasses were O.K."

Jeff let out an explosive breath. "Poisoned on stage! God! Poisoned from one of a thousand people and every one of them watching it. Have you been able to trace the poison?"

Peterson scowled. "Trace morphine? Not a chance. Every doctor in the country keeps a supply of it in his office, carries another supply in his bag. Every drug store has it. You can get it in a hundred different ways. He turned to me. "You wouldn't know anything about how this morphine got in Miss Blanton's glass, I don't suppose."

Jeff said, before I could open my mouth. "What do you know about how it got there?"

Perhaps a Clue

Peterson reached for a battered hat that lay on the coffee table and stuck it on the back of his head. "What would I know? I wasn't there. Somebody who was there will have to tell me," he said pleasantly and went out. The door clicked shut behind him and I heard his footsteps fading down the stairs. Jeff gave a long low whistle and I made an energetic dive as I could muster for the telephone. I called Bellevue. Miss Carol Blanton's condition, they told me, was favorable. "When can she be able to leave?" Her condition was very favorable indeed, they said.

"But I want to know..."

"Her condition..." began the white hospital voice. I hung up in disgust and slid the phone across the desk. Suddenly I remembered how Carol had clapped her eyes the night before, remembered her face as she stood watching Tommy and me in the doorway. Had been white and drawn, not with illness nor with the surprise of our being there, but white with anxiety and something very close to fear. And then I knew. I grabbed Jeff by the shoulders.

"Jeff, listen to me! I know why Carol lost her voice, why she would give up her first opening night! It was because she was afraid that something was going to happen to her at the theater and she wanted to stay away!"

"Then why did she finally go?"

"I suppose because we caught her phoning and knew she was all right. And if she had simply refused to play she would have lost her job. Oh, poor little fool! If she had only told us!"

Jeff frowned and shook his head. "No, I don't think so, Halla. If Carol really thought that something was going to happen to her, that her life was in danger at the theater, I can't see her up and talking straight into it, job or no job."

"But this isn't just a job, Jeff. It's the start of a career, it's a whole new life beginning for her. A life in the theater."

"Not if it's going to end the first night."

I walked aimlessly around the room. "I wish I knew what it was all about. One thing I do know. Voices don't just snap off and on like electric lights. You don't croak like a frog one minute and talk like a normal person the next. I don't think there was ever anything wrong with Carol. I think she lost her voice, so she wouldn't have to go to the theater last night but could still play her part later on. She did it awfully well, but she could. She's one swell little actress."

"I think I'd like to talk to Clint Bowers about it. What time does he get to his office?"

"About eleven usually," I said. "And just what do you think you're doing?"

He had yanked off his tie and was unlacing his shoes.

ton and this note might be meant for a warning. And then again it mightn't be. But I think it is."

I said sweetly: "Wouldn't it be a good idea to ask Carol who Lee Gray is? After all, it was sent to her; she's the one who's likely to know."

"I'm going to ask her, Miss Rogers. Just as soon as she's able to answer."

We all turned at the creaking of the door. The man who stood there seemed to me the tallest man I'd ever seen. His parents, I thought inately, must have been Beall Rathbone and a skyscraper. Perhaps it was partly because he was thin and long-necked and held his head so unbelievably high that he seemed to towering. He had brown hair and heavy-lidded eyes that were speckled, colored, like tweed, and his mouth was thin and unpleasant.

I heard Clint Bowers say, "It's Mr. Morris, isn't it?" and I felt a nervous little tingle that was quickly followed by a surge of disappointment.

So this was our author. This was England's best playwright. He hadn't expected him to look like that. He smiled with an obviously forced politeness as Bowers introduced us all to him. The smile didn't make him any prettier. Bowers ushered him into a chair and held out a chormium cigarette case. Taking a cigarette, Morris glanced at the brand and pointedly replaced it. His eyes roved the room and stopped at the detective. "Mr. Peterson? Somehow he managed even when he had to, to give the impression of looking down on the people standing around him. "Peterson of the police. It was you who shattered my ears with a telephone call at ten this morning."

Peterson nodded. "Thanks for getting here."

"I was coming regardless of your request. It's a coincidence. I assure you. Now what is this about someone being poisoned? Someone besides the entire audience, I mean?"

We sat in startled silence. Phoebe turned sharply, her eyes blazing, to stare at him. Even Bowers was stopped by the colossal rudeness of this man who sat smiling, apparently oblivious of the shrapnel he had burst at us.

In a voice not quite level, Bowers said, "Carol Blanton was poisoned last night on the stage. There was morphine in the glass she drank from."

"Blanton? Which one was that?"

"The little girl who played Dina."

The Great Man

A shade of something that might have been annoyance swept over his face. "That's really too bad. She seemed to have some idea of what my play was about."

Peterson had had enough of that. He stood in front of Morris and with both hands in his pockets, seemed to point a shaking finger in his face. "Who is Lee Gray?"

Morris lit a cigarette that he extracted from his pocket and smiled through a cloud of smoke. "I see. The direct method. Well, Lee Gray, is that the name? Sorry, Mr. Peterson, I've never heard of her."

We could hear Phoebe catch her breath. "Of her! Of her, did you say? Is Lee Gray..."

Peterson was eyeing Morris curiously. "Yes. It's a woman. The handwriting is definitely feminine. How did you know, Mr. Morris, that Lee Gray was a woman?"

Morris was annoyed. "I choose my pronouns at random, Mr. Peterson. The name Lee is a very common female name in England. So common that I shouldn't think of knowing anyone by that name."

"Is this your first visit to America?"

"Are there people who come here twice?"

From the way the detective looked at him then I could tell he wouldn't be inviting him out for Sunday dinner. Daggers were beginning to shuttle between them. "I'd like you to stay in New York until we get this business straightened out, Morris."

"Sorry. I have other plans?"

"What other plans?"

Morris stood up. "I will not be asked rude questions by stupid policemen."

"Bowers was between them. 'Surely, Mr. Peterson, you're not trying to connect Mr. Morris in any way with what happened here last night? He only arrived in New York late yesterday afternoon.'"

"That was in plenty of time."

"He had absolutely nothing to do with this production. He's never seen Miss Blanton, nor any of the people connected with Green Apples, for that matter, before last night. Isn't that right?"

"I assure you," Morris said in a smiling voice, "that if I had, my play should have been very differently cast. Am I suspected of having poisoned this Miss Blanton?"

Bowers interrupted quickly. "Of course not, Mr. Morris. It's merely police routine more or less. Mr. Peterson has already established the fact that the poisoning was done by... by a member of our company and not by any outsider. That's so, isn't it, Mr. Peterson?"

Peterson nodded. "Right." He smiled complacently at our playwright. "However, Mr. Morris is not an outsider and am including him in the company. He knew this play as well as anyone in the company. We know that it was possible for him to have been backstage during that intermission. I'm afraid, Mr. Morris, that right now you are as much a suspect as anyone who belonged backstage."

Morris seemed thoroughly amused. "Really, Officer, the only

thing in which I'm interested is the theater. And the poisoning of one ingenuus wouldn't help the American theater much."

"Apparently you didn't care for our production," Clint Bowers said. The deep hurt stood out on his face and he used his voice. "I'll get rather good reviews."

"And Mr. Bowers got raves for his direction!" Phoebe put in stanchly, but her lips trembled at the corners.

"Oh, was it directed?"

Carol again

Hats flared in Phoebe's eyes as her face went white. The pencil she had been writing with cracked like a birthday party masher in the silence of the room.

"Tell me, Bowers," Morris continued. "This Eve North. Why is she your mother?"

I couldn't bring myself to look at Bowers then, or Phoebe, or anyone. All New York had been asking that question, I guess, but they hadn't used the word "mother." I had never heard it anywhere, but behind Clint Bowers' back. When he spoke at last his voice was calm.

"I think that the critics were most unfair to Eve. She held the whole play together without starting herself. If at times she looked bad it was only to make someone else seem good. Eve North is a most unselfish actress I have ever known."

Morris shrugged. "Well, of course, I hope you have a run. After all, it is my play, although I scarcely recognized it."

"We'll try to do better for you tonight," I said bitterly.

"Please do. Only not for me. I'm leaving for Hollywood on the five o'clock plane. They've offered me more money than I knew existed, although I'm fairly sure I'll loathe it, I'm rather anxious to go."

"You'll stay in town," Peterson sounded like a burlesque on a tough cop, but he didn't look like one. "You'll do me that favor, Mr. Morris, so I won't have to go to the trouble of making you."

Morris looked at him through half-closed eyes. "Very well. On I make one stipulation. I absolutely refuse to subject myself to another performance of Green Apples."

"You don't have to subject yourself to anything but New York."

The policeman flipped his hat on the back of his head and opened the door. Facing him was a petite girl in a navy-blue suit and a red head up hat.

We sat and stared at her as if she were a ghost. She put up one hand and grasped the open door but made no other move. Her eyes swept over the room. For a moment I thought that she would turn and disappear as suddenly and quietly as she had come.

And then we came to, and Bowers was dragging out a chair for her and she was trying to make her drink a glass of water and Phoebe fluttered around helplessly. There was a hasty blurred introduction to Greeley Morris and everyone asked questions that no one tried to answer.

Carol said: "There's a taxi waiting downstairs. I didn't have any money."

Jeff took charge. "Let it wait. You tell us why you're running around the streets like this. When did you leave the hospital? Why aren't you in bed taking care of yourself?"

Carol smiled. Under her eyes were dark purple hollows and her mouth seemed tight and thin. "I'm all right, Jeff. And they discharged me at the hospital; I didn't escape. I'm not running around the streets like this. I just stopped in to tell Mr. Bowers that I could play tonight."

No Help From Carol

I tucked Carol's arm under mine and we took the elevator down from Bowers' office and climbed into the waiting cab. With a weary sigh Carol fell back against the leather cushions and closed her eyes.

"Carol, do you want to talk about it?" I asked.

In a flat, tired voice she said, "I don't care."

"Then... who could have done it, Carol?"

She shook her head. "Halla, I don't know. Mr. Peterson says it was someone in the company. I've been trying to think... talking each person... everyone, separately, and trying to remember every word that ever passed between us. But it's no good. I don't know why anyone should hate me enough to kill me, or even hate me at all. They've all been so good to me, from Mr. Bowers to... to the doorman. I... I thought that I was liked, liked me." She looked straight at me and the puzzled expression on my face made her cry, "Halla, you don't believe me!"

"Yes, I do. Of course I do. But..."

"What?"

"Well... Then I blurted it out. 'You knew something was going to happen, didn't you? You were afraid to go to the theatre last night, weren't you?'"

Her eyebrows drew together and bewilderment filled the lovely blue eyes beneath them. "Afraid?"

"Yes, I do. Of course I do. But..."

"What?"

"Go on, Halla, please."

"Carol, when I heard that you had been poisoned, I thought that you only lost your voice, that you only could stay away from the theatre. I don't blame you, darling, only you shouldn't have gone at all... My words died in my throat as I saw her bewilderment change to sudden comprehension. She turned from me and leaned against the window.

"We rode in silence until we had crossed Madison Avenue. Then she reached over and laid her hand on my arm. "Halla, that wasn't it. Please believe me. I did lose my voice and it did come back. It sounds strange, I know it does, but that's what happened. About half an hour after you left, it just was there again, that's all. I dressed as quickly as I could to make certain. Then as I was leaving I realized that I should call the theatre and tell them... and that's when you and Tommy came in."

"Oh."

"I don't suppose anybody'll believe me."

"I do, Carol. It's just that I didn't understand. I... I hoped that it was right. It wouldn't be so mysterious and horrible if you only told me that you were sick. Carol, there must be someone in the company whom you've known before someplace?"

"No, I never saw any of them until we started rehearsing."

"And you don't know why one of them would..."

"No, I don't know."

The cab swung into Fifty-fourth Street off Lexington Avenue. I looked at the meter and started groping in my purse for the right amount of change. "Carol, there must be an answer to this. Think back; there must be someone who..."

She stopped me. "I've thought back... that's all I've been doing ever since... and I can't say more! I've tried and tried and it always ends up the same. I don't know who wants to kill me or why. Please let's not talk about it any more now, Halla, please!"

Detective Troy

The shadows under Carol's eyes had grown darker and her face seemed even paler than before. I unlocked the door and she almost fell into the nearest chair. I insisted that she get some rest if she expected to play that night.

"I'm all right, Halla, honest I am. I've tried hard to sit up straight and look ready for anything, but it wasn't very good. I firmly led her into the bedroom, made her lie down. I opened a window four inches and pulled down all the shades.

"Would you like anything?" A cup of tea?

"No, thank you, Halla. You're so kind. All I want is to sleep and forget that stomach pump..."

She was practically asleep already. After covering her with Grandma Rogers' afghan, I tipped back into the living room. Jeff had promised to follow us and I walked aimlessly about the room waiting for him. I knew what was the matter with me and finally I admitted it. I was scared.

It was nearly five o'clock when the Troy rat-a-tat sounded at the door. He came in looking as though he'd just eaten a flock of canaries. On least, his smile stretched from ear to ear and the sight of all this calm happiness made me furious.

"Where've you been? Seeing a movie while I sat here petrifying with fear?"

"How's Carol?"

"She's sleeping, thank heaven."

"Good. Well, sweetheart, I've found a way to spend my vacation."

"That's nice. Drop Carol and me a card. In care of the morgue."

"Somebody trying to do away with you too, Halla?" He didn't seem the least worried. I knocked his feet off the coffee table.

"You're doing your best."

"An contrary, kid to the contrary. I'm about to start solving the Colony Theatre Attempted Murder Case. I'm going to see that no harm comes to Carol or you. Or anybody. That's the unselfish way I'm spending my vacation."

"I feel better already. What are you gabbling about?"

"Bowers engaged me as a private detective."

"Why?"

"Because Green Apples and Bowers will make a pile of money if some unknown doesn't continue to make passes at his ingenue's life."

"Uh-huh."

"Furthermore, Bowers doesn't like to see his ac' waitresses lying about in cold blood."

"Shh! Carol may not be sleeping."

Jeff obligingly lowered his voice. "So he has accepted my offer. We have a gentlemen's agreement. He's going to make it worth my while if I clean this matter up."

"Then... who could have done it, Carol?"

Chapter Nine
Tangled Clues

"You a detective? It's ridiculous, Troy," I said.

"Why?"

"Just deciding to be a detective doesn't make you one. I suppose if you picked up a saxophone you could play it."

"I couldn't if I didn't pick it up. Anyway, I can play a sax, I used to before I met you."

"You talk like a detective, and that's something a good detective never does."

"Why are you sore at me?"

"I'm not. I'm just nervous. Poor little Carol and... well, maybe I'm being self-centered, but Carol and I are roommates; we drink out of the same bathroom glass."

"You know my interest in this isn't purely financial, even if it does mean that we can get married if I succeed. I don't want anything to happen to Carol. Or to you either, except momentarily."

"I know, Jeff. I hope you can do something."

"I've done something already."

"What?"

"I've ideas about all this before I talked to Bowers. I... Look, has Carol said anything to you about it?"

"Just that her voice did go, and it did come back and she was calling Tommy Neilson when we came in and found her."

"Yeah, I checked on that. Phoebe says that the phone rang about eight-thirty and that someone asked to speak to Tom Neilson and then, a second later, hung up. She knows it was Carol."

"Well, that fixes that. Now what do you know?"

"Not much. But there are a lot of things I'm going to find out. Like who in hell is Lee Gray?"

"You have a neat little task there. What else?"

"Why is the great Greeley Morris so bored by this whole business? And why did he know that Lee Gray was a woman?"

I shook my head. "I don't think there's anything there. He's bored because that's the kind of a person he is, and he called Lee Gray 'her' because that was the first sex that flashed into his head."

"He doesn't impress me as ever saying the first thing that flashes into his head. He says the best thing."

"That's a rat."

"All right, you like him. What else?"

"I want to know why Alice Mc Donald made such a hurried exit last night as soon as she found out that Carol wasn't going to play."

"You mean as soon as she found out that she was going to play Carol's part?"

"My wife is more significant. But I'll know. Another thing, where is Eve North today?"

"I think I know, Jeff."

"If you do you can be my assistant. Where?"

"In her apartment," I said smugly. "I could have told Peterson if we hadn't been in Clint's office when he asked. I couldn't say it in front of Clint. But where would you be if you were Eve North this morning after you had opened your papers and saw that every critic in town had roared you unmercifully? You'd be locked in your apartment with orders to your maid that you were at home to no one. And that," I said conclusively, "is where Eve North is."

Where is Eve?

"Except she isn't."

"Huh?"

"I've been to her place. The Alexandria. It's an apartment hotel. The man at the desk said she was out."

"Of course she'd leave orders that..."

"Wait! I wrote her a note and when the guy put it in her box I could see that there was a telegram there."

"Well, Moinaire Poirot?"

"Telegrams aren't left sitting

around. They're delivered if possible."

"Yes," I said doubtfully.

"I wasn't satisfied either. I used deceit. Very degrading, being a detective. I said to the clerk, 'I see Auntie Eve! She'd love that.'"

"Auntie Eve! She'd love that."

"Well, the clerk fell for my gag and told me that Eve and her maid had left early this morning. The maid was carrying a traveling bag."

"But that doesn't mean necessarily that she was going to leave town."

"No, she could have gone to the Bronx Zoo and the bag could have been filled with peanuts, except that I asked the doorman and he remembered that Eve's maid had told the cab driver to go to the Pennsylvania Station."

"But it still may mean nothing."

"Sure, maybe she has a secret son at Princeton. That's something I'd be ashamed of."

"Don't be so Dartmouth."

"When an actress gets up early in the A.M. after an opening night and leaves town, it means something."

"You can ask her tonight at the theatre."

"If she's at the theatre tonight."

The telephone shrilled at my elbow and I jumped. This business was getting me. It was Philip Ashley calling. He had just read about the poisoning and his crisp English voice was anxious and strained. I answered his solicitous questions coolly. Then something clicked in my mind. I made quick excuses to Philip and hung up.

"Jeff, what does morphine look like?"

"It's a white powder."

"Could it be in tablet form?"

"It could be."

"Like aspirin?"

"Oh, Philip Ashley and his aspirin."

"Yes! Why should he turn savage on me if it was just aspirin?"

"Because it wasn't! Because it was morphine!"

"Yes."

"No," Jeff smiled tolerantly. "I don't think our man would leave his morphine where you could find it."

"But he wouldn't have gone into a foaming rage if..."

"Tell me what you know about Ashley?"

I didn't know a great deal. He was one of those English actors who come to New York in a London play, then get another engagement here, and another, and finally stay, gladly forsaking the British theatre for the higher American salaries. The first time I had ever seen him was in a play with Eve Le Gallienne. He had played supporting roles with Nazimova and Ina Claire and Blanche Yurka. He was a good, dependable, uninteresting actor and I suppose the big names liked him because he didn't detract any attention from them.

"Hmmm," Jeff said when I finished my resume. "He's been in New York only six months. They couldn't have met in New York before Green Apples."

"Contrary to local opinion, New York isn't the only place in the world."

"Carol grew up in Salt Lake City. Philip Ashley is an Englishman. I can't see much possibility of a connection between them."

"I had a feeling I was licked. 'Well, how do you explain his behavior last night over an aspirin tablet, I suppose it's a coincidence!'"

"Probably indigestion. Have Carol and Ashley been especially friendly during rehearsal or vice versa?"

"Friendly, but not especially. They used to play two-handed rummy during waits at rehearsals, that's all. Jeff, it's too much for me. Somebody tried to kill Carol. But there's nobody that could wait. Nobody ever saw her until five weeks ago and they're all still just mere acquaintances."

"There's someone. Murder isn't like love, it doesn't happen at first sight."

Bad Start

As if the weather had been anxious to provide the proper atmosphere for murder, late in the afternoon the day darkened, not with the creeping dusk of an early winter evening but with the quick unnatural blackness of a storm. The sky lowered to meet the steeped tops of skyscrapers and crushed down past them sullenly. At five the snow began. Carol sat curled up on the window seat now, her face pressed against the pane, watching it.

I snapped on all the lights and built a little candle coal fire in my miniature fireplace. In the kitchen, as I threw together all the odds and ends, I hummed loud and determinedly. Carol had drawn the butterfly table up close before the fire and we sat down and made a fairly brave pretense of eating.

"We walked to the theatre. That was Carol's idea. I think she was trying desperately to postpone her arrival at the place where she had been so near to death the night before."

Peterson and a mountain of a man with a round fat face were standing just inside the stage door talking to Nick.

"No one," said Peterson, and his voice was even sterner and more authoritative than I had thought it could be. "No one at all is to be allowed inside this door tonight other than members of the company."

Nick banged the ashes out of his pipe. "No one to come in," he said, nodding.

"And no one is to leave until the play is over, and then not until I say so."

"No one to leave."

"There was something in Nick's voice that made the policemen look at him sharply. It wasn't contempt, he was too docile for that, but it was a kind of ill-concealed disdain. The man mounted said gruffly, "You understand that?"

Nick shifted his feet to the radiator and tilted back his chair. With his pipe between his teeth

he looked hard at the men. "No one in and no one out."

I felt Peterson's eyes following us as we walked across the stage. Jeff was ensconced in our dressing room, lounging contentedly in one chair, his feet stretched out on another. He looked lazy and intellectual and very, very comforting. I hung my coat on a hook and stuck my limp hat over it. "Jeff, have you seen her? Eve, I mean?"

"She hasn't come in yet."

"Then you don't know anything more?"

He looked at me with indignation. "Plenty more. We've discovered some very interesting facts about the mysterious Miss Lee Gray."

Carol's eyes jumped to his face and she watched him breathlessly. "Do you know who she is?"

To Be Continued

Local Resident Resents Card From Wheeler

As far as Frank L. Cathey is concerned, the card Sen. Burton Wheeler mailed him is due for a boomerang reply.

Cathey, who is on leave from the U. S. veterans hospital at Amarillo, didn't like the card which asked that the president be asked to adopt a strict course of isolation. In fact, Cathey already has framed his reply.

"I do not approve of the stand you and your friend, Charles A. Lindbergh, have taken," wrote Cathey, who until the first of the year was associated with the Madison Barber shop. "You are both downright disgusting to American citizens who would help the president in these times instead of opposing him in everything he is trying to do."

"I served in the last war with the E. F. in France and would gladly die again if needed. I'm sure glad you people of Texas are not guilty of sending a man like you to the U. S. senate. You and Lindbergh and your gang are all wrong."

During the last war Cathey served as a member of Battery A, 4th Trench Mortar for six months in France. He is due to return to the hospital at Amarillo, where he has been most of the past six months, on July 31 where he is undergoing treatment for a back injury. Cathey lives at 509 1/2 Nolan street.

ANOTHER TAX BILL LIKELY, SAYS SOLON

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP) — Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the house ways and means committee forecast today that congress would find it necessary later to impose a general consumption tax and force a larger number of people to pay income taxes.

"We're not at the end of this tax road yet," Doughton told the rules committee while advocating approval on parliamentary procedure which would permit consideration of the \$2,525,000,000 tax bill without amendments except those asked by the ways and means group.

After hearing Doughton, the rules committee approved a special parliamentary procedure by which the new tax bill will be brought up tomorrow for three days of general debate. Only amendments proposed by the ways and means committee will be permitted consideration.

Doughton's forecast of still heavier taxes was made in response to assertions by both democrats and republicans on the committee in behalf of a broadening of the income tax base. He did not go into details as to the new taxes but said there was little doubt but that another revenue measure would have to be drafted next year because of the continued state of world affairs.

Cattle Guard Installed At Famed Spring

City crews, having caught up on some pressing street jobs, went to work Monday installing a cattle guard for entrance of a road to the site of the old "big spring," for which the city is named.

The cattle guard will be constructed off U. S. 87 south, about a quarter of a mile north of where the new highway entrance to the city park is located.

Plans call for a road to bend around to the north to the sink where the spring once issued a copious supply of water which attracted buffalo, Indians, hunters, settlers and which later influenced railroad officials to make a division point here.

Other work by municipal crews included the leveling of the 1928 street detention dam basin to flush a clogged drainage and to finish a cut on W. 8th street near West Ward school.

Driver Burns To Death In Truck

CLARENCE, La., July 28 (AP) — G. M. Davis, 35, Tyler, Texas, truck driver, was burned to death in the cab of his truck at midnight Monday, following a collision with U. S. Highway 71 five miles south of here.

Stanton Woman Death Victim

STANTON, July 21 (Sp)—Illness of two years resulted in the death, at 8 a. m. Thursday, of Mrs. Mamie E. Miller, 61, long time resident of Martin county. Mrs. Miller succumbed at the home of a son, Col. Ison Mott.

The funeral service will be held at 3 p. m. Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sale in Stanton, with Rev. Jakes of the Baptist church and Elder John Atchison of the Church of Christ officiating.

Born June 26, 1860 in Caldwell county, Mrs. Miller came with her family to Martin county in 1900. She was married here in 1902 to J. C. Mott, who was fatally injured

in a mishap in 1910. To the union three children were born, and these survive. They are Mrs. Beth Thompson of Odessa, Mrs. Will Fahrlander of Elkin, N. M., and Col. Ison Mott.

Deceased was married to Mr. Miller in 1925. He succumbed two years later. Other survivors include several brothers and sisters.

Thoroughbred Race Horse Now Doing Military Drill

WAYNE, Ca. — Berry Patch, granddaughter of the great Omar Khayyam and a thoroughbred filly that only last summer flashed home a long-shot winner at Rockingham Park, has joined the army. It was a little difficult at first, but Berry Patch now has grown accustomed to drilling with the ROTC unit at Valley Forge Military Academy.

The greatest hardship was learning not to bolt when a guidon was lowered in salute. It reminded her too much of the barrier.

Sandwich Bar Is Opportunity For Hostess On The Run



If your mind is a blank when it comes to planning a sandwich filler, try a peanut-cheese combination. It's made with equal parts of a sharp cheese and chopped salted peanuts and half as much chopped parsley as of the other two ingredients. Add mayonnaise

By MRS. ALEXANDER AF Feature Service Writer

To save meal-making minutes—often precious in the summertime—why not turn the crowd loose in the kitchen or on the terrace before a quick-service sandwich bar? Family or guests then make their own sandwiches of assorted breads, meats, chicken, tongue, mixed fillings and other sandwich trimmings. With a hot beverage, relishes, fruit or frozen dessert and cookies, you have a quick meal worth trying.

The bar itself can be a table with smart summer trappings, a gayly colored cart on wheels or merely the kitchen table. Here are some hints as to what it can offer:

There will be repeat orders for SAVORY CORN PATTIES, a snappy new member of the hamburger family. Mix a pound uncooked hamburger, 1 cup drained cooked corn, 2 tablespoons each of chopped parsley, celery, onions and green peppers. Season with 1-3 teaspoon salt and 1-4 teaspoon pepper. Shape into cakes half an inch thick. Cook and tuck into plain or toasted buns.

Liver sausage, sliced paperrhin and spread with sliced cucumbers and catsup, is another sandwich combination.

SEASONED BUTTERS make for easy spreading. Add a little

chopped parsley, chives and prepared mustard to butter and place in a small dish. Label it with small flag stuck on wood pick; "onion in it." Chill sauce, horse-radish and mayonnaise make another butter flavor combination.

Fill a wooden chopping bowl with cracked ice and heap over it some radishes, small green onions, thin carrot strings, celery, sweet pickles and olives. A bowl of pickled beets brightens the table. Cauliflower, dunked in French dressing and thoroughly chilled, is another relish suggestion.

Youngsters like novelties like this peanut relish: Mix one cup chopped roasted peanuts, 1-2 cup chopped celery, 1-3 cup grated raw carrots, 1 tablespoon minced parsley, 3 tablespoons salad dressing and 1-4 teaspoon chopped pickles. Men like ham and cheese sandwiches with fillers. Cheese slices can be covered with mayonnaise, catsup and a bit of mustard. Let there be plenty of lettuce.

Empty Beer Cans Irk Fort Dix Commander

FORT DIX, N. J.—Col. Cassius M. Dowell, commander at Fort Dix, doesn't mind his soldiers drinking beer if only they dispose of the empty cans properly.

"Too many empty cans lying on the roads, prompted this special notice from Col. Dowell. 'Unit commanders will caution their commands not to throw empty beer cans along the highways or roads as this is a reflection on the entire garrison and is prohibited by state law.'"

Goodmans Alike In Everything They Do

CHICAGO (AP)—Quite by accident, Morton Goodman, chief legal counsel for the FHA in Chicago, met Morton Goodman, who deals in FHA insured mortgages in Philadelphia.

They decided to call their wives and dine together. Mrs. (Chicago) Goodman met the others in a hotel lobby. She was wearing a brand new dress. So was Mrs. (Philadelphia) Goodman—a duplicate gown.

Hat Passed To Pay For Dog License

CHICAGO (AP)—Everett Foster, 11, and his sister, Mary, 8, whose parents were served with a summons because the children's dog had no license, came to court with 60 cents and a note.

The note from the mother said no other funds were available and asked if the court would allow a little more time.

Judge Thomas Green did better than that. A hat was passed and \$2.40 was collected to make the \$3 license fee.

London Bookie Refuses To Take Bets On War

LONDON, July 31 — Bookmakers are refusing to take bets even though there is a slump in greyhound racing owing to the war.

But the bets they are refusing have nothing to do with racing. They are the outcome of the war.

"Every day we receive inquiries from clients, old and new, as to the odds we will lay on various aspects of the war," said a London bookmaker.

"But we will not quote. War is a matter far too serious."

Fast Driving To Church Finds Judge Sympathetic

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Apparently it's all right to speed in Springfield—if you are going to church.

When Joseph Tomaski appeared before Judge William Granfield he was acquitted on a charge of failing to halt at the command of a policeman.

Tomaski's defense was that he was hurrying to church and did not think the signal was intended for him.

Beauty Problem

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Judges at a beauty contest ran into a tough problem. They eliminated all but two contestants, then were stymied by the like beauty of Betty and Barbara Wallis—twins. Finally they awarded the prize jointly.



DEFENSE MERIT BADGE—To industrial plants that are abreast or ahead of production schedules on defense orders will be awarded this naval ordnance flag, announced in Washington by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox (left). The field is dark blue; the center is red, and the guns and anchor are yellow. On the right is Rear Admiral W.H.P. Blandy, ordnance chief.

Judge Pays For Dice Education

INGLEWOOD, Calif., July 31 (AP) Police Judge Bernard Lawler picked up the dice and announced boldly: "I shall throw a seven."

"Not with them dice, Judge," put in the bailiff. "They're missouts."

"Missouts?"

"Sure, Judge, them dice are engineered so you couldn't seven with 'em if you tried all day."

"H-m-m-m," h-m-m-ed his honor, turning to three men charged with gambling.

"You are fined \$50 each, but I'll suspend half of it. Education is worth something."

18 Teeth Pulled With No Anesthetic

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Dr. John Kurumada, dentist, had 18 teeth pulled with no anesthetic—just pills.

A burglar extracted the gold molars from a plaster cast in the doctor's office.

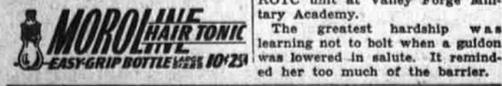
USO Receives Over \$53,000 From Majors

CHICAGO, July 31 (AP)—The major leagues today presented the United Service Organizations with a check for \$53,226.27, representing the net profit on the all-star baseball game in Detroit July 5.

"I'll take vanilla" is the answer to the dessert question in the air, ice cream being the favorite of passengers on the big airlines.



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PRODUCE	
White Potatoes 10 lbs.	9c
Carrots 2 Bu.	5c
Lettuce Head	5c
Blackeyed Peas lb.	2c

Soap Flakes 8 oz. box 5c
Folgers Coffee lb. 29c

MEATS	
Sliced Bacon lb.	25c
Ass't. Lunch Meat lb.	21c
Stew Meat lb.	15c
Beef Roast lb.	19c
Seven Cut Steak lb.	23c

Malted Milk 4b. Can	25c
PUREX Qt.	14c
BEANS Pinto 10 lbs.	45c
Tomatoes No. 2 Can	7 1/2c
Black Flag Spray Pint	21c
TEA 1-4 lb.	15c, 1-2 lb. 25c

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SCHEDULES

Trains—Eastbound		Depart	
No. 2	7:00 a. m.	7:25 a. m.	
No. 6	11:10 p. m.	11:30 p. m.	
Trains—Westbound		Depart	
No. 11	9:00 p. m.	9:15 p. m.	
No. 7	7:25 a. m.	7:55 a. m.	
BUSES—EASTBOUND			
Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart
2:52 a. m.	3:02 a. m.	5:47 a. m.	5:57 a. m.
5:47 a. m.	5:57 a. m.	8:37 a. m.	8:47 a. m.
1:47 p. m.	1:57 p. m.	3:06 p. m.	3:11 p. m.
10:12 p. m.	10:17 p. m.		
BUSES—WESTBOUND			
Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart
12:13 a. m.	12:18 a. m.	3:25 a. m.	4:03 a. m.
9:48 a. m.	9:59 a. m.	1:13 p. m.	1:23 p. m.
3:13 p. m.	3:18 p. m.	6:34 p. m.	6:59 p. m.
Buses—Northbound			
9:41 a. m.	9:45 p. m.	8:10 p. m.	8:30 p. m.
7:53 p. m.	8:00 p. m.		
Buses—Southbound			
2:35 a. m.	7:15 a. m.	9:29 a. m.	10:15 a. m.
10:35 p. m.	11:00 p. m.		
Planes—Eastbound			
6:14 p. m.	6:22 p. m.		
Planes—Westbound			
7:17 p. m.	7:25 p. m.		
MAIL CLOSINGS			
Train	7:00 a. m.	Train	7:20 a. m.
Truck	10:40 a. m.	Plane	8:04 p. m.
Plane	11:00 p. m.	Train	11:00 p. m.
Truck	7:20 a. m.	Plane	7:07 p. m.
Plane	7:07 p. m.	Truck	8:45 p. m.
Truck	7:30 a. m.	Plane	7:30 a. m.
Star, Rural Routes	7:50 a. m.		

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Tall Korn	
Bacon Sliced lb.	25c
Fancy Baby Beef Roast lb.	19c
Home Made Sausage lb.	15c
Tenderloin Steak lb.	30c
Ass't. Baked Lunch Meat lb.	21c

Large Head Lettuce	5c
No. 1 White Potatoes 10 lbs	15c
Sunkist—Large July Lemons doz.	19c
Bananas doz.	15c
Celery	10c

Brown Powdered SUGAR	2 Packages	15c
Scots TISSUE	2 Rolls	15c
Fancy Solid Pack KRAUT	2 Tall Cans	15c
TOMATO JUICE	2 14 oz. Cans	15c
Hand Packed TOMATOES	2 Large Cans	15c
P & G SOAP	5 For	19c
Carnation MILK	3 Large or 6 Small	25c
Pure Cane SUGAR	10 Lbs.	59c
VIOLIN BRAND	24 Lb.	88c

Red & White PEACHES	2 Tall Cans	25c
Red & White CORN	2 Large Cans	25c
Blue & White SALT	2 Packages	5c
Our Value PEAS	2 Large Cans	25c
Blue & White MATCHES	6 Boxes	19c
RED & WHITE COFFEE	1 Lb. Can	29c
Assorted Flavors JELLO	3 For	14c
Fancy Pink Salmon	3 For	19c
Vienna Sausage	2 For	25c
Pineapple Juice	12 Oz. 3 For	25c
Red & White Shortening	3 lb. Can	65c

