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Good Afternoon

You can't fool all the  
people all the time... but  
it isn't necessary.

AP SERVICE

MEMPHIS, HALL COUNTY, TEXAS, TUESDAY, SEPT. 18, 1934

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## Greatest Military Law in History Is Declared in Italy

### Isolates New, Costly Metal



At a cost that makes it worth \$1,000,000 an ounce, more expensive than radium, a new metal—protactinium—has been isolated by Dr. Aristid von Grosse, above, visiting chemistry professor at the University of Chicago. No. 91 in the list of 92 known chemical elements, protactinium is more radioactive than radium. Only one-tenth of a gram of it has been obtained to date.

Special to The Democrat  
ROME, Sept. 18.—Compulsory military service for Italians, beginning at the age of eight and continuing to the age of 33, was decreed today by the Council of Ministers in the most sweeping military law ever passed in history.

Declaring "the functions of citizens and soldiers are not dividable in the Fascist state," the council created three categories of compulsory military training.

1—Preliminary—beginning at the age of eight.

2—Military—beginning at the age of 21.

3—Post Military—continuing 10 years after the military phase has concluded.

Until 21, boys will be prepared spiritually, physically and militarily by civil organizations, the Fascist Ballilla and the Fascist youths of Combat.

The council instituted a liaison body between the armed forces and all organizations which will co-operate in the "formation of an armed nation" and placed the army corps general at the body's head.

## ADVANCE PLANS FOR STADIUM DEDICATION

### Program To Be Held Preceding First Football Game

Plans for the dedication ceremony of the new athletic field and football lighting equipment at Fair Park Friday night, preceding the first football game of the season, have been advanced by the dedication committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, headed by Harry Delaney.

The program will start at 7:50 o'clock Friday night and consume only 10 minutes before the game time.

It will be opened by the Black and Gold band, marching on the field and playing until the program is ready to begin. The high school pep squad will flank the band on either end and the home and visiting ball clubs will also be at opposite sides, forming a stage for the program.

Speakers will represent the Junior Chamber of Commerce, school board and superintendent of schools. They will be limited to two minutes each.

Following the dedication ceremony, the band will play The Star Spangled Banner, after which the speakers, pep squad and band will march off the field and the opposing clubs will return to opposite ends of the field to prepare for the kickoff.

It may be arranged so that the flip of a coin for the choice kickoff will be done before the ceremony so that the clubs may immediately take their positions for the kickoff after the band and others leave the field.

## Donley Sheriff Tells of Fight at Shoffitt Trial

### Jobless, He'll Drive to Riches



A jobless and penniless Birmingham, Ala., ironworker, James Steele, above, tinkers blithely with the old auto which he hopes will carry him to Mobile and a goodly share in the \$200,000 estate of his rich, eccentric aunt. Steele, 53, married and father of two, applied to a relief agency for money to buy gasoline for his trip. If the estate of Mrs. Margaret Steele Cox is split among her nearest kin, Steele may get approximately \$35,000.

G. W. Shoffitt, Donley county veterinarian, went on trial this morning before District Judge A. J. Fires, for "assault with intent to murder with malice and forethought" against Guy Pierce, sheriff of Donley County. The case against Shoffitt opened the second day of the criminal docket of the September term of the 100th District court now in session here.

Shoffitt is charged with having fired shots at Sheriff Pierce at the time that Deputy Sheriff Guy Wright was wounded in an affray in Clarendon on the night of December 31, 1933, when the two attempted to arrest Shoffitt on a liquor charge.

Efforts were made by defense attorneys this morning to prove that the officers made an "unlawful search and seizure" of the property in making the raid without a search warrant.

#### 15 Witnesses Ready

All of the 15 witnesses in the case were present this morning. Fines of \$100 each were imposed yesterday against seven of the

#### SHOFFITT ON STAND

At 1:30 this afternoon, the grey-haired defendant took the witness stand in his own behalf. Declaring that Pierce fired the first shot in the affray and that he was later struck with a large flashlight before being taken to a hospital, Shoffitt's testimony was in direct opposition to that given by Sheriff Pierce.

witnesses for failure to appear when the case was called, and reset for today.

Little difficulty was experienced in selecting the jury and 12 men were selected from those empaneled for the criminal docket. Jurors selected in the Shoffitt case are Ross Springer, C. D. Ardrey, J. E. Gowdy, Jr., L. G. DeBerry, Joe Allen, Bill Bryan, J. H. Nelson, B. E. Durrett, H. L. Griffin, C. L. Caviness, J. D. Bice and John Campbell, all of Memphis.

#### Case Transferred Here

The case was transferred to Hall county from Donley county where the arrest of Shoffitt was made. Shoffitt, an elderly, grey-haired man with grey mustache, has been held in the Hall county jail awaiting trial. In the April term of district court held in Donley (Continued on page 4)

## Wife Claims Body Of Slaying Victim

By Associated Press  
CONWAY, Ark., Sept. 18.—The bullet-pierced body of William I. Biglow, 34, traveling salesman of Kansas City, who apparently was slain by a robber near Conway over the week-end, was claimed by his widow, Mrs. Lana Biglow of Webster Grove, Mo.

She took the body yesterday afternoon to Osawatimie, Kan., from where it will be sent to Gardner, Mo., Biglow's former home, for burial. In addition to the widow, a son, Glenn, 11, and Biglow's parents, of Webster Grove, survive.

Officers today pushed a wide-spread hunt for the slayer, who apparently robbed Biglow of his money, a watch and his automobile. The victim was a traveling representative of a bank company. His body was found just off the Little Rock highway three miles south of Conway, Sunday afternoon. He had been shot four times. Papers found Sheriff Neal Webb found on his body led to the identification.

## WOULD REPEAL BETTING LAW

By Associated Press  
AUSTIN, Sept. 18.—Representative Henry C. Kyle, San Marcos, said he planned to introduce today in the House of the Texas Legislature a bill to repeal the pari-mutual system of betting on horse racing.

## OVER 420,000 WORKERS ARE NOW IDLE

### Huge Mill Closes in Maine as Others Are Opened

By Associated Press  
PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 18.—The large Peppercell Manufacturing company cotton goods mills at Biddeford closed today as all but a small number of the 3,800 employees joined the nation-wide textile strike.

A rain kept the situation quiet. The York Manufacturing company at Saco was seriously hampered by a shortage of employees.

Over 420,000 textile workers were idle over the country. In Connecticut, Governor Cross ordered the national guard to demolish, as the situation had quieted. In the Carolinas, the number of idle decreased several thousand as the mills were opened under the protection of national guardsmen.

## Youngest Business Man Operates Cafe

"Ed's Place," a modern and sanitary little cafe and short order house, is Memphis' newest business venture. "Ed's Place" opened its doors for business Saturday under the management of Ed Smith, local high school lad.

The new business establishment is located on the north side of the square in the location formerly occupied by the "Mid-Way Cafe." The place has been remodeled and repainted throughout and is enjoying a good "first run" business. The 16-year-old proprietor is employed in the circulation department of The Democrat after school hours, and works with his new business "in between times." During his absence, "Ed's Place" is under the management of Clyde Jones, who does all the cooking. It is believed that Ed is the youngest business manager in the city.

## Two Are Killed as Plane Wing Breaks

By Associated Press  
BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 18.—The wing of an airplane said to have been refused a Department of Commerce license buckled in flight and sent two men crashing 1,000 feet to their death Monday near Catonsville, a Baltimore suburb.

The dead are James Yost, 28-year-old transport pilot with 1,500 flying hours who came here two years ago from Brownsville, Texas, and Charles Mauer, 21-year-old Baltimore glass company employe, who received a pilot's license only a few hours before his death.

R. V. McNemar, superintendent of an airport from which the fatal flight began, said the plane had been refused a license and the wing indicated the two flyers were stunting.

Witnesses told of seeing the wing crumple and wrap round the fuselage of the plane at a height of approximately 1,000 feet. Yost struggled frantically to right the wing as the craft hurtled to earth near a dairy farm.

Both men were crushed beyond recognition. The plane flopped over as it neared the ground and the engine fell on Yost.

## Barrow Friend Will Face Murder Charge

By Associated Press  
MIAMI, Okla., Sept. 18.—Henry Methvin, who admittedly accompanied Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker when Cal Campbell, constable at Commerce, was shot to death, was returned here late yesterday to be tried for murder in connection with the slaying.

Methvin was brought in, handcuffed, and under the muzzles of two machine guns, by Sheriff Dee Watters, police chief Percy Boy of Commerce, who was wounded and kidnapped at the time Campbell was killed, and Deputy Sheriff Gerald Hodge.

The Texas outlaw said his defense would be that Barrow and the Parker woman, now dead, actually killed Campbell and that he had nothing to do with the shooting.

## QUINTUPLETS BETTER; THREE GAIN WEIGHT

By Associated Press  
CALLANDER, Ontario, Sept. 18.—The temperatures of the Dionne quintuplets had returned to normal Monday and three of the famous girls showed weight increases. Dr. A. R. Dafoe, their physician, said he was satisfied with their progress despite a weight loss by two of them. "They are still suffering from intestinal toxemia," said Dr. Dafoe, "but their condition is much improved."

## Senate and House Differ on Relief

By Associated Press  
AUSTIN, Sept. 18.—Adjustment of difference between the House and Senate of the Texas legislature over issuance of state bonds to aid the destitute was assigned to a conference committee late yesterday.

The House refused to accept Senate amendments to a House relief bond bill. In effect, the Senate substituted its own proposal for that passed by the House and although the propositions were similar in many respects the House asked for a conference committee when several inconsistent provisions were found in the Senate bill.

The House voted to issue \$6,000,000 in bonds and the Senate \$5,000,000. House sentiment, however, appeared to be swinging toward the smaller issue suggested by the Senate.

Both Houses had agreed to substitute the state board of control for the Texas relief commission as the relief disbursement agency. Representative R. J. Long, author of the House bill, indicated the board of control would be called into deliberations of the conference group to ascertain if the bill was satisfactory and to receive any recommendations the board might have on administrative provisions. Members expected speedy accord would be reached by conference.

## FOREIGN FUNDS USED

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—A report of Germany using impounded foreign funds to subsidize the German aircraft manufacturers was read today to the Senate Munitions committee.

## LEAGUE ADMITS SOVIET RUSSIA

By Associated Press  
GENEVA, Sept. 18.—The assembly of the League of Nations today elected Soviet Russia into membership. The vote on admission was 39 in favor and three against, with seven not voting.

## Fair Special Tickets Must Be Obtained Soon

People of Memphis and the surrounding territory who plan to ride The Democrat special train to the Tri-State Fair at Amarillo Thursday are again urged to purchase tickets as soon as possible.

The train will leave Memphis at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning, arriving in Amarillo at 10:15, after which the local delegation will parade down town. The return trip starts at 8 p. m. from the fairgrounds.

The round trip fare is \$2.20 and half price (\$1.10) for children under 12. Tickets are on sale at The Democrat office.

## LEGION VOTES TO SPONSOR RODEO

### To Be Part of Celebration Armistice Day, Nov. 11

The executive committee of the Charles R. Simmons post of the American Legion, in a special meeting last night, accepted a proposal from Roy Mayes to stage a rodeo here on November 10 and 11.

The rodeo, with many other entertainment features "tied in," will be a part of the Legion's Armistice day program.

Mr. Mayes, member of the local post and noted rodeo promoter, will have charge of arrangements and production. Members of the Legion feel that Mr. Mayes' experience in this line of entertainment guarantees the success of the event, it was announced.

## ICKES APPEALS FOR FEDERAL OIL LAWS

### Appears Before Investigating Committee

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Secretary Ickes today appealed before the House committee for the federal oil production control legislation, suggesting that the government be empowered to allocate production between units within the states in any case where the latter is "unable or unwilling" to make such allocations.

Testifying before the committee investigating whether legislation is necessary, the secretary said "there is need of a permanent oil conservation policy for the United States."

"Producers in the state violate orders of the state thereby tending to cause increase in the total production of that state over the total share assigned it by federal agency, should be subject to punishment under federal as well as state laws," Ickes said.

D. J. Morgensen, post commander, announced today that a regular meeting of the American Legion will be held Thursday night.

At this time Roy Guthrie will give a report on the state convention. Important business matters are to be brought up and all members are urged to be present, Mr. Morgensen stated.

## American Legion To Meet Thursday Night

## The Weather

By Associated Press  
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EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

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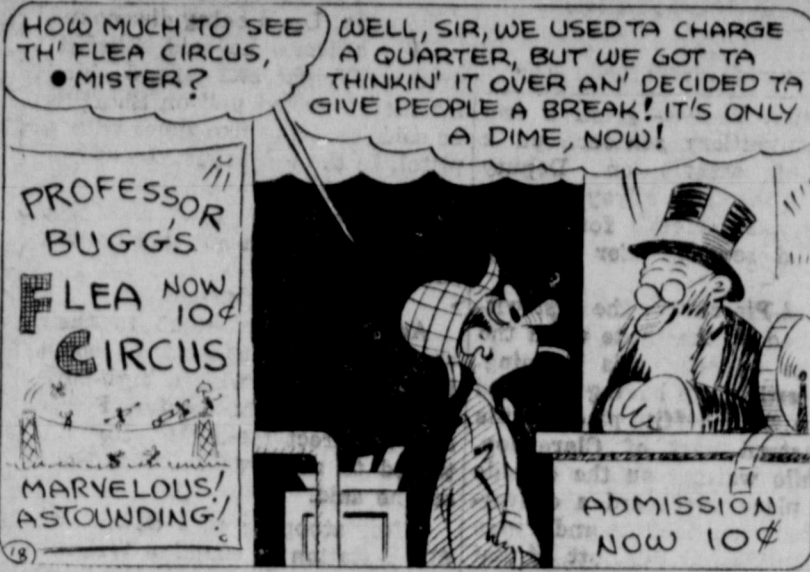
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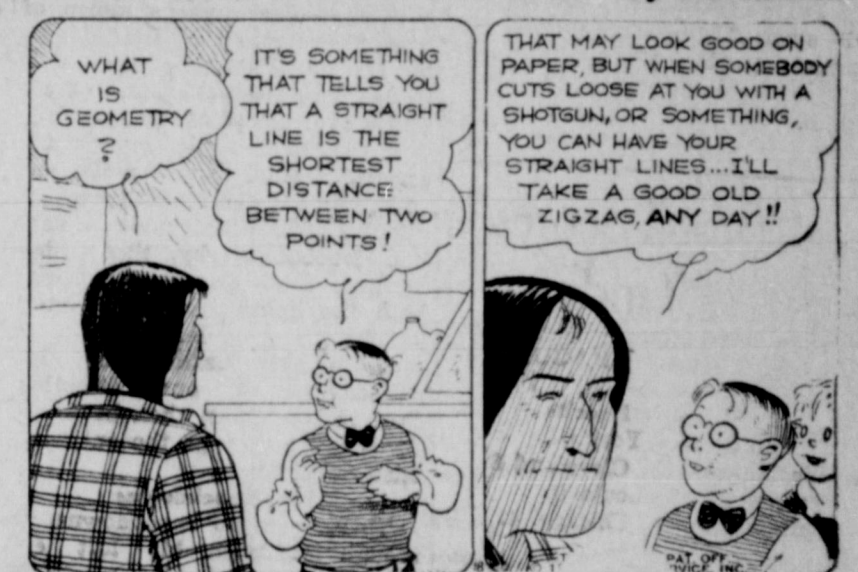
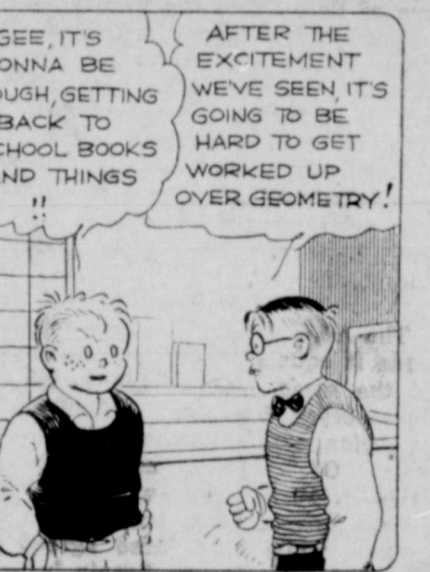
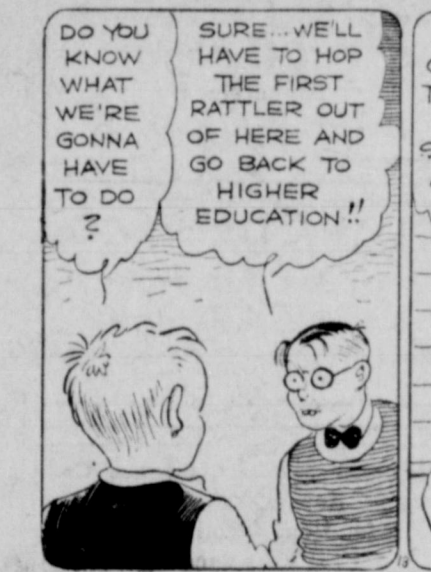
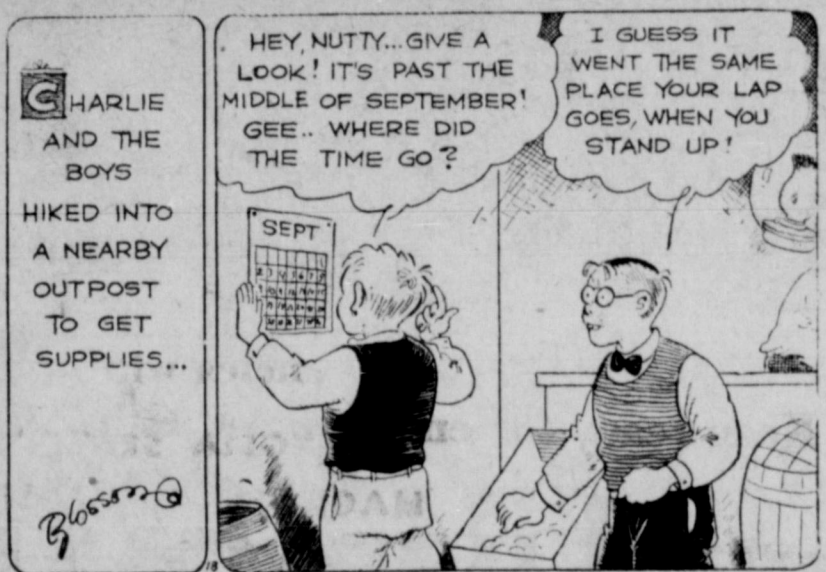
## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

By MARTIN



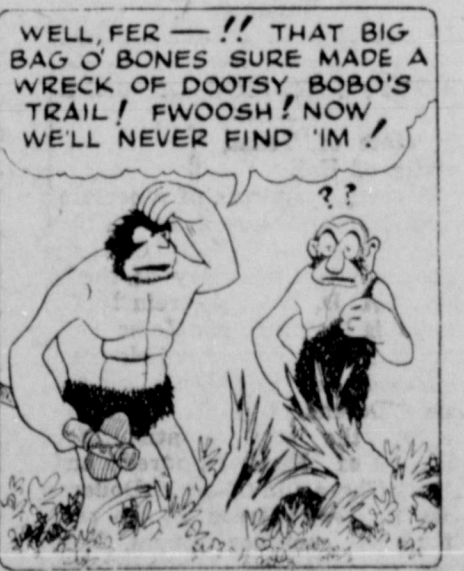
## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By BLOSSER



## ALLEY OOP

By HAMLIN



## THE NEWFANGLES (Mom'n Pop)

By COWAN



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# Cyclone Look Like Seasoned Team for First Game

## IN LAST LAP OF PRE-SEASON DRILLS

### Ceremony To Mark Opening Friday Night

Looking more like a seasoned ball club every day, the Memphis High school Cyclone is going to be ready for its opening game here Friday night against the Paducah Dragons.

The team has been driving hard during the past week, and now are ready to ease down for the opening tussle. However, they may not do that today, or even tomorrow, depending upon the way the squad looks to Coach Chesty Walker.

**Passes Prevail**  
Yesterday the team flashed through long signal drills, but there was no scrimmage. They mixed every type of play, and passes filled the air with highly pleasing results. The indication is that the Cyclone will have as strong or perhaps more powerful overhead attack than they have ground charge, with Co-captain Jack Norman tossing them to half a dozen receivers, topped by the natural shagging ability of Chester Grimes.

The Cyclone hopes to get off with a taste of victory in the opening battle, with greater interest among players and fans alike than has been shown in several years. An indication of the interest among players is the fact that 37 boys were in uniform yesterday afternoon. Although most of the new recruits are youngsters seeking their first experience, the group gives Walker a "jam-up" starting eleven with almost a complete team of competent reserves.

**Opening Ceremony**  
Ceremony will mark the opening game. The celebration that opens the season will start with a pep rally at the high school Friday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock. The entire student body will participate, and the general public is invited.

Friday night before the game the Junior Chamber of Commerce will stage fitting ceremony at the formal opening of the new athletic park, equipped with flood lights.

## Baseball Scores And Standings

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**Monday's Results**  
Detroit 3, New York 0.  
Washington 13, Cleveland 6.  
Boston 3, St. Louis 0.  
Philadelphia 9, Chicago 4.

Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	93	49	.655
New York	87	56	.608
Cleveland	76	66	.535
Boston	71	71	.500
St. Louis	63	78	.447
Washington	62	78	.443
Philadelphia	61	78	.439
Chicago	51	85	.367

### Tuesday's Schedule

Washington at Cleveland.  
New York at Detroit.  
Boston at St. Louis.  
Philadelphia at Chicago.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**Monday's Results**  
Cincinnati at New York, wet grounds.  
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn, rain.  
Chicago at Philadelphia, wet grounds.  
Only games scheduled.

Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	83	53	.624
St. Louis	84	56	.600
Chicago	80	58	.580
Boston	71	68	.511
Pittsburgh	68	67	.504
Brooklyn	61	77	.442
Philadelphia	50	85	.370
Cincinnati	50	88	.362

### Tuesday's Schedule

St. Louis at Boston.  
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.  
Cincinnati at New York.  
Chicago at Philadelphia.

Captain Edward George and Capt. Davis of Fort Sill, Okla., were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Shankle Saturday and Sunday. Capt. George was architect for the Shankle home and spent several months in Memphis some five years ago.

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By Ahern



## Jimmie M'Larnin Regains Welter Crown After 15 Furious Rounds

**By Associated Press**  
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Sept. 18.—Jimmie M'Larnin, greatest Irish warrior of his day, climbed back on his welterweight throne last night, bating back the savage gameness of little Barney Ross.

His one-time conqueror, in 15 fierce controversial rounds.

He came back as he left the throne three months ago—by a split decision of two judges and a referee—but amid a storm of boos of protest that flooded down on the ring like the rain that forced four postponements of the battle over the past 11 days.

It seemed to a majority of the experts around the ringside, and certainly to the scant crowd of about 25,000 sitting under a dark and foreboding sky, that little Barney, first man ever to hold both the lightweight and welterweight titles, at least earned a draw in the dazzling duel that shifted first in one direction, then in the other, then back and forth again through the entire 15 blistering rounds.

**No Knockdowns**  
There were no knockdowns, although M'Larnin, his left eye completely closed, his nose trickling blood, his lips split, slipped twice in the 15th from sheer weariness. He never went all the way down either time. Ross, taking more of the Irishman's right hand smashes than any other warrior ever did and survived, was equally battered, with his own left eye half closed, his right cut and his lips as badly cut as M'Larnin's.

At the close, as they hung on each other, punch-sodden and helpless, Tommy Shortell, one of the judges, cast his vote for M'Larnin, Charlie Lynch, the other judge, bawled for Ross, leaving the issue up to Arthur

Donovan, the referee. Three months ago, at the close of their first match, two other judges had forced a similar decision upon Eddie Forbes, another referee.

**Votes Against Ross**  
But as Forbes broke the deadlock in Ross' favor, so did Donovan swing the issue the other way with a vote for the Irishman that continued the amazing string of failures of welterweight champions to win a first title defense, now standing at 11 straight. No welterweight champion from the time of Pete Latzo has been able to ward off his first challenger.

The battle was so close that Shortell gave M'Larnin six rounds, Ross five and called four even; Lynch gave Ross seven, M'Larnin six, and called two even. Donovan alone saw a really decisive margin either way. He gave M'Larnin 10 rounds and Ross five.

**AP For Ross**  
The Associated Press score card made it equally close but returned the same vote as Lynch for Ross—seven for the defending champion, six M'Larnin, and two even. Of 13 critics around the ringside, 10 had Ross winning by margins of from one to four rounds, while only three agreed with Donovan that M'Larnin had won.

Rarely has a major battle been so desperately fought, yet so close, so shifting in the tides of favor, so even in the punishment that both took wholesale and unflinching. Only once did the low blow menace that cost M'Larnin half a dozen rounds in the first duel in a May pop up, and again it took one round from his count, the fifth, when a left hook smashed into low territory.

**He Took It**  
Absolutely disdainful of M'Larnin's furious right-hand smash, the punch that has been flattening the best fighters in 14 years,

Ross made the slugging fight he had promised.

He was fighting a different M'Larnin with all his old speed and accuracy and boxing skill. Yet round after round he stood with him and swapped right hand punches, swaying at times himself, then coming back with flashing smashes that buckled the Irishman's knees and made him hold.

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### SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

The state of Texas, County of Hall  
Whereas, by virtue of a certain Alias Execution issued out of the County Court of Hall County, Texas, on the 10th day of September, A. D. 1934, wherein H. C. Caylor is Plaintiff, and Jesse Jenkins is Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said court against said Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of Nine Hundred and Thirty Three and 09/100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; I have levied upon and will on the 2nd day of October, A. D. 1934, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. at the Court House door of said County, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Jesse Jenkins in and to the following described property, levied upon, to-wit:  
The West one-half of the Southwest one-fourth of Section No. 197, Block S-5 of the D and P Ry Co Survey in Hall County, Texas, containing 80 acres of land out of said Section No. 197 in Hall County, Texas.  
The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$933.09 in favor of Plaintiff, together with all costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds to be applied to the satisfaction thereof.  
J. H. Alexander, Sheriff, Hall County, Texas. 106-112-118.

## Divorce Suit Filed By Ruth Chatterton

**By Associated Press**  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 18.—A suit for divorce was filed here Monday in behalf of Ruth Chatterton, stage and screen star, against George Brent, actor.  
Miss Chatterton's attorneys filed the suit while she was away in the Coachella Valley Desert of Southern California. The legal step had been preceded by Hollywood rumors that Miss Chatterton had signed the complaint before leaving the film capital. They had been estranged for several months.

The rift in this, her second romance, was made known last March, when the blue-eyed actress announced their separation. Two years and a month ago she married Brent, ten years her junior, before a Justice of the Peace in Harrison, N. Y., the day after Ralph Forbes received a decree of divorce at Minden, Nev. She had married Forbes in December, 1924.

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## Donley Sheriff—

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ley county, he was given a two year penitentiary sentence on a charge of assault on Deputy Wright in the same affray. At that time he was under a four year suspended sentence for bootlegging.

Sheriff Pierce was the first witness called by the State when the case was opened this morning. Pierce testified to having followed a car to the Shoffitt place in the northeastern part of Clarendon, and while waiting on the outside of the place overheard a conversation between Shoffitt and a man later identified as Bill Lott, of that city. He quoted Shoffitt as having said that "the biggest still in the Panhandle is in Hall county, and Hall county and Childress county officers don't care for people selling whiskey."

**Tells of Shooting**  
About five minutes later, the sheriff testified, Lott came out of the house, slightly drunk, and carrying a pint of whiskey. The officer then entered the house and talked with Shoffitt for about 10 minutes, he said, and while there found about 75 of 100 fruit jars. On cross examination he declared that some of the jars contained fruit.  
The sheriff testified that after he and Wright had gone about 15

or 20 yards from the house, Shoffitt followed them, crouching, with a shot gun. Upon being discovered by the officers, he said, Shoffitt fired at Wright and missed him. He then "opened up" on Shoffitt, he said, shooting five times with a pistol. In the meantime, the officer declared, Shoffitt continued to fire and when the last shot was fired, Wright cried out that he was shot in the face.

**Makes Arrest**  
As the officers went to their car, Shoffitt continued to shoot from the house with a high-powered rifle and six shooter. Pierce said in direct testimony. He continued to shoot as the car drove off, he said.

After stopping at a downtown filling station to examine Wright's wounds, the officer said that Shoffitt drove by in a car enroute to a hospital to have a wound in his

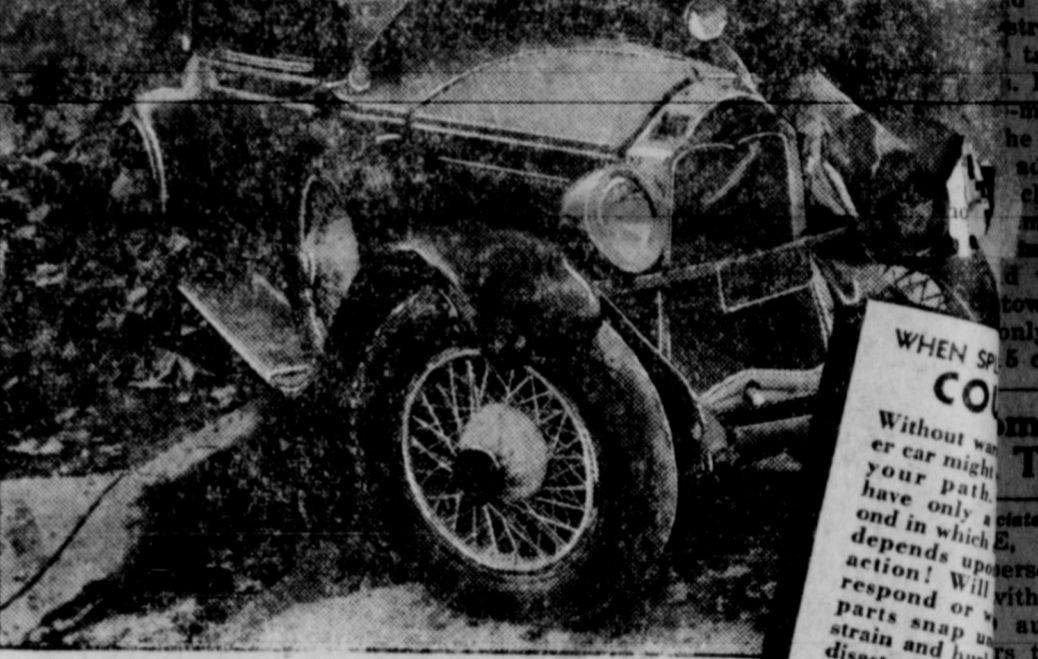
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