

# Administration's Sales Tax Bill Killed

## Home Demonstration And Farm Agents Placed Here

### Action Taken With No Cost To The County

Miss Miller and Mr. Griffin serve three counties ninety days. Home demonstration agents and farm agents are placed here as a result of action taken by the state and federal governments with no cost to the county.

### Wildcat Tests Being Started In Eastern Howard And Ector Counties

By Lee C. Harrison and Associates. Progress reported on Dimeson County Deep Wildcat and Helms' No. 1 Hilger in Glasscock.



In Alienation Case

### Friday Show To Play For Large Crowd

Kiwanians winding up ticket sale Friday afternoon at three. Reports of members at Thursday's luncheon of the Kiwanis club assured a full house for Friday evening at the municipal auditorium for the Early Bird Revue.

Although the ticket sale has been a great deal better than that for any show yet staged at the auditorium, tickets will be available from any member of the Kiwanis club until 3 p. m. Friday.

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### SPRING BRINGS FLOODS TO MANY MIDWEST AREAS



Heavy spring rains have brought flood waters and extensive property damage in many sections of the Midwest. This view shows how grounds of the dairy congress in Waterloo, Iowa, were inundated as streams left their banks. (Associated Press Photo)

### Fourth Of One Per Cent Plan Is Voted Down

House Refuses To Print Bill On Minority Report, Vote 65 To 45. AUSTIN (AP)—The administration's sales tax bill was killed Thursday when the house refused to print it on minority report.

### NEAR-BEER 'STANDARD' GOING OFF

By Associated Press. A large part of the country goes off the near-beer standard at 12:01 a. m. local time Friday.

### Early Bird Revue Dancer Daughter Of T & P Employee

One of the star performers who will appear here Friday evening is the Early Bird Revue Miss Virginia Self, dancer, who is a daughter of A. Self, employee in the general offices of the Texas and Pacific Railway company in Dallas.

### Liquor Prescription Regulations Not Yet Changed, Says Official

Local physicians have been informed by the Bureau of Industrial Alcohol at New Orleans that regulations governing doctor prescriptions of liquor will continue unchanged until further notice.

### WEATHER

Table with 4 columns: Location, Time, Temperature, and other weather details. Includes entries for Big Spring and vicinity, West Texas, East Texas, and New Mexico.

### Barber Fight Into Court

Fort Worth Starts Preparations For Special Train To Bring Delegation Here For WTCC Conception In May

Fort Worth, always the heaviest contributor to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in number of annual memberships, and equally as consistent in providing a great portion of the attendance at annual convention is already preparing for its part in the fifteenth annual meeting to be held here May 11, 12 and 13.

### House Passes To Engrossment Bill Divesting Railroad Commission Of Regulatory Power Over Oil Industry

East Texans Cheer And Shout From Gallery When Speaker Announces Winning Vote On Measure

### Officials Of District Talk To Lions Club

Governor Walker and Sam Braswell, International Director, Speak. Lions held their weekly meeting in the Settles Thursday instead of Friday that they might hear District Governor C. Herbert Walker, Pampa, and Sam Braswell, past governor and incumbent international director.

### Procedure Followed By Lobbyists In Exerting Influence In Legislative Life Of States Outlined By Writer

Public Relations Director Of Texas Gulf Sulphur Company Used As 'Exhibit A' To Present His Place In 'Pattern'. By ROSCOE FLEMING, Fort Worth Press Staff Correspondent.

### Whirligig

Written by a group of the best informed newspapermen of Washington and New York. Opinions expressed are those of the writers and should not be interpreted as reflecting the editorial policy of this newspaper.

### Cleaning

A confidential housecleaning of bank examiners is being quietly conducted. At least one so far has been asked to find another job.

### Tails

A hectic time was had by all backstage in the framing of the Railroad Bill. After the details got out Mr. Roosevelt was required to change it every 15 minutes to meet objections.

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**Admiral Moffett Among Missing; Second Officer Tells Of Catastrophe; Small Dirigible Crashes While Hunting Wreckage**

NEW YORK (AP)—The navy dirigible Akron, caught in a violent electrical storm, fell into the sea with 76 men aboard 20 miles east of the Jersey coast at Barnegat shortly after midnight Monday.

Eight hours later the wreckage was sighted 25 miles east of Atlantic City.

Four were rescued, one of whom died. They were taken aboard the German tanker Phocbus soon after the accident.

**Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the navy's aeronautical division, was among the missing, as were Commander F. T. Berry, commander of the naval air station; Commander H. B. Cecil, also of the aeronautics bureau, and Col. A. F. Masury of the Ordnance Reserve Corps, United States army.**

Lieutenant Commander H. V. Wiley, second in command of the Akron, was among those saved.

Richard Deal, M. E. Erwin, Robert W. Copeland and Wiley were picked up by the Phocbus which was attracted to the scene by what it thought was flames. Copeland died shortly after being taken aboard. Deal was taken to a hospital as soon as the Coast Guard destroyer Tucker arrived at Brooklyn. His injuries were slight.

Airplane and ship rescue efforts were hampered throughout the day by poor visibility and a flying ceiling close to the sea level.

The number believed drowned makes the disaster the worst in the history of lighter-than-air flying craft.

A naval court of inquiry was assured and congressional investigation seemed probable.

The Asbury Park coast guard station reported receiving the Akron's SOS signals. The air was filled with static and the signals were not heard elsewhere. The German tanker Phocbus saw the flare in the darkness.

NEW YORK (AP)—A message signed 'Wiley,' who was second in command and one of four rescued, stating that the naval dirigible Akron crashed about six minutes after midnight Tuesday was given out by the coast guard at Staten Island Tuesday. After describing the weather and position early in the night the message said:

"Surrounded by lightning at light (presumably Barnegat light). Night atmosphere very turbulent. Ran east course until about 11 p. m. then crossed to west at midnight. Ship began to descend rapidly from flying altitude of 16,000 feet. Dropped ballast. Entirely surrounded by lightning. About 12:03 a. m. ship began to descend rapidly. Three minutes later seemed in center of storm. Ship began to shift about violently. Ship commenced to descend. Stern inclined downward. Rudder control carried away. Descent continued to water. Ship demolished upon impact. In lightning flash I saw many men swimming. Wreckage drifted rapidly away.

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### Akron Submitted To Severe Test Over West Texas

Craft Battered Last May From Angelo To Border To Pecos

The Akron, ill fated Queen of the Skies, which plunged into the sea off the New Jersey coast Tuesday morning with a crew of seventy-six aboard, met its sharpest test prior to the fatal one with the elements here in May 1932.

Off on its maiden transcontinental voyage, the silver monarch of the air was unleashed at Lakehurst, N. J., and proceeded southward, passing over Macon, Ga., from Macon it glided to New Orleans, then veered over the gulf and entered Texas near Beaumont.

With good flying weather it reached San Antonio and cut in a southerly direction.

Confronted with bumpy weather it turned to follow the Big Spring-San Antonio airway beacons. Over San Antonio it encountered a terrific thunderstorm that lashed a the giant craft. Blinding rain punctuated with violent displays of lightning added to worries.

Here radio operators could hear the ship's operators calling, calling for news of gap in the storm that would enable the dirigible to slip out west and to the Pacific coast.

Static would not permit communication although operators flashed many messages.

Caught by the sudden viciousness of the weather, the Akron floated back over San Antonio and hovered over the airport. An executive man interpreted light signals to mean the craft wanted ground crew to help land. One was enlisted but the ship pulled away, southward over Eldorado.

Later it was seen battling the wind and rain over Sonora.

Dawn found it creeping north to Pecos from where it made contact with radio operators here. Asking for weather, the ship turned west and proceeded on its way to the Pacific coast.

With a jinx already stamped on it, the Akron added to its misfortune when it sought to land at San Diego. Just as it seemed a large ground crew had the craft under control, it boiled heavenward, carrying three men dangling on a guy rope.

While thousands gasped one of the tiny specks slipped, and plunged to death on the field below. Moments later another roke loose and dropped to destruction. While women screamed and men wept, the lone dot clutched at its rope.

Two hours later the Akron crew hauled Bugs Cowart through the hatch, unharmed.

A month afterward, the pride of the United States navy soared back across West Texas in calm summer skies. It roared over this city without a semblance of the struggle it had made on its trip to the coast.

Both the Akron and the Shenandoah passed over Big Spring on transcontinental cruises. Today both are tragical bits of aeronautical history, victims of the elements.

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'Who Runs Texas?' Correspondent Begins Series Of Articles On Size And Methods Of State's 'Third House'

Who runs Texas? Do the people of Texas run their state, or does somebody else?

Roscoe Fleming, staff correspondent of the Fort Worth Press, discusses lobbyists, the "third house" of the Texas legislature, in a series of articles written for the United Press. Thirteen men according to his census of informed opinion, have as much power on many vital issues as all the rest of Texas citizens put together.

The articles do not "muck rake," are not an expose. They present the constructive side of the lobby as well as other aspects. The first of Fleming's series, presenting the background in which the powerful "third house" works, is carried today.

By ROSCOE FLEMING Staff Correspondent For The Fort Worth Press (Written For The United Press) AUSTIN (UP)—It is the moment of a final vote on an important bill in the Texas house of representatives. The crowded noisy, daylighted hall in one wing of our big granite capitol is hushed for the moment. The electric score-board upon which house votes are recorded flashes in red and blue lights.

"Have all voted?" shouts Speaker Coke Stevenson. His sardonic face grim, he leans for a moment over the electric indicator on his rostrum. The house is tense. The vote being 43 for and 71 against, the bill falls of engrossment. Mr. Stevenson may announce, "The vote being 71 for and 65 against, the bill passes to engrossment."

Whoever it may be, there is the gray hue of disappointment and failure on the faces of some of the men in the gallery; exultation on the faces of others. That exultation passes in a moment, and they walk out to resume the work for which they are hired. They are legislative lobbyists.

The people of Texas send 181 men and senators every two years to the capitol at Austin to carry out the most important job a citizen can well have: to give us new laws, or repeal old laws, for the general good of the state and all its citizens.

These representatives are not upon their arrival at Austin—and often before—by twice or thrice their number of lobbyists.

The people of Texas spend about \$500,000 every two years to maintain the legislature which makes their laws.

It is safe to say that the total expenses of the Texas lobbyists will run not less than \$2,000,000 and possibly much more. Of this at least half is spent by the lobbyists representing private corporate interests.

The people of Texas last fall turned to youth. Sixty of the 150 house members are less than 35 years of age, and the senate is youthful.

Contrast this inexperienced body of legislators with the old, wise and crafty members of the lobby. Many of the latter have been around Austin 20 or even 30 years. They know every strand of the legislative ropes.

Thirteen men, in the opinion of those who should "know, have almost as much combined power as the legislature itself, if they put all that power to hauling together.

—Tomorrow, the big 13. Who are they?

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### Coahoma Wins From Tigers

Twelve Men Ranged On Bases During Game Of Sunday

Coahoma evened scores for the current season with the Tigers here Sunday afternoon in a comedy of errors.

Sixteen miscues were chalked up against the two teams, Coahoma making nine of the number. Tigers out hit their enemy but Coahoma got her licks when they meant runs. Final score was 8-5.

Tigers had twelve men stranded on base while Coahoma left only seven there to die. Coahoma showed some snappy fielding despite many errors and turned in four double plays against one for the Tigers.

Fierro's drive clipped the umpire in the eighth inning. His ruling of dead ball caused a heated argument before he backed players off the field.

COAHOMA— AB R H PO A E  
L. Walker, rf..... 3 1 1 3 0 0  
H. Reid, lf..... 2 1 1 0 0 1  
E. Reid, ss..... 1 1 0 2 2 2  
Cramer, cf..... 2 2 1 0 1 0  
Cook, c..... 1 1 0 2 0 0  
Rogers, if..... 4 0 1 2 0 0  
Mahoney, if..... 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Devaney, 3b..... 0 0 4 3 1  
Bishop, 2b..... 4 1 0 3 1  
Brown, p..... 4 0 1 0 3 0

TIGERS—  
Cruz, rf..... 3 1 1 0 0 0  
Marquez, if..... 2 1 0 0 1 0  
Hernandez, 2b..... 5 1 2 4 1 0  
Fierro, c..... 4 1 2 5 2 1  
A. Garcia, ss..... 4 0 4 4 2 1  
Gambou, cf..... 4 0 2 2 0 0  
Payne, if..... 3 0 0 0 0 0  
Aleman, lf-bf..... 3 0 0 7 1 1  
Parras, 3b..... 3 1 2 2 2 2  
Subia, p..... 3 0 1 0 0 0

Summary—Two base hits, Cook, Rogers, E. Reid, Stolen bases, L. Walker, H. Reid, Cook. Hit by pitcher, H. Reid by Subia; Gambou, Aleman, Subia by Brown. Base on balls, Subia 3, Brown 4. Struck out, Subia 2, Brown 4. Passed balls, Cook 2, Fierro. Double plays, Bishop to Devaney to H. Reid, Devaney to H. Reid, Rogers to Cook, L. Walker to Cook, Parras to Aleman to Fierro. Umpire—Rodriguez.

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### Eight Of Major Committees For W.T.C.C. Convention Work Named At Tuesday Session Of Directors

#### Hopkins Outlines Work Program Of Annual Meeting Here

Eight committees to carry out arrangements for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention were announced Tuesday at the directors meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

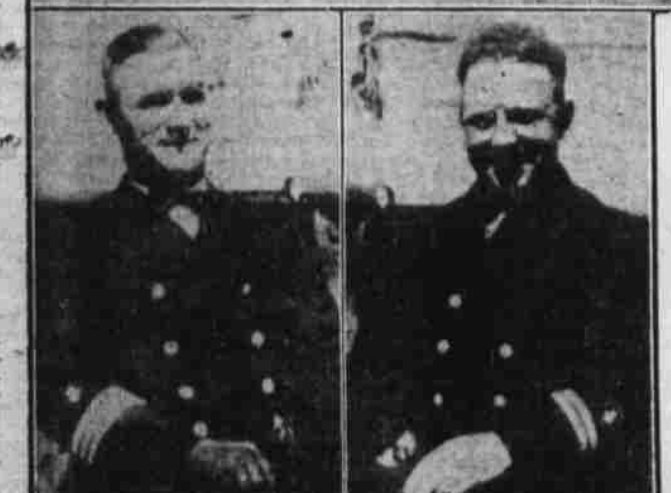
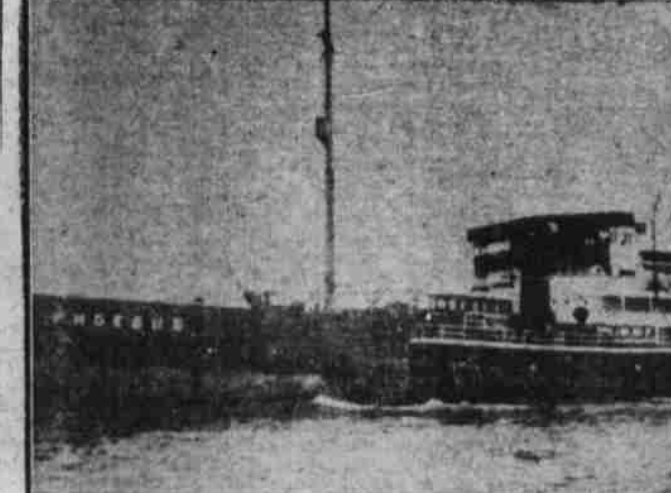
West Texas Chamber of Commerce outlined the general program and discussed problems in light of experience gained in supervising other similar gatherings. Committees announced are not complete and will be added to at the discretion of their chairman. C. T. Watson, local chamber manager, said Wednesday.

### FIRST PICTURES OF AKRON DISASTER



These Associated Press telephotos, first pictures of scenes following the disaster in which the navy dirigible Akron was destroyed, taking more than seventy lives, were flown to The Herald via American Airways from Los Angeles, after having been telephotographed by a New York. They arrived here at 9:35 a. m. Wednesday. The pictures were taken Tuesday morning. The top picture shows the Destroyer Tucker arriving at Brooklyn navy yard and a general view showing Richard Deal being carried ashore on a stretcher with Lieutenant Commander H. V. Wiley and M. E. Erwin, the two other survivors, in the background. The second picture is of the German tanker Phoenix that saw the lights of distress from the ill-fated dirigible and steaming to the scene picked up four survivors, one of whom died later. Captain Dalldorf, commander of the Phoenix, and his chief mate, Cielakowski are shown below. In the bottom picture, taken from the air by an Associated Press photographer the navy blimp Z-3 is shown sinking in the water off Beach Haven, N. J., on its return from a fruitless search for victims of the Akron disaster.

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### Survivors Of Akron Called Into Capital

#### Troubled Waters Hold Most Of Evidence As To Cause Of Disaster

NEW YORK, (AP)—Troubled waters off the Jersey coast Wednesday held most of the evidence which might lead to determination of the cause of the airship Akron's crash at sea with a loss of seventy-one men. Official forces moved swiftly to use what little evidence and direct testimony still available toward solution of the secret of history's greatest tragedy of the air.

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### Hinman And Webb Beaten Decisively

#### 697 Ballots Cast In City Election Held Here Tuesday

Six hundred and ninety-seven Big Spring residents went to the polls Tuesday and by majorities of two-to-one placed two new men on the board of city commissioners replacing two members seeking re-election.

J. W. Allen and Leo Nail, pioneer residents of the community who have stood high in the esteem of their fellow citizens as citizens and business men, were elected over H. Hinman and J. L. Webb, who had served two years each. The vote was:

J. W. Allen 411 Leo Nail 424 H. Hinman 264 J. L. Webb 241

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### 700 Car Loads Of East Texas Oil Reported Concentrated In Houston

#### Approximately 157,500 Barrels Offered At 20 Cents Per Barrel Plus Freight Charges, Says Report

HOUSTON (UP)—Nearly 700 tank cars containing approximately 157,500 barrels of East Texas oil were concentrated here Tuesday and being offered on the open market at 20 cents a barrel, plus freight charges, the United Press learned from a reliable source.

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### Many Listen To J. D. Harvey

#### Meeting Barely Started At Church Of Christ, Pack House

The Church of Christ Revival meeting is merely in its beginning, yet the building is crowded to almost its capacity, for the evening services.

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### One Test Is Failure; Two More Staked

#### Humble To Drill South Offset Llano, Which Also Locates No. 2

The failure of Southern Oil Corporation's No. 1 Williams, one mile east and slightly south of Coahoma, and the striking of a location by Humble in the west end of the Edwards pool were among oil developments last week in Howard and Glasscock counties.

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### To Preach Here



REV. W. B. GRAY, above, pastor of the Manhattan Presbyterian church, El Paso, will lead a revival meeting at the First Presbyterian church here April 21 to 26 the local pastor, Rev. J. C. Thomas, announced Wednesday. Services will be held twice daily.

### Mrs. J. H. Johnson Is Hostess To Sew Club

Easter lilies grown by the hostess were the beautiful house decorations used by Mrs. J. H. Johnson when she entertained the members of the So and Sew Club Tuesday afternoon at her home.

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### Mrs. L. L. Freeman Elected Treasurer Of City Federation

The City Federation heard Wendell Bedichek, president of the local chamber of commerce, talk to the members at its April meeting Tuesday afternoon and tell them of the ways they could assist in helping with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

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### Margaret Smith Re-Elected Head Intermediate G. A.'s

The Intermediate G. A.'s of the First Baptist church met at the church Monday afternoon with Mrs. Larson, Lloy as sponsor, and elected officers for the coming year.

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### Anton Men In City Planning Visit Of Band To Convention

A committee representing the Anton band was here Wednesday morning making arrangements for the official musical unit of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to attend the convention here in May.

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#### Akron Statistics

NEW YORK, (UP)—Statistics of the dirigible Akron: Gas volume—6,000,000 cubic feet. Length—785 feet. Maximum diameter—132.9 feet. Height, over all—144.5 feet. Maximum speed—53.5 miles per hour. Cruising range without refueling—10,586 miles. Gross lift—468,000 pounds. Useful lift—182,000 pounds. Number of engines—8. Total horsepower—1,460. Cost—\$5,375,000.

### Blanton Recorded By Mistake As Man Who Made Wet Talk

WASHINGTON (AP)—Somebody at the Government printing office made a mistake last Thursday night and Representative Blanton of Texas was recorded in the Congressional Record as making a speech in favor of the medicinal liquor bill.

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### Thirteen Men Could Wield Power Equal To That Of 181 Members Of Legislature Correspondent Finds

By ROSCOE FLEMING Staff Correspondent For The Fort Worth Press

(Written For The United Press) AUSTIN (UP)—There are thirteen men, in the opinion of veteran observers of the legislative scene, who could exert collectively as much power as all the 181 legislators.

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### Mrs. F. C. Gilbert Is High Scorer At Cactus Club Meet

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### Pretty Luncheon Is Given For Petroleum Members And Guests

Mrs. H. B. Hurley gave the Petroleum Bridge Club a pretty spring luncheon party at her home in the Field Tuesday afternoon.

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### Texas Electric Service Handles Frigidaire Line

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### Charles E. Mitchell's Trial To Open April 17

NEW YORK (UP)—Federal Judge John C. Knox set April 17 as date for trial of income tax fraud charges against Charles E. Mitchell, former chairman of the National City Bank.

### Colonel Jake Wolters Makes Reservations For WTCC Convention

Col. Jake Wolters, head of the military forces when martial law was declared in East Texas last summer, has written for reservations during the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention here May 11, 12, and 13.

### Forty Attend Meeting Of I.O.O.F. Here Monday

Forty members attended Monday evening's meeting of the local I. O. O. F. lodge, at which Carl Madison was taken through the initiatory degree.

### Chinaberry Trees Not Killed Says Keating

The Chinaberry trees are not killed. This welcome news comes from Fred Keating, director of the U. S. Experiment Farm.

# In Love

By Laura Lou Brookman

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## CHAPTER XX

When Jeff spoke the words were not in the least what Janet had expected. He said, "You know I almost joined up with a circus once. I was 16 and they were going to give me a job with the tent crew. Lord, but I wanted to go. I told my uncle about it and he said I'd stay at home and finish high school here. I see that I got a job in a circus then—providing I still wanted it. So I finally agreed. I can still remember how I felt, though, when the circus train pulled out of town. Talk about disappointments!"

"I'm sure that it must have been hard," said Janet. "I'm sure that it must have been hard," said Janet. "I'm sure that it must have been hard," said Janet.

"Hard? Say—nothing's ever struck me harder. I have a theory that the disappointments a kid gets about some trivial matter are just as serious for him as the way a grown up feels about something really important."

Janet said, "It must have been hard. I'm sure that it must have been hard," said Janet.

He went on to tell Janet about his childhood in the little town where his uncle owned a hardware store. Both his parents had died while he was still too small to remember them. He had lived with his uncle and aunt until he was graduated from high school. Then, instead of joining another circus, he had decided to go to college to study engineering.

Janet told him about the little town where she had lived, too. So long ago it seemed since she had left there and come to Lancaster. She told him about her mother's death three years before. Janet had been eight years old when her father was killed in the war.

They lingered over the coffee and dessert. The exchange of confidences seemed to establish a real friendship. When they finally rose to go both of them were laughing over a story and Janet's school days. Half an hour later, tired but happy, Janet said good-night.

She saw Jeffrey Grant half a dozen times during the next week. She went to dinner with him twice and once to the movies. She called him "Jeff" now, just as naturally as she called her Janet. And she learned almost immediately that Jeff Grant was not given to making sentimental advances. If she thought once or twice that something he said or the way he looked at her hinted at a deeper interest he was sure to follow it with some casual remark.

He was different from Rolf Carlyle as night from day. Rolf had paid her pretty compliments the second time he met her, had given her to understand that he was in love with her the third.

Jeff Grant, on the contrary, talked about steel mills, the new kind of sport page and funny things that happened at the office. Mrs. Silvan nodded toward him and said to Janet one evening, "You're a lucky girl to have a young man like that one!"

Janet protested, "Oh, but it isn't like that! We're—we're only friends!"

The older woman continued smiling. "Sure. I know! And you shake a fine couple, too. Oh, it's a fine thing to be young! Times have been hard for us, of course, but I can remember when Pat and I took the prize for being the best dancers at the St. Patrick's Ball here. We used to dance every Saturday evening."

Thinking about it afterward Janet shrugged. What difference did it make what Mrs. Silvan thought too long as Jeff Grant understood? There were no sentimental notions in Jeff Grant's mind. He wasn't that kind.

She was surprised the next evening when he knocked at her door. Janet opened it and said, "Oh—hello! Won't you come in?"

He had stopped at the door to talk to her once or twice but he had never entered the apartment. Now he came inside. Janet dropped into a chair and motioned him toward one.

"There's something I thought maybe you'd help me with," Grant said hesitantly.

"Do you think she'd like a handbag?"

Janet smiled again. "Well, of course I don't know. I'd like one of them myself, though."

"I think that's a good hunch," Jeff announced. "Would you be willing to go with me to buy it? I'm pretty dumb at things like that. I'd probably pick out the worst in the bunch."

She agreed to meet him at Marsh's department store next day at 12:15. They could buy the purse and then have a sandwich somewhere together. He stayed a little longer and then departed. "Twelve-fifteen" he called over his shoulder as he closed the door. "Don't forget!"

At exactly 13 minutes past 12 o'clock the next day Janet entered the main door of Marsh's department store. Jeff Grant was there before her.

"Hello," he grinned. "I was wondering what in the world I'd do if you didn't show up. These places give me the willies. Too many women around."

It was a familiar scene. Janet was in the least uncomfortable, though, five minutes later when they stood before the purse counter. The young woman behind the counter who wore her blond hair in amazing ringlets smiled at him as she drew several purses from the case. She spoke with a marked southern drawl that Janet felt sure was affected.

"Now here's a little nubbah," she said, "we've been sellin' at \$10.85. It's a real bar-gain—!"

Jeff turned to Janet. "How about it? Do you like that?"

She shook her head. "Those clasps never hold. I know because I had one once."

The young woman behind the counter still smiling. "What color would like? Black or brown?"

Jeff looked down and saw that the purse Janet was carrying was black. "Why—ahem. He cleared his throat. "Black, I think. Will you let us see that one in the second row?"

It was an attractive handbag which they finally chose—a soft black leather envelope with a distinctive metal trim. The girl with the blond curls sent it to be wrapped in a gift box.

"I'm sure she'll like it," Janet said. "I think any girl would. It's so practical and a good size too."

"Well, Jeff said contentedly, "if you like it I guess it will do." He hadn't seen any information about the recipient of the gift.

He hadn't said she was a relative or just a friend or a sweetheart. Janet couldn't help wondering. She was curious but not for the world would she ask questions.

The young man glanced at his wrist watch when the package was delivered to him. "Sorry," he said, "it's later than I thought. I was hoping we'd have time to drop in at Hartley's but I don't believe we can make it. Where do you want to eat?"

Janet suggested a sandwich bar in the same block. They went there, found two vacant stools beside the counter and limbed up on them. Janet ordered a hot chicken sandwich and glass of milk. Jeff called for ham on rye with plenty of mustard.

"Well," he said, "that shopping business wasn't half bad, was it? You're the one I have to thank for that, though. Lord, I wouldn't have had the slightest idea what to buy!"

She street. Janet was glad that the Every Home office was further on and that she could go the rest of the way alone. She bought a newspaper from a boy on the corner, read the headlines again, and slowly re-read the paragraphs that followed:

"Miss Betty Kendall, daughter of Mrs. E. K. Curtis of — Glen Cove street, and Rolf Carlyle, advertising solicitor for the Atlas Advertising Agency, were married at 10 o'clock last night by Justice P. R. McCracken at Summit Ridge."

"Announcement of the marriage this morning came as a surprise to friends of the young couple. Mr. Carlyle, who is now located at Summit Ridge with Miss Susan Taylor and James Finlayson last evening following a dinner party at Miss Taylor's home. The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where they will spend their honeymoon."

"The bride is a popular member of Lancaster's younger social set. She was graduated from Miss Mayberry's School and has been active in the Junior Guild. She is a niece of Dwight Kendall, vice president of the Advertising Company. Carlyle formerly was employed by the Shraguer Sporting Goods Co."

A brief announcement. Only three paragraphs. "Married at 10 o'clock last night—Surprise to friends." "White Sulphur Springs where they will spend their honeymoon."

Janet read the words over and over. They danced before her crazily but those three phrases stood out, starting at her, while all the rest were dancing. She tore up the three paragraphs, discarded all the rest of the newspaper in a trash container. The mangled bit of newspaper was hidden away in her purse.

She had been walking slowly. She would probably be late when she reached the office. Janet didn't care about that. She didn't seem to care about anything in the world. She knew now that until the moment when she saw that newspaper there had been deep down in her heart a feeling that somehow, in some way, she and "olf would make up their quarrel. She hadn't recognized the feeling or admitted it but still it had been there. It had persisted in spite of everything.

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And so she went on. Mechanically. Automatically. She went back to the office, hung away her coat and hat and set to work. Bruce Hamilton was waiting for her to get out of the file of the Macmillan correspondence. She said, "Yes, Hamilton" and her fingers flew over the typewriter keys. She sat at her desk all afternoon and Hamilton didn't notice that she looked pale—more quiet than usual. Her work was as efficient as always. She worked until 5:15 and when she was in the door and said, "Good-night, Mr. Hamilton," the man only glanced up and smiled vaguely and said, "Good-night."

Bruce Hamilton didn't know that his secretary's heart was beating so fast. There were others at the Every Home office, but she was more perceptive. Janet knew when she entered the rest room next day why the buzz of conversation in the corner stopped abruptly as soon as she appeared.

Madeline, who operated the switchboard, was also a sort of receptionist, and the two Denison sisters were grouped around the dressing table. There was a pause and then Cora Denison, the older of the sisters, said with exaggerated casualness, "Oh Janet—you don't happen to have a match for me?"

Janet didn't and it seemed rather unnecessary to ask because there was a packet of matches lying on the dressing table. As soon as Cora saw them she began to talk rapidly about a suit she had seen in Marsh's window that was simply adorable.

Janet, surprised, and rightly, that as soon as she was gone the three heads would be bent together again and that her name and Rolf's would be mentioned frequently.

Even Pauline Hayden made it plain that she had read of Rolf's marriage. Pauline went out of her way to be friendly and considerate and though Janet understood that the motive was kindly it was as painful as the other girls' hushed comments.

The two days dragged by and then the third brought a surprise. It was Janet's birthday. She hadn't told anyone about it—at least she was sure she hadn't—but there was a birthday card waiting for her in the evening mail. It was from Tommy and Rosie Silvan and there was a picture of a woolly dog on the cover and a little verse under the flap. Janet couldn't remember telling the children the date of her birthday but Rosie was always asking questions. She must have told them and forgotten them at her. Sweet of the children to think about her!

The picture in the Times that evening under the caption, "At West Virginia Resort," showing a young man with a bag of golf clubs standing beside a girl in a white sweater. Both of them were smiling and beneath the picture were the names of "Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Carlyle of Lancaster photographed at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where they are spending their honeymoon. Mrs. Carlyle was Miss Betty Kendall before her marriage."

Janet saw the picture and forgot about the birthday card. The Silvan children had sent. Jeff Grant saw it, too. Jeff was in the room and on the table before him was a gift box from Marsh's department store. Inside lay a

black handbag he and Janet had bought.

Jeff caught up the newspaper and studied the photograph. He looked at it a long while and then dropped the newspaper on the floor. He opened the purse. There was a small white card inside and he took this out. The card read, "To Janet from Jeff."

For a moment the young man paused, undecided. Then quickly he tore the card into a dozen fragments and dropped these into a wastebasket. Half an hour later when he went down stairs he did not stop at Janet's door but went on to the first floor and out of the house.

He gave the purse next day to a stenographer in the office where he worked, explaining that he had gotten it "by a sort of mistake" and that if she could use it she was welcome to it. The stenographer's name was Dolores Callahan. She was little and had very dark eyes and usually wore a blue dress. She was delighted with the purse. She told her friend, Agnes Malroy, that she wouldn't mind going out with Mr. Grant.

"And maybe I will, too!" Dolores said with sudden mildness.

CHAPTER XXII  
Pauline Hayden entered the office where Janet was working. There was no one else in the room. Pauline came over to Janet's desk and said quietly, "What's all about? Do you know?"

"What's what all about?" Pauline nodded toward Hamilton's desk. "Your boss is talking to Chambers, isn't he? They've been going on for over two hours. Something's going to happen around here, I'll bet!"

"What makes you think so?" Janet asked.

"Oh—lots of things. I can tell by the way Bradford and Dally had their heads together a while ago, but they don't know what it is."

"But there isn't anything strange about Mr. Hamilton talking to Mr. Chambers! They're always having conference."

"I know. But this is different. Pauline picked up a typewriter eraser and toyed with it. "You'll see I'm right," she prophesied. Janet smiled, Pauline, who wouldn't for the world have asked a personal question, was always scenting such rumors. The fact that almost always they proved groundless never seemed to dampen her ardor. Janet herself didn't think it strange that Mr. Hamilton should spend most of the morning in the business manager's office.

It was Pauline's prediction, of course, that made Janet a little surprised when Hamilton announced later in the afternoon that he would not be down the next day, possibly not on the day after. He didn't say that he was going out of town, that he had other business, or make any explanation. He simply told her he wouldn't be down. He outlined some work that Janet was to do in his absence, told her he'd trust her to "keep the shop" and departed fully three-quarters of an hour before the time he usually left.

Maybe Pauline was right. Janet didn't brooder much about that. If anything was to happen she would know it soon enough.

The two days of Hamilton's absence dragged. There was little for Janet to do and she prepared to be busy. When she was bored she would very tired she did not have time to think. She avoided the other girls at the office, avoided Mollie Lambert and did not see Jeff Grant.

Then on the third morning Bruce Hamilton was back at his desk, businesslike and brisk as usual. He said nothing about his absence, but she noticed the change in his letters and was sure that his day's work exactly as usual.

Once that day when Janet was sitting at her desk typing she looked up to find Hamilton watching her. Her cheeks colored.

Hamilton said, "Miss Hill, how old are you?"

"Twenty-four," Janet told him. She had been 24 for just about a week now.

The man smiled. "Twenty-four," he repeated. "Getting on, aren't you?"

"I'm afraid of what I won't do near me! I've never felt like that!"

Janet said no, she had never felt like that.

For the rest of the day Mr. Hamilton made no more announcements. The conversation in that office was, as it always had been, concerned with the regular routine of duties. Whatever the reason may have been for Mr. Hamilton to wonder about Janet's age and whether or not she liked Persian cats, he did not disclose it.

The next day, Friday, and Saturday morning passed uneventfully. Janet stopped with Pauline Saturday afternoon, went to dinner at a new tea room and then went home to prepare a dress and write some letters.

She had just finished the dress and was putting the iron away when there was a knock at the door. Janet called out, "Who is it?" and went to the door to open it.

Jeff Grant stood before her. "I was wondering," he said, "if you'd like to go for a drive out in the country tomorrow? We could pick up Tommy and Rosie and take them along. We can have a lunch packed at the delicatessen on the corner."

"Why I'd love it!" Janet told him eagerly. "It's been— I don't know how long since I've been in the country. We can make it a real picnic!"

"Sure. Would 10:30 be too early to start? Have to stop for the kids, you know. There's a place out east of town I'd like to show you. Dogwood's in bloom now and it's a pretty sight."

Janet promised to be ready at 10:30 and when Jeff rapped at her door next morning she was waiting for him, wearing a crimson sweater over her blue skirt and a crimson beret pulled down over her head.

Jeff laughed. "In that outfit you don't look much older than Rosie," he told her.

It was so unusual to hear compliments from him that the color came in her cheeks. "I don't feel much older," she admitted, laughing. "Did you ever see a more wonderful morning?"

It was a wonderful morning. The clear, yellow sunshine made up in brilliance what it lacked in warmth. The air was crisp and fresh. "As though it had been washed," Janet said. The bright sunlight made the little patch of grass before the rooming house a brilliant emerald and the trees and shrubs looked so fresh and new, so small, fresh and brave.

Janet and Jeff climbed into the roadster and drove to the delicatessen shop. The lunch had already been ordered but to it they added marshmallows and lollypops because they were Rosie's favorite and they had to make a picnic. Janet exclaimed in favor of them.

They drove on to the Silvan's home and half an hour later were off again. Janet and Jeff frankly enjoyed the picnic as were the children. They managed to be less boisterous about it.

It was a picnic never forgotten. She was so thankful it over and over in months to come. The sight of the rolling fields, the dogwood trees loaded with blossoms, the odor of fruit trees, the sparkle of sunlight on the little brook they passed, the violets Tommy gathered into a bouquet for her, the smell of the campfire and the perfume of some magic songs of the birds, the children's laughter and the rush of the breeze against her face were part of that magic.

"Here out of doors," something seemed to say to Janet, "there is peace and comfort. Here with no roof except the blue sky and the quiet rest. Here is no noise, no hurry, no bother, no worry. Here is peace and comfort. Here with no roof except the blue sky and the quiet rest. Here is no noise, no hurry, no bother, no worry. Here is peace and comfort. Here with no roof except the blue sky and the quiet rest. Here is no noise, no hurry, no bother, no worry."

So Janet went back to the office Monday morning rested, and in a braver state of mind than she had known for weeks. She said "Good morning" to Mr. Hamilton when he entered and smiled. His letters had already been written slightly, slipping a fresh sheet of paper into the carrier of her typewriter when Hamilton spoke. He said, "Janet—I've some news for you. The girl looked up, startled. He had never called her Janet before.

CHAPTER XXIII  
Mr. Hamilton went on without waiting for her reply. He did not seem to notice that she called Janet by her first name. "I'm leaving the magazine," he said, "it's all happened rather suddenly."

"Why, Mr. Hamilton?"

"I know you didn't. That's just the point. You've let me impose upon you. Never complain! If you'd only reminded me that you were supposed to stop at five o'clock I'd have let you go then."

Janet was embarrassed. She said, "But I don't see what the magazine will do without you, Mr. Hamilton! Who's going to do your work? Who'll take charge of the advertising department?"

"It isn't all settled. Hamilton told her, frowning slightly. "I was coming to that. You see, this offer from Colman's came quite unexpectedly. I haven't talked to anyone about it except Chambers. He's arranging for me to get away immediately and for a time they'll carry on without naming a new advertising manager."

"Oh!" It didn't answer Janet's question. She was wondering how all this was going to affect her. Affect her, it assuredly would. How would she get along with her new employer? A stranger, most likely. Hamilton had been demanding but he also had his good points.

He was speaking again. "There's something else," he said, and hesitated. "I don't like to say this, but when my job is ended here I'm afraid you'll be left to yourself. You'll have to take charge of the advertising department. You'll have to take charge of the advertising department. You'll have to take charge of the advertising department."

Janet said nothing. She was wondering how all this was going to affect her. Affect her, it assuredly would. How would she get along with her new employer? A stranger, most likely. Hamilton had been demanding but he also had his good points.

"You're trying to tell me," Janet said slowly, "that I won't have a job?"

Hamilton nodded. "To put it bluntly—yes."

Janet glanced down at the typewriter keys before her. She had used them for over two years. She had sat at this desk, spent the greater part of each day, six days a week, in this plain box-like room with its plaster walls covered with maps and charts, its carpetless floor, its filing cases and rickety bookcase. It had seemed to Janet that though the rest of her world might rock, this part of her world would be secure. She had never dreamed that this could happen. Discharged? That was the word for it!

Her eyes raised, Hamilton was watching her. He said kindly, "I've been thinking about you. I don't like to go away and leave you looking for work. Jobs are hard to find these days."

"I'll find something," Janet assured him. Her voice was flat. "You'll give me a recommendation, I suppose?"

"Gladly! But I think I can do a little better than that. I've been looking around, thinking, trying to find a position that would suit you. One where you could be as useful as you've been here and where the work would be congenial. I think I've found it."

She was listening eagerly but she did not interrupt. Mr. Hamilton didn't like to be interrupted when there was something he wanted to say.

It was not quite the same kind of work you've been doing, but the work you'll be doing is different. It's with my sister. She's a widow and since her daughter's marriage she's been living alone—except for servants, of course. I don't think it's good for her. She's not in the best of health, though she's not in any sense an invalid, either."

"What she needs is a social secretary who can help her with the duties every woman who takes part in social and philanthropic activities has to deal with, and at the same time be a sort of companion. It means work—lots of it! It's amazing the time these women spend on their clubs and their committee meetings. Maybe they're not very efficient about it. I don't know. I do know my sister needs someone to help her in the position you're well suited for."

"What would I have to do?" Janet asked.

"Well, I don't know that I can tell you exactly. You would take charge of her correspondence—and there's a lot of it. You would make appointments for her and see that she doesn't promise to be in two places at the same time. There might be dealings with the servants for you to attend to. My sister entertains quite a little. It's quite possible that every day would be different. Do you think you'd like to try it?"

Janet hesitated. Then she said, "I would like to try it, Mr. Hamilton. I don't know if I could do it, but I'd like to try."

"Oh, you can do it, all right! I haven't the slightest doubt about that. Remember the other day I asked if you liked cats? Well, my sister has a Persian she's very fond of. Had it for several years. Buster's the cat's name and Buster will be around all the time. That's why I wanted to know if you objected to cats."

Miss Jamie Barley explained, "It's three years old now and such an intelligent cat—"

All at once Buster interrupted this conversation. Slowly he strolled forward and brushed against Janet's knee. He said, "Me-ow!" and then, lightly, gracefully, leaped back to his lap.

"Why, Buster!" Mrs. Curtis cried. "Why, did you ever see anything like that? Imagine, getting right into your lap. Buster never makes friends with strangers so quickly! Well, now, isn't that wonderful!"

It didn't seem particularly wonderful to Janet, but it did seem to settle on things. Since Buster had accepted her there was no doubt but that Janet was hired as Mrs. Curtis' social secretary. When she left the house a few minutes later it was with the understanding that on the following Monday she would return.

Hamilton seemed pleased when she reported this to him. The other girls at the office asked questions curiously. They wanted to know what a social secretary did. Would it mean going to parties and meeting a lot of swell society people? Janet laughed and said that it would make it easier. It didn't. Pauline Hayden urged Janet to call her up occasionally and she promised she would.

It was a busy week and the days flew by. At the office Hamilton was trying to wind up outstanding accounts, to get work done that would make it easier for his successor to take the reins. He had innumerable conferences with the business manager. He would let correspondence wait or sandwich it in between appointments and then Janet would have to work until nearly six transcribing her notes.

Mrs. Snyder regretted losing a steady roomer, "one who was always ready with the rent money and no trouble at all," but she took the news of Janet's departure philosophically. She had never, indeed, been one to tell others how to manage their own affairs. And if some day Janet wanted to come back she'd be more than welcome.

Mollie Lambert was more outspoken. Mollie was frankly envious when Janet told her about the new home in which she was to live. "Gosh, that a break!" she exclaimed. "But I guess you deserve it. Maybe you'll invite me out some time, will you?"

"Why, of course I will!" Mollie eyed the other girl. "That'll be swell. You know what I bet, Janet? I bet you'll meet some rich fellow out there and he'll fall in love with you. He'll fall in love with you and you'll get married—"

"Mollie!" Janet exclaimed. "Don't be silly! Why how could anything like that happen?"

"Why couldn't it, I'd like to know! Just because it couldn't, I'm going to Mrs. Curtis to work! I'm not going to meet any young men, rich or otherwise."

"Well, if you don't want a tabular dullness, that's all I've got to say. You—don't I wish I was in your shoes! Follow out your book, huh? I've read about 'em in books. And one time I saw a picture with a girl like that in it. Kay Francis played the part. Say—did she have a swell time—?"

Janet laughed. "But this isn't the movies, Mollie. Listen, would you like to see my cooking dishcloth? It's a beautiful one, isn't it? I can't use them and I might as well give them away."

"Sure I would! Say, I hope Mrs. Snyder doesn't rent that room of yours to an old crosspatch like the woman on the top floor. Always hearing noises! I'd be glad to have the dishes. I'll come in and get them whenever you want me to know and hurry away to get at her packing."

In all the bustle of extra work before the office and busy evenings at home Mrs. Curtis forgot to tell the news. She remembered Thursday evening as she stepped off the car and saw a familiar figure ahead. Janet ran forward. "Hello, Jeff!" she called.

The figure turned. "Oh—Janet! I was thinking about you. What do you say you want to do tonight? Would you like to?"

The girl's voice was regretful. "I'm sorry," she said, "but I'm afraid I can't. I'm going away." Jeff Grant stood still. "Going away?" he repeated. "What do you mean?"

(To Be Continued)

Miss Jamie Barley Weds Kelly Burns

Friends of Miss Jamie Barley and Mr. Kelly Burns were taken by surprise recently when they announced their marriage on December 29 at Carlsbad, N. M. Mr. Burns had been very successful in keeping it a secret. The announcement was made previous to their moving to Carlsbad to make their home.

They were married at the home of the Methodist minister of that city. FBI Gordon accompanied them.

Mr. Burns is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Burns and a promising young man. He came to this city about five years ago with his parents. He attended the first three years of high school here and did his last year's work in Portland, Ark. He has been employed by the highway department since finishing school.

Mr. Burns and Mrs. Lyle will follow the first of the week and will make their home there. They invite their friends to visit them on their trips to Carlsbad.

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CHAPTER XXV: Duak had begun to descend over the street in the gray light.

Janet looked up into Jeff Grant's startled face. She was remorseful. "I meant to tell you before."

Janet smiled. "Not very far," she told him. "You see, I have a new job and I'll have to live out there."

Janet poured the coffee and handed a cup to Jeff. Heat from the stove had curled the soft tendrils of hair against her cheek.

Janet leaned forward and said, "Listen, Jeff, I want you to tell the Silvanis that I'm coming out to see them just the same."

Jeff agreed. He told Janet he'd drive out for her if she'd let him know when she wanted to go.

"It surprises you, too," the girl assured him. "But it isn't as if I were really going away. We can see each other just the same."

Janet glanced at him. She thought, with a warm feeling in her heart, that it was fine to have a friend like Jeff Grant.

She spoke quickly. "We have had good times together, Jeff. I'll never forget them. And you've come to see me after I've moved, haven't you?"

"Whenever you'll let me," he told her, smiling. Almost immediately he began talking about the good times they had had.

He stayed for half an hour and then, remembering Janet had said she had packing to do, departed.

She told them all good-bye and then she hurriedly packed her trunk. She was a little nervous, but she was sure she would be all right.

Janet turned. "No," she said. "I'll unpack my things. When do you think Mrs. Curtis will be back?"

CHAPTER XXVI: Janet looked puzzled. "Why, who could it be?" she asked. "I don't know who could be calling me."

Bruce Hamilton and he had a message for Mrs. Curtis. He would not, he said, be able to keep an engagement for dinner the next day but he would be out later in the afternoon.

"It won't be like this later," she assured herself. "I'll get used to it—and besides I'll be busy."

She returned to her unpacking. She folded her dress and laid it away in the chest of drawers. She hung her dresses in the closet and arranged the top of the dressing table with two crystal bottles that were prized possessions.

When she had taken everything out of the trunk and traveling bag she slipped off her dress and ran warm water into the tub. She had a lazy, luxurious bath and then, wrapped in a negligee, lay down on the bed. But she did not sleep. There were so many things to think about.

After a while Janet decided it was time to dress. She arose and put on fresh underclothes. What dress should she wear? The maid had said something about dressing for dinner. Did that mean she was supposed to wear a formal dinner dress? She didn't own one. She could put on the blue crepe from last summer.

Janet looked at it and then she looked at the dress she was wearing. The dress she was wearing was a simple, plain dress. It was not the dress she wanted to wear.

At dinner an hour later Janet learned more of the household. There were four servants—the cook two maids and a chauffeur. It was Lucy, the younger maid, who had met Janet at the door. She learned that Bertha, the other maid, was a housekeeper in all but title.

CHAPTER XXVII: Janet stared at the photograph. She did not hear what Mrs. Curtis was saying. She looked down at the smiling eyes, the pretty, slightly pouting lips of the girl.

"I was a wonder she couldn't sleep at night," Mrs. Curtis regarded Janet as a marvel able to solve any difficulty.

She was considerate in many ways. There were always fresh flowers in Janet's room just as there were in Mrs. Curtis'. When the car wasn't needed for any other purpose and Janet had an engagement, Mrs. Curtis urged her to call Frederick and have him drive her where she wished to go.

At first Janet tried to make her days systematic. She found it was impossible. If nothing else upset her plans Mrs. Curtis herself was sure to do it. She would decide at the last minute that she wouldn't go to have the fitting at the dressmaker's. Or instead of having six guests at dinner she would decide to invite 10.

Janet untied the wrappings and drew out a handsome silver picture frame. Inside was a carbon slip indicating that the frame had been left for repair.

"It's all right," she told the boy who muttered something and departed. Half an hour later Mrs. Curtis entered the room and Janet showed her the frame. "Oh yes!" she said. "It's for my daughter's picture. The glass broke and I left it to have put in a new one. I'll just get the photograph."

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"You won't forget about sending the check to the Welfare Committee?"

"No, Mrs. Curtis, I won't forget." She was alone then. Mechanically Janet turned the photograph face up, unfashioned the clasp at the back of the silver frame and slipped the picture into place.

"So you thought you'd get away?" Janet jeered at herself. "You thought you'd forget?" She rose then and went to her own room. With the door closed behind her, sitting on the bed, her hands pressed together, Janet thought it out.

Jeff Grant looked up from the letter over which he was frowning and met a pair of very dark brown eyes. The eyes were smiling. They were set in a small oval face, framed in a slightly untidy mass of curls. A soft voice said, "Mr. Grant, could I bother you just a moment?"

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Program: The ghost writing on President Roosevelt's new book "Looking Forward" was done by Earle Looker. He is a well-known New England writer, closely associated with Mr. Roosevelt for some years.

Duel: The Huey Long-Carter Glass feud has developed to the point where pistols for two will be next order. Each day the senatorial cloakroom hears what will happen if either one goes a step further.

Deferred: Ten times a bride and never a bride is the deplorable experience of Swager Sherry. He has been mentioned for more big jobs in the administration than any other man and yet he never got any of them.

Newspaper: Ex-Senator George Moses is phantasmagorically trying to get Oden Mills and Mellon interested in buying the bankrupt Washington Post. Moses wanted to be named receiver for the property but is not a local resident.

PROCEDURE: Sulphur is a Mellon concern is untrue, that sulphur developments is a more hazardous business than that of oil, requiring perhaps 10 times the investment, and many similar facts.

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OFFICIALS: Depression has affected service clubs as it has affected individuals and businesses, he said, "but many clubs have seized these times as a greater opportunity for service."

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Alcohol In Motor Fuel Is New Plan

Creation Of Greater Corn And Wheat Market Objective

WASHINGTON — An entirely new approach to the problem of surplus crops is the proposed compulsory blending of alcohol with gasoline for use as a motor fuel.

Under the Bersbers plan, every gallon of motor fuel sold in the United States, whether produced from domestic or foreign oil, would be required to contain at least 10 per cent of alcohol manufactured from agricultural products.

The scheme is new in the United States, but the alcohol-gasoline mixtures have been used abroad for considerable time, for the twofold purpose of reducing farm surpluses and cutting the high cost of gasoline.

Alcohol is an anti-knock fuel and the blend would knock less readily than the present gasoline. Therefore, according to the experts, it could be used in high-compression engines. One expert said that addition of 15 per cent alcohol to a gasoline would improve its knocking rating about as much as the difference between the usual premium and non-premium gasolines.

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TEXAS TECH HAS ONE OPEN DATE ON GIRL CARD: LUBBOCK—Coach Pete Cawthon announces the football schedule for the Texas Tech Matadors complete with the exception of one date, October 7. Scheduled games follow:

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### Startling Facts Given By Local School Superintendent In Report To State Teachers' Association

#### City Schools Inspire Of Two Million Cut In Valuations, Reductions In Force And Salaries, May Have To Take Shortened Session

A vivid picture of the local school situation is painted in the report by Superintendent W. C. Blankenship to H. W. Stillwell, Texarkana, president of the Texas State Teachers' Association.

Charged full of crisp but nonetheless vital facts, the report sets out clearly retrenchments made in the past year to meet the financial emergency. It makes startling revelations.

Valuations for district school taxes were sliced from \$10,238,100 in 1931 to \$8,465,230 for the 1932-33 session, or a decrease of nearly two million dollars.

Prior to the 1930-31 school year per centage of taxes usually collected ran about ninety-five. For the following year it dropped to seventy-nine, and this year it hit a new low with sixty-two per cent collected.

Under valuations it was estimated that taxable assessments for the next year might be cut by a maximum of twenty-five per cent with a probable increase in delinquent taxes of twenty per cent.

The maintenance tax rate has been decreased five per cent within the past two years in order to meet bond requirements, and may be reduced by another ten per cent next year. Present maintenance tax rate rests at seventy cents against thirty for the bond rate.

All administration officials and teachers have had salaries reduced by thirty-three per cent in the past two years. Many of the elementary teachers now receive the same daily pay as labor employed out of federal work funds.

Along with this the total school budget has been slashed forty per cent plus for the past year representing a reduction in operation expenses in excess of \$68,000.

Meanwhile fifteen and a half teacher loads (the equivalent of as many teachers) have been removed during the past two years despite the fact that classes have increased about eighteen per cent over the same period of time.

In answer to a question asking how long could the schools here be kept open if the state apportionment per capita is cut to \$3, Blankenship estimated five or six months.

However, no scrip has been used to pay teachers this year, although they have been forced to wait on checks some months. The present school year will be finished without deficit if the state apportionment per capita is cut to \$3.

"But the 'if' puts such a figure as to cause much worry. Bankers cannot give loans and accept the apportionment as collateral."

### C-C Office Is Busy Place As May 11 Nears

#### General Arrangements Chairman Selecting Helpers For Big Meeting

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce office will be about the busiest place in town for the next six weeks in preparation for the entertainment of the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, May 11, 12, 13.

Maury Hopkins, assistant manager of the regional chamber, who has been named convention manager for the Big Spring meeting, has already opened his office in the local chamber, and will devote his full time to organizing the convention program, and assisting local committees in their assignments.

Miss Florence Henderson of Big Spring has been employed to assist Hopkins, and began her duties Saturday.

Manager C. T. Watson and his assistant, Mrs. G. I. Phillips, will devote a large part of their time to the convention preparations.

Chairmen E. J. Mary and Carl Elomshield are organizing their sub-committees, which will be definitely charged with the different local arrangements features necessary for the entertainment of the convention visitors. They expect to announce their committee personnel soon.

"From now on until the convention opens," Convention Manager Hopkins said, "we shall be in almost constant communication with our two hundred West Texas cities urging them to participate in the various features of our convention program. Saturday, for instance, we extended an invitation to the two hundred and fourteen high schools in West Texas to enter contestants in our My Home Town Speaking Contest. The invitation was sent from Big Spring by Chairman C. M. Caldwell of the contest committee. Rules and regulations governing the contest were mailed to all the school superintendents together with an entry blank. Over seventy entries are expected this year.

"Big Spring should receive daily publicity from now until after the convention in all the papers that serve West Texas. We are going to send from here daily news releases to all the daily newspapers and news services that serve West Texas, and once a week a budget of news will be sent to the two hundred weekly newspapers of the area. The publicity will be largely devoted to the convention program, but the city of Big Spring will receive much publicity about its resources, assets and especially about the entertainment it proposes for the convention visitors."

The convention program is in preparation. Two large group conferences are being organized with a possibility of one or two more. One will be upon Public Works and Emergency relief to which will be invited public officials, relief administration committees, and the new committees now being organized by the regional chamber of commerce. The other group conference will be on public expenditures. It will be attended by the one hundred fifteen local public expenditure committees of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, by the public officials of West Texas, and the public interested in bringing about more efficiency and economy in government. The West Texas chamber's program on this activity has received nationwide publicity and attention, and has been copied by many other commercial organizations. The organization of the county government will be principal problem to be given attention at the conference. A budget-making institute similar to those already held for the local committees will also be conducted for the benefit of the new committees.

Invitations are out to the following to appear upon the program:

They will lend their efforts and support to the above candidates so that the interest of all may be preserved and the welfare of our town be safeguarded.

"Again thanking you, I am, Yours truly," T. J. A. Robinson.

### Four In Race For Places On Commission

#### T. J. A. Robinson Withdraws; Two Places On Board To Be Filled

Names of four men, two seeking re-election and two others, will appear on the ballot for the city election here Tuesday at which two members of the board of city commissioners will be chosen.

T. J. A. Robinson, the fifth man who had announced as a candidate, withdrew Saturday and issued a statement urging his friends to support Leo Nell and J. W. Allen.

The incumbents who are standing for re-election are H. Hinman and J. L. Webb.

Terms of the other three commissioners expire next April. All are elected for two-year terms.

Mr. Robinson's statement of withdrawal follows:

"To the voters of the city of Big Spring—

"Realizing the present conditions existing in our city and town, and knowing that in the coming election there must be two city commissioners elected by the people to represent the city and believing that J. W. Allen and Leo Nell stand for the same principles of an economic administration that I stand for, I hereby withdraw from the race as City Commissioner and sincerely request that my friends assist in support Mr. Allen and Mr. Nell in their race for City Commissioners, and hereby give my whole-hearted support and sincere cooperation to them and to the principles for which they stand, and wishing them the greatest success in the coming election, pausing, however, at this time, to give my thanks to my many friends and supporters who have seen fit to run me in this race, and asking

### Texas And Pacific Consolidates Texarkana Terminal Facilities With Those Of Missouri Pacific

DALLAS (UP)—Consolidation of terminal facilities of the Missouri Pacific and Texas & Pacific Railroads at Texarkana, effective Thursday, was announced here by J. A. Somerville, vice-president in charge of operations of the T. & P.

Somerville said the agreement was made sometime ago when the Missouri Pacific took over operations of the terminal at Alexandria, La.

He explained the operations will not mean important changes in repair crews of the two lines in-

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; Vice-President John Nance Garner; Senator Morris Sheppard; Attorney General James V. Alfred; Merle Thorpe, editor of the Nation's Business; Lawrence Federal Relief; Jesse H. Jones, member of the Board of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, and former Governor James E. Ferguson.

### Essays, Speeches To Be Used In Effort To Aid City Schools

Plans are under way to conduct an essay contest and an extemporaneous speaking contest in the Big Spring schools for the purpose of stimulating payment of delinquent taxes.

The contests will be based on essays and speeches on the subject "Who Profits From Delinquent Taxes."

The contest will be closed Friday evening, April 21, and prizes, yet to be announced, awarded.

Elimination contests in the speaking competition will be held in the various schools.

The contests will be sponsored by the special educational committee of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

### 400 Millions Affected By New Decision

#### Wants No Veteran To Feel He Is Being Singled Out To Take Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt Saturday ordered reductions in veterans allowances totalling approximately four hundred millions of dollars effective July 1.

In a statement the president said "I do not want any veteran to feel he and his comrades are being singled out to make sacrifices," explaining that every government employe is making his contribution to the economy program.

### Girl And Boy Performers Hold A Rodeo

#### Any Lack Of Professional Skill Replaced By Much Fun

These schoolboy and girl cowhands gave a rodeo Saturday to raise funds for the traditional junior-senior banquet got a good sum of money and acquired their share of painful bruises besides.

For what they lacked in professional skill, they made up in comedy brought on by something that hinted of awkwardness, or better stated, stage fright.

Rueben Creighton took premier honors in the schoolboy roping contest with a prolonged fifty-six seconds. Elmo Martin, head man of the show, pushed him to take second place with one minute and nine seconds. They were the only two to catch.

Red Long did himself proud to win in the steer riding contest sticking with his nawkick in fine style. John Wayne Brown dug his spurs into his mounts hide and bounced home for second place. The kid who gave his name as Mexican and then went out to round all over his steer's back was awarded third prize. Of ten that rode, five didn't ride. They mingled with the dusty turf of the field.

H. A. Landers thrilled with an exhibition of bronc busting.

In the girls horse race Modesta Good took across the finish line leading by a very slight margin. Close behind was Betty Pat Barkner with Ruby Hughes scarcely a nose to the rear. Mary Lee Hill was a good fourth.

### Vealmoor's School Term Is Cut Short

#### Financial Difficulties Force Shut Down After Six Months

Vealmoor school closed its doors Friday afternoon the victim of financial difficulties.

After six months of school, funds had been exhausted and the school district is in debt for maintenance and lacks funds to properly meet bond and interest payments.

Local tax money for the district would not care for interest on the bonds, let alone aid in maintenance.

Teachers of the school have received only one pay check, however, they will be paid in six months as soon as state aid and apportionment money is received.

No other schools in the county are reported in danger of closing immediately.

### Big Spring Legionnaires Finishing Arrangements For Conventon Here This Month Of Sixteenth District

#### Convention Parade Scheduled For Six P. M. April 15; List Of Speakers Unusually Strong; Scout Drum Corps To Help

With less than two weeks separating them and the 18th district American Legion convention, local legionnaires are fast completing arrangements for entertaining delegates to the gathering here April 15-16.

With the exception of Carl Nesbit, state commander from Minneola, all speakers contacted have given definite answers. It is possible that Nesbit will attend.

Theo C. Thomas has taken up his duties as acting post commander during the retirement of C. L. Bryant, because of illness.

Registration of delegates will begin at 10 a. m. on the morning of April 15. Early in the afternoon a golf tournament will be staged with trap shooting coming soon afterwards. All day delegates will be guests at time during the day of the Ritz Theater.

The convention parade starts at 6 p. m. and will feature the legion band from Sweetwater, uniformed legionnaires and those with their overseas caps, and the Mexican Boy Scout drum and bugle corp. A dance will finish the activities of the day.

Pat Murphy, San Angelo, will preside over the business session the following day. Such speakers as J. H. Graves, department commander of Arkansas, Col. Bill Eastwood of Dallas, George Hughes and Shrimp Murphy, assistant department commanders, E. Pat LaTouche, district commander from Houston, George Broome, national committeeman from Amarillo, and V. Earl Egan, past department commander, Church call will follow. After lunch, another business session will be held.

### Regulation For Exchanges Urged By Texas Senator

WASHINGTON—If the government is going to control the business of the farmer it should also control the exchanges which allow speculation in his products, in the opinion of Senator Tom Connally of Texas, who has announced his intention of introducing an amendment providing for this control to the Roosevelt-Wallace farm relief plan when it comes up in the senate soon.

For many years Senator Connally has worked for a federal check on the activities of cotton exchanges, believing that the farmer can be aided by curbing the speculators. He has introduced similar proposals in Congress before, but they never been adopted.

In recent days he has been working on an amendment to the farm relief bill which would allow the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the cotton speculators in the interest of the cotton grower, and it is expected that he will offer it in the senate shortly.

### Candidate For Head Of TFWC Endorsed By Mother Of Local Man

Mrs. R. L. Browning, mother of C. L. Browning of this city, who makes her home in Houston and is very active in club work, has asked the endorsement of Big Spring club members for Mrs. Volney Taylor, of Brownsville, who is president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Taylor is now first vice-president of the state and past president of the fifth district. She is past president of the Valley Federation, of the City Federation of Brownsville and holds office in three of the most prominent clubs in Brownsville and Valley organizations. She has also served as secretary of the Permanent Headquarters Committee for three years.

### Judge James T. Brooks And R. L. Cook Move

Judge James T. Brooks and R. L. Cook announced Saturday they had moved their offices from the Petroleum building to Room No. 201 Lester Fisher building.

Mr. Cook is representative of the Temple Trust company and maintains his same phone number.

### General Pershing Passes Through City

General John J. Pershing passed through Big Spring Thursday morning en route from Tucson, Ariz., to the Pershing family home in Lincoln, Neb. He spent Wednesday night in Midland, where he stayed more than a week, some time ago when cold weather interrupted his journey to Arizona to recuperate from an illness. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss May Pershing. Sergeant Robert C. Schaeffer, orderly, is the chauffeur. The general was quoted as saying at Abilene, where he had lunch Thursday, that he was feeling some better since his six-week period spent at Tucson.

### Mrs. T. L. Touchstone Honored At Nice Shower

Mrs. T. L. Touchstone was recently honored with a wedding shower at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. Mitchell.

After the guests admired the many attractive gifts they were served delicious refreshments. Those attending were: Meses. Roy Hull, Joe Taylor, Earl Phillips, Sidney House, John Whitaker, O. L. Hoopwood, Neil, J. Y. Blount, E. H. Phillips, Misses Georgiana Touchstone, Mary Louise Burns and the honoree.

Those sending gifts but not present were Mrs. Jim Hayley and Mrs. A. Schnitzer.

### Sikes And Riggs Choices Of Scouts

Charles Ray Sikes was elected scoutmaster and Durwood Riggs troop quartermaster at the regular weekly meeting of troop No. 5 in the First Baptist church Friday evening.

The two barely noosed out Jack Dabney and Carlton Seabourne for the two positions.

Sikes engaged in practice for the jamboree to be held here in May. A unique "jamboree" signaling contest was staged, followed by a new knot tying contest, won each time by the Porcupine patrol. Several passed tests.

Those present were Buck Tyree, Dale Smith, Charles R. Sikes, Charles Ray Smith, Durwood Riggs, Ed Tason, John Stiff, Tony Lee McCoy, Paul Coburn, Jack Dabney, Howard McMahan, Howard Hart, Randall Lavelle, and Cecil Richardson. Visitors were Bobby Dabney, Homer Frost, and William Mann.

### Brown Trains Track Men In Absence Of Coach Obie Bristow

With the absence of Coach Obie Bristow, spring football training has faded out, at least for the present.

The mentor's father, Dr. Bristow, is seriously ill in Baylor Hospital at Dallas according to word received here, and it is not known when his coach will return.

In the meantime, George Brown is taking Bristow's place at the helm of the track team, preparing for the district meet to be held in Abilene April 14-15. Brown has just returned to his position after a brief leave to recover from illness.

### Former Local Pastor Visits Here Friday

M. Phelan and wife were visitors here Thursday. Mr. Phelan was formerly pastor of the First Methodist church here, being transferred to a conference in California. He served as last pastor in the old church building, and it was during his pastorate here that the present church building was started.

The family, now resides on a ranch one mile east of Istan.

### Man Wanted In Ft. Worth Gives Himself Up Here

John Turner, wanted in Fort Worth in connection with theft of sewer pipe, walked into the local sheriff's office and gave himself up Thursday.

"I am tired ducking the law," he said. He is being held for Fort Worth officers.

### Mrs. Harold Lytle Entertains For Mrs. Kelly Burns

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Jamie Parley to Kelly Burns in Carlsbad, New Mexico, on December the 29th, was made at a party and miscellaneous shower, Friday evening, with Mrs. Harold Lytle entertaining in honor of Mrs. Burns. Five tables of players were guests, and found diversion in bridge. Tables were delightfully appointed for the play, the bridal motif being carried out in the tables, bridge scores, and other accessories, emphasizing a pink and white color theme. At the conclusion of play, when scores were compared, high score honor went to Mrs. Harvey Shackelford. She was favored with a pair of silk hose. Miss Lucille Ritz won high in the cut, and was presented with a bride and groom doll for a what-not-shelf.

Preceding the refreshment hour, the hostess presented the honoree with a large number of beautiful and useful gifts that had been brought by the guests. Mrs. Fletcher Sneed and Miss Lucille Bishop sent gifts but were unable to attend.

A dainty one course luncheon, carrying out the pink and white color scheme was passed to the following guests: Meses. Lucille Ritz, Mogene Runyan, Margaret Bettle, Maxine Thomas, Lena Kelly, Emma Louise Freeman, Mary Vance Kenester, Inez Matthews, Theresa Brooks, Mary Alice Wilke, Vera Debenport, Theo Fuller, Lorena Reed, and Mesdames Harvey Shackelford, Jimmie Zeck, Alworth Moore, Adolphus Swartz, Tommie Jordan, Jr., Delma Ausman, and F. D. Wyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns plan to leave next week for Carlsbad, New Mexico, where they will make their future home.

### Easter Birthday Party Celebrated At Home And Park

Little Miss Virginia Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Terry, celebrated her eighth birthday Friday with a lovely Easter party at the City Park.

After the children had played many games they were taken on a long hunt to search for hidden eggs. Little Miss Dortha Dee Longmore was given a prize for finding the golden egg. Favors were Easter baskets and eggs.

After returning from the park to the home of the honoree at 1406 Nolan street, the children looked at the beautiful gifts and were then served lovely refreshments of cream and cake by Meses Flora Belle Williamson and Marjann Gregory as hostesses.

The following guests attended: Janie Marie Tingle, Wanda Neal, Doris Barwhite, Nada Ruth Bufington, Dorothea Lee Longmore, Ethel Maria Williamson, Betty Collins, Elizabeth Terry, J. H. Smith, Willard Williamson, Bennett Petty, Mae Pyatt, Thomas Lee Watson, Robert Bode, Billy Dunn, Jack Rice; Meses Flora Belle Williamson, Marjann Gregory, Mrs. J. C. Terry, Waucliff White sent a gift but could not attend.

### Episcopal Men Guests At Dinner At Parish House

The women of St. Mary's Episcopal Church entertained the men of the church with a turkey dinner Friday night at the parish house.

They served all the trimmings with the turkey, dressing, pickled beets, chow-chow, cole slaw, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, gravy, lemon pie and coffee.

C. S. Eismshild acted as incense burner at the evening service. The pastor, the Rev. W. H. Martineau, gave the invocation. After a toast to the ladies of the Auxiliary, Jack Hodges gave a short history of the church. W. R. Dawes reminiscenced, relating some of the struggles in the early church, particularly in rebuilding after the cyclone of 1886. Mr. Martin told where the various past ministers were today. The meeting closed with an informal presentation of church questions answered by Mr. Martin.

The men present were: Meses. C. E. Eismshild, E. V. Spence, W. H. Martin, Wayne Martin, Ray Simmons, R. W. Henry, Wayne Rice, R. C. Utley, O. L. Thomas, Jack Hodges, W. R. Dawes, V. Van Gieson, Turner Winn, Louis Biles, Seth H. Parsons, Carlson Hamilton, H. W. Leeper, Wilburn Barcus, B. D. Jones, Walter Vastine, H. S. Faw, W. A. McAllister and H. F. Johnson.

### Clever Dinner Is Given Cactus Club

A "depression" dinner was the form of entertainment Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hodges selected when they entertained the members of the Cactus Club at the Settles Hotel Friday evening.

The dining table was covered with a red-checked table cloth, and dinner was served family style. The clever menu consisted of fried ham, red beans, baked potatoes, cornbread, green onions, combination salad, apple pie and coffee.

After dinner the guests played bridge and drew weekly pencils and assignments. Stubs of penny pencils and the back of blank checks were "depression" accessories.

Mrs. R. E. Lee and her dinner partner, Miss Fern Wells, made the highest scores of the couples and received a 25-pound sack of sugar wrapped in a paper bag, and Mrs. Wendtaton made second high and won a 5-pound sack of sugar wrapped in a newspaper.

Miss Fern Wells was the only visitor. The club members present were: Meses. and Meses. W. W. Pendleton, Morris Burns, Homer Wright, F. C. Gilbert and Mrs. Lee.

### Connally Criticizes Reckless Lending Of Government's Money

WASHINGTON—Reckless lending of the government's money was assailed in the senate assembly in two powerful speeches by Senator Tom Connally of Texas, who had evoked strong commendation from leaders of the new administration.

"I am getting tired of trusting people with the government's money to do with as they please," the Texas senator said in citing the action of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in making huge sums to various so-called "self-liquidating" projects in several sections.

The San Francisco Bay Bridge, costing \$63,000,000; the Hudson River Tunnel, \$63,000,000; the Mississippi River Bridge, \$15,000,000; and the Jones Beach, Long Island, development, \$12,000,000, were some of the projects which were cited by the senator as propositions which were financed by the R. F. C. despite the fact that private concerns did not look with favor upon the proposed bond issues for them even in the boom years of 1928 and 1929.

Senator Connally's first talk on the subject last week was given when Senator Huey Long of Louisiana offered an amendment to a pending banking bill which would provide that the R. F. C. "readjust" all loans previously made so that the loans in all cases would amount to 90 per cent of the collateral offered. The amendment was rejected.

"I shall not vote for any bill instructing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make any kind of a loan unless it has adequate security therefor," Senator Connally stated. "We have carried this thing of charity in the making of loans to everybody to such an extent that practically everybody is now looking to the Federal Treasury to finance their institution or to finance themselves. Let me warn senators that this financial honey-moon will not last forever. There will come a day some time. The banks which are borrowing money from the R. F. C. will some day be called upon to make settlement for these billions of dollars that we are pouring out through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation."

"All the money which we are handing out through R. F. C. forms a part of the five-billion dollar deficit which we are piling up on the banks of the American taxpayers every day in the year."

On the following day, Senator Connally called the attention of the senate to the failure of the Department of Justice in the Hoover administration to prosecute promptly in the Harriman National Bank case in New York, denouncing the wild banking speculation of the United States in recent years.

Tracing the history of the orgy of lending money in recent prosperous years, Senator Connally characterized the practice as one of the major causes of the depression and he asserted that the situation would not be better by the piling the debt burden on to the taxpayers.

"I say to the Senate now we are not going to cure the depression by lending more money," Senator Connally declared. "We are not going to cure the financial panic by continuing to pour out money from the Federal Treasury; we cannot maintain values by this theory of pumping credit into industry and business. The only way to cure the depression is to stop the reckless lending of money. We are not going to cure the depression by continuing to pour out money from the Federal Treasury; we cannot maintain values by this theory of pumping credit into industry and business. The only way to cure the depression is to stop the reckless lending of money. We are not going to cure the depression by continuing to pour out money from the Federal Treasury; we cannot maintain values by this theory of pumping credit into industry and business. The only way to cure the depression is to stop the reckless lending of money. 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### Branch Has Disbursed \$3,604,999 To 370 Borrowers, Including Five From Howard County For \$33,735; Lamb And Calf Crop Due To Increase Disbursements

The San Angelo branch of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation continued to maintain its record of disbursing and approving a total of more loans than the combined totals of the Fort Worth and Houston offices of the corporation. At the close of business Friday, March 24, the San Angelo branch had actually paid out \$3,604,999 to 370 borrowers had approved, subject to inspection, 502 loans for a total of \$5,248,507.07 and had finally approved, but had not paid out, 462 loans for a total of \$4,844,347.85. The 92 loans, totaling \$1,239,347.79 represents the loans finally approved but which cannot be paid off until borrowers have perfected legal requirements. It sometimes takes a couple of weeks for ranchers to get releases recorded and into the San Angelo office so that the loan can actually be accomplished.

Authorization had been made final for seven loans to Howard county residents for a total of \$46,814. One of these amounting to \$33,735, had actually been paid.

Agricultural loans are coming in rapidly, a score or so a day, ac-

ording to reports from San Angelo. But not nearly so many of these are expected as at Ft. Worth and Houston banks. These loans are practically made by the loan committees set up in the various counties of the district. While all these applications must be formally approved by the board of the agricultural credit corporation, the approval of the county loan committee, which is familiar with the loan, is practically tantamount to approval, subject to inspection.

Ranchmen are too busy with shearing, lambing and other ranch work right at this time to make application for loans, but it is expected that at least a thousand applications for another seven million dollars will be made to the San Angelo branch as soon as wool is sold and lambs and calves are counted.

With 15-cent wool as an excellent prospect, and the largest calf and lamb crop in years already a reality, many loans which could not meet the requirements of the bank last fall on account of the fear of feed bills and a lower wool market, are expected to get the

approval of the board before July first.

Fifteen-cent wool will give the loans in the sheep country a fine start toward liquidation this spring. Fine grass all winter and reduced leases has cut the cost of ranch operation in this section far below the average of the last 10 years.

The Fort Worth regional credit corporation reported Saturday night that there have been 3,245 applications, amounting to \$1,507,452, made for farm loans since money for this purpose became available several weeks ago. Live stock loans are not being requested as often as they were. There have been 1,130 requests for a total of \$7,164,872 of this type of loan. Of the total of 4,989 requests received, 261 applicants have received a total of \$1,442,733.

Detailed report of the operations of the San Angelo branch through Friday, March 24, shows that on actual loans received Crockett leads the list with \$277,596.93, Presidio county, on the border, comes second with \$203,357.16, and Tom Green is third with \$205,259.09. The report follows:

County	FINAL Authorizations		Tentative Authorizations		Total		Disbursed Loans	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Andrews	6	105,593.16			6	105,593.16	5	95,793.16
Banders	3	8,724.00	1	900.00	4	9,624.00	2	3,385.00
Burnet	5	17,100.00			5	17,100.00		
Brown	2	9,911.15			2	9,911.15	1	3,863.00
Borden	2	22,650.00			2	22,650.00	2	22,650.00
Blanco	7	19,501.90	2	1,550.00	9	21,051.90	4	9,825.00
Brewster	13	191,488.09	1	3,180.00	14	194,668.09	11	163,298.98
Calahan	2	13,240.00			2	13,240.00		
Comanche	1	8,130.37			1	8,130.37	1	7,530.37
Crane	1	1,500.00			1	1,500.00	1	1,500.00
Culberson	7	70,025.00			7	70,025.00	5	40,198.00
Coke	28	109,584.32			28	109,584.32	27	99,969.37
Coleman	5	37,138.49			5	37,138.49	4	26,020.07
Comcho	2	19,676.09			2	19,676.09	18	180,187.28
Crockett	12	303,522.38	2	15,492.50	14	319,014.88	10	277,596.93
Dimmit	4	73,700.44			4	73,700.44	2	55,208.23
Dawson	2	22,650.00			2	22,650.00	2	22,650.00
Edwards	8	122,452.20			8	122,452.20	7	100,585.25
Ector	1	43,683.25			1	43,683.25	1	40,202.50
Fisher	1	4,494.75			1	4,494.75	1	4,494.75
Floyd	1	12,000.00	1	2,714.00	2	14,714.00	1	11,000.00
Gaines	2	11,000.00			2	11,000.00	1	1,000.00
Glasscock	8	53,340.34	1	13,718.90	9	67,059.24	6	35,324.97
Howard	7	46,814.00			7	46,814.00	5	33,735.00
Hudspeth	7	153,853.90			7	153,853.90	4	125,183.32
Iron	8	145,058.11			8	145,058.11	8	128,051.07
Jones	1	2,263.25			1	2,263.25	1	2,263.25
Jeff Davis	5	45,499.00	1	60,500.00	6	105,999.00	2	13,216.67
Kinney	9	141,758.27	1	11,300.00	10	153,058.27	3	49,419.48
Kerr	2	7,926.82			2	7,926.82	2	6,000.00
Kimble	6	29,530.00	1	50,226.00	7	79,756.00	6	26,237.21
Loving	1	4,598.92			1	4,598.92	1	4,756.44
Llano	4	3,900.00	2	9,490.00	6	13,390.00	2	600.00
Midland	2	13,620.00			2	13,620.00	1	13,250.00
Medina	7	35,677.00	4	27,668.00	11	63,345.00	2	1,825.00
Mitchell	2	99,700.00			2	99,700.00	3	34,197.67
Maverick	4	136,630.00			4	136,630.00	3	102,032.50
Mason	12	116,255.50	1	1,000.00	13	117,255.50	8	99,209.33
Martin	3	4,000.00			3	4,000.00	3	3,825.00
Menard	22	137,101.17	4	41,595.25	26	178,696.42	18	96,463.06
McClulloch	27	13,929.50	1	2,545.00	28	16,474.50	25	124,310.29
Nolan	6	41,936.11			6	41,936.11	6	35,611.66
Probst	15	344,439.29	1	70,008.00	16	414,447.29	8	208,237.51
Pecos	15	201,158.88	2	15,250.00	17	216,408.88	15	187,143.98
Reagan	8	102,966.21			8	102,966.21	7	89,264.16
Runnels	3	4,386.37	1	2,310.12	4	6,696.49	2	3,826.25
Beves	7	55,950.00			7	55,950.00	7	49,851.00
Terrell	27	13,929.50			27	13,929.50	25	124,310.29
Feb. Sabal	11	47,557.56	2	3,425.00	13	50,982.56	8	21,627.07
Stirling	15	81,526.15			15	81,526.15	13	74,081.79
Sutton	8	119,342.40			8	119,342.40	8	106,307.91
Schleicher	24	192,344.96	3	14,174.70	27	206,519.66	21	172,674.88
Tom Green	36	226,652.75	3	65,382.65	39	292,035.40	34	205,259.09
Taylor	2	1,253.50			2	1,253.50	1	995.50
Tarrant	8	102,700.53			8	102,700.53	6	75,696.54
Upton	5	58,293.91			5	58,293.91	4	49,718.91
Uvalde	14	138,394.15	3	8,100.00	16	146,494.15	10	70,725.32
Val Verde	10	175,695.12	1	4,000.00	11	179,695.12	8	104,719.47
Winkler	1	8,340.00			1	8,340.00	1	8,000.00
Webb	1	45,000.00			1	45,000.00	1	42,225.00
Ward	1	1,500.00			1	1,500.00	1	1,500.00
TOTALS	462	4,844,347.85	40	404,550.24	502	5,248,507.07	370	3,604,999.00

## Colorado Man To Hold Meeting Here



J. D. HARVEY, above, minister of the Church of Christ at Colorado, will open a revival meeting at the Church of Christ here Sunday morning. Services will be held at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. at the church at Fourteenth and Main streets each day through Thursday, April 13. Mr. Harvey has been the minister at Colorado for the past seven or eight years and has been unusually successful in congregational work as well as in evangelistic activities. Ted Norton, minister at Sterling City, will lead the song service during the meeting.

## Woman Member's Income Tax Bill Favored In Preference To Number Of Other Plans Include Sales Tax

AUSTIN (UP)—Rep. Sarah Hughes, Dallas, has two new feathers in her political cap.

The house committee on revenue and taxation unanimously reported favorably on her state income tax bill. Her bill, selected by the house from a lot of plans for ratification or rejection, or prohibition repeats had a few hours previously been reported favorably by the senate committee on state affairs.

The Hughes income tax bill was reported favorably by the same committee which Monday night discarded the sales tax bill advocated by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson and her husband, former Governor James E. Ferguson.

The Hughes income tax bill exempts the first \$1,000 for single persons and the first \$2,000 for married ones. An exemption of \$200 for each dependent is also allowed.

For individuals the income tax starts at one per cent on the first taxable thousand. It is one and a quarter per cent on the next thousand; one and a half per cent on \$3,000; two per cent on \$4,000; three per cent on \$5,000; and advances a half per cent a thousand to a maximum of seven per cent on all over \$10,000. Corporations get no exemption. Corporation income tax starts at two per cent on the first \$10,000 and is graduated up to six per cent on \$60,000. Half of the revenue goes to the state general fund and half to the state school fund.

The ratification bill was amended by the senate committee to advance the date to 1933. Delegates will be selected at large but the rival tickets put out by the "wets" and "drys" at their conventions will consist of a member from each of the state's 31 senatorial districts. These conventions will be held 60 days before Nov. 7, when the statewide election will be held. The tickets will occupy separate columns on the ballot and be voted for en masse. The delegates on the winning ticket will meet in Austin 45 days after the election to cast the state vote for or against ratification.

The senate committee on state affairs after reporting the Hughes ratification bill also reported favorably a bill to exempt from taxation the headquarters building erected at Austin by the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. A house committee reported favorably a licensed photographers bill.

The house by recessing last night kept its pending business for today completion of the departmental appropriation bill. Yesterday afternoon it struck out the entire appropriation for the state board of mineral development (handling Sabine River oil wells) and all of the appropriation for the state board of water engineers except \$2,750 a year to carry out the New Mexico-Colorado-Texas compact for division of Rio Grande waters. Efforts to strike out appropriations for the labor department and the state board of pardons and paroles were defeated.

The house appropriations committee last night completed its major appropriation measures. It totals \$7,700,000.

The senate by adjourning placed on its calendar for today bills that already have been passed by the house.

A man in Knoxville, Tenn., wants a carload of burros (just plain jackasses to you, Archibald).

No fooling. The Chamber of Commerce here received a letter Friday morning from a man in the University of Tennessee's home town asking whether arrangements could be made here to gather enough burros to fill a freight car.

Anyone interested in filling this order should see Manager Watson at the Chamber of Commerce office.

No, the Tennessee didn't say what he wanted with them.

Nor was Manager Watson exactly certain whether the request reflected upon Big Spring or Knoxville.

Mrs. J. A. Boykin left today for Fort Worth to spend the week-end with her daughters, Miss Peggy, and other relatives and to attend the meeting being conducted at the Travis Avenue Baptist Church by Rev. C. E. Matthews.

**Insurance Companies Oppose Principal Of City Securities Bill**

WASHINGTON, (UP)—The house judiciary committee heard and rejected argument from life insurance representatives and attorneys for municipalities over the Wiley bill, which in effect would allow American cities to go into bankruptcy.

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**Opportunity Returns Says Col. Ashburn**

Houston Man Points To Real Purpose Of Chambers Of Commerce

In the final analysis a Chamber of Commerce is simply a band of public spirited citizens working together to make a better place in which to live, said Col. Ashburn of Houston Thursday evening in the principal address at the annual banquet of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

Col. Ashburn, long a leader among civic workers of his home city as well as the entire state, addressed 180 men and women who crowded the large banquet hall of the Settles hotel.

Carl S. Blomshield presided as master of ceremonies. The assembly was led in a group of songs by Mrs. Bruce Frazier and Ray Simmons at the opening and the close of the program. A male quartet including O. L. Thomas, Wayne Martin, Seth Parsons and C. T. Watson, who holds that position with the Chamber here, had many of those present worried for a few moments. Mr. Blomshield pointed out before introducing visitors from out of town that there was not time for them to address the crowd. When Vickers was introduced he launched into what very quickly took on the earmarks of an extended speech. Watson began growling to the toastmaster about it and finally barked into Vickers' remarks by protesting his actions. The pair shot back at each other several times and Vickers started out of the room Watson took after him and they finally were "reconciled."

Among out-of-town visitors introduced were John Hendrix, manager of the Sweetwater Board of City Development and H. B. Davis, manager of the Pecos Chamber of Commerce.

Col. Ashburn was introduced by City Manager E. V. Spence, his friend of many years.

C. T. Watson introduced officers and directors of the local organization and Wendell Bedichek, the president, spoke.

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In his remarks Bedichek urged that the organization this year do everything in its power to improve rural-urban relations; that it place itself in a position that will enable it properly to know and help and protect the oil industry in an industrial sense; that it promote the cooperation and good-will between railroad men and business and professional interests and do its part toward protecting railroads from unfair and destructive competition; that it promote good-will toward Big Spring in her actual trade territory and do missionary work in potential trade territory and that interest in aviation be promoted to improve the city's chances of obtaining additional air lines.

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**Opportunities Ahead**

"This is a year when communities must get ready to take advantage of opportunities," he declared. "Industry has followed centers of population. The big cities have become unable to care for all their people. Therefore, thousands are coming to the southwest."

"We're not through as a country," said the speaker. "It is a matter of a few months, not years that will elapse before great improvement will occur. 'Mysterious ways God doth employ his wonders to perform.' We had built up a dynasty of dollars in this country that brought on concentration of wealth that could result in nothing except the conditions we have had. I wonder if the past two or three years' events have not been to guarantee redistribution of wealth? The happy reaction at the crucial test created by the recent closing of our banks has shown more than ever that this country will continue to overcome obstacles, correct evils and go forward," he said.

In his remarks Bed

### Under The Dome At Austin

**By GORDON K. SHEARER, AUSTIN, (UP).**—Recentment over an amendment by Senator George Purl to a fee bill has nearly broken up harmony among the Dallas county legislative delegation.

Five of the six Dallas House members felt they should have been consulted before Purl tacked an amendment on the Bexar county fee reduction bill to include Dallas county in the otherwise purely local bill. Only W. T. Savage fell in line with Purl.

Another peculiar twist was encountered when Rep. Preston Anderson of San Antonio was forced to support the Purl amendment, in which he personally had no interest, in order to shove through his own interests. Thus, the five Dallas representatives had not only to combat their own brothers but to take a "kick" at Anderson.

Sixty members of the House were content to sit back and "umpire" the tiff, turning on the white light (which means "present" and not voting) when a vote was taken on recommending the bill.

State Senator Ben O'Neal, Wichita Falls, back from an interstate commerce commission see on conflicting taxation, believes the federal government will soon give up its emergency gasoline tax, leaving gasoline taxes as an exclusive field for states. That course was recommended by the commission. It proposed that no additional state tobacco taxes be levied for fear of diminishing federal revenue from this source.

Congress was requested to leave electrical energy taxes to states and states recommended to leave beer taxes, except for regulatory purposes, to the national government. Further investigation of general sales taxes was ordered before the commission makes recommendations. The commission also went on record in favor of federal and state compacts.

Rep. Lonnie Aup, Carthage, is gradually training members of the House in the correct pronunciation of Sabine. Many members say SABINE river, but Aup reminds them it is *SABINE*.

Possible revival of the movement for a state road bond issue is seen in recent developments at Austin, heightened by the secrecy that a senator sought to impose upon them.

The State Highway Commission at their last meeting told delegation that after a delegation that the President's reforestation plan was not worth a whoop so far as helping Texas is concerned. They were advised that if they want to help in Texas, Texas members of congress be urged to provide for road work. Then came the movement to send a legislative representative to Washington to confer with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and concurrently, the announcement that a \$20,000,000 unemployment relief bond issue has been discussed.

Prospects of extension of the legislature's session beyond 120 days are growing stronger. May 10 is the time for expiration, but indications are that many measures will not be complete at that time.

Of course those not reached can be allowed to die on the calendar. But some of those due to be in that condition are revenue bills. If time is not extended to pass them, the treasury will empty quickly.

Little likelihood of a sales tax being used to revive state finances remains. Rep. Harold Kayton has so far kept his sales tax bill from the general slaughter of such measures, but it faces likely defeat when the House committee finally reaches it. Kay's bill held back in committee to the bill favored by Governor Ferguson, differs mainly in providing that local communities shall share in the tax, thus being able to relieve local ad valorem taxation, as the state planned to avoid state ad valorem.

### Three New Tests Assured In Ector

With two tests drilling, Ector county, with three oil pools, soon will have three more active oil operations.

Fred Turner, Jr., and others are moving in materials for No. 1-A Adlis, in the northwest corner of the south half of the northeast quarter of section 16, block 43, township 2 south, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey.

L. G. Bradstreet and others have received a location made sometime ago by J. M. Cooper and others for No. 1 Elliott F. Cowden, 2,310 feet from the south and west lines of section 16, block 43, township 2 south, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey. Spudding is scheduled by April 10.

Landreth Production Co. and The Texas Co. are rigging up for No. 1 Holt, 660 feet from the south line and 2,522 feet from the west line of section 16, block 43, township 2 north, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey, set 10-inch casing at 1,205 feet in brown sand and drilled ahead.

Standing Oil & Gas Co. and others No. 1 Elliott F. Cowden, north offset to L. C. Harrison and others' No. 1 F. V. Adlis estate which came in last fall, indicating the opening of Ector county's third pool, was reported to be coring and raising alternately below 3,760 feet in blue. In mid-week it drilled

## Success Of World Economic Session Depends On Granting By America Of War Debt Moratorium Says Writer

Unless President Roosevelt can persuade Congress to grant a new moratorium in War Debts, before June 15, the date when the next installment are due there is no chance of a successful International Economic Conference this year. The statement is made by Frank H. Simonds in his new book, "The A B C of War Debts," published by Harper's today.

In this book Mr. Simonds repeats his testimony before the Senate Finance Committee that the war debts are dead because the United States can find no way in which it can afford to accept payment in gold and the debtor nations will not send any more gold. Today, therefore the choice is between cancellation by America and default by Europe. But since Congress and the public opinion are so hostile to cancellation, default, which means a repudiation must come in June if there is no new moratorium and American anger and European resentment resulting will create an atmosphere which will make international cooperation impossible.

Mr. Simonds admits that if Europe does not pay the American taxpayer will have to but he says that will not mean a new shifting of the burden to American shoulders since we have so far lent Europe all the money it has paid, we have always carried the burden. He agrees that the debt settlements were just and even generous. That the American people are entitled to payment in full, that it is the duty of the Roosevelt Administration to collect if it can. But he asserts that no way of collecting debts without destroying American foreign or domestic trade has ever been suggested or extolled.

Calvin Coolidge's statement that "They hired the money" was mistaken, Mr. Simonds declares, because no money went to Europe. We lent the Allies not cash but supplies, munitions, foodstuffs, raw materials and took their notes for these. But the United States Treasury paid the proceeds of the Liberty Loans and war taxes to the American farmer and manufacturer who provided the goods.

The Allied countries could accept these things, in fact without them they might have lost the war, because their own industry was paralyzed and their manpower in the trenches. After Europe had made peace if the United States had gone to war with Japan, we could have taken back the goods and supplies because our own production would have been paralyzed in the same fashion. But we stayed at peace and went on producing. We didn't want European goods but European markets in which to sell more and more of our own goods.

But Europe could only pay us in gold and by transporting our exports and entertaining our tourists. And all that the debtor nations earned that year, they spent in the United States to pay for the things they were buying in regular trade. Between 1920 and 1930 world bought half a billion more of us than we took of it. We lent them the money for this. Instead of collecting any debts after the war we went on spending. To collect their war debts and private debts—not the principal but just the interest we should have had between 1920 and 1930 to set \$7,000,000,000 less than we actually did or buy \$7,000,000,000 more ahead.

It is a mistake to say that Europe can't pay or is unwilling to pay. But it is just as big a mistake to say that Europe can pay us in anything but her goods. Before the Great Depression the world owed Britain \$20,000,000,000 and was paying in goods but as a result Britain had \$200,000,000 on the dole and the number was steadily increasing. We could be paid too, if we were willing to see our workingmen idle at the same time.

May Have Surplus A creditor nation must have a trade surplus, because it must be paid in goods, but we have had an export surplus ever since the war and have tried to preserve it. Hence there was no way to be paid and there is still no way. To reduce our own tariffs now, to abandon our ship subsidies and thus sacrifice our merchant marine would permit Europe to pay us, but it would add enormously to domestic unemployment and depression.

"Buy American" Mr. Simonds pronounces the most absurd of all the absurdities surrounding the debt question. For every time an American substitutes a domestic for a foreign article, a European has to do the same, for foreigners can only pay for our goods as we buy theirs. Before the "Buy American" campaign began, he says by way of illustration, Europe was taking our jack knives and we were buying its tops. We began to buy de septic tops but they had to turn to domestic jack knives. Our top business was helped, our jack knife industry crushed, but where was the real gain?

In commenting upon Mr. Simonds' forecast that "The War debts are as dead as Fenian bonds" his publishers call attention to other occasions when he called the turn in foreign events, notably his prophecy of the certainty of war breaking out July 25, 1914 and about the nature of the peace treaty made in April, 1928. Pointing out the fashion in which the things he forecast in his "Can Europe Keep the Peace?" have also come true, they recall a Washington characterization of him as "The pessimist whose words come true."

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The district 8 Interscholastic League meet will be held in Abilene April 7-8 and 14-15 according to announcements received here. The tennis tournament will be held on Simmons University Courts on Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8. Tennis contestants will report on Thursday evening, April 6, later than 10 o'clock Friday morning, April 7, where play will begin immediately.

Couch Wayne Mathews has entered three players in tennis, two boys and one girl. Harry Jordan and Joe Davis will team together in the boys division, while Doris Smith will attempt to uphold the feminine section. Big Spring will not have an entry in the girls doubles. Doris was eliminated in the second round at the district meet last year.

Mathews expects Jordan and Davis to go plus this year, providing Joe doesn't break another leg. Harry and Joe have shown splendid form this season, and with plenty of practice in high winds, they will enter the meet as favorites.

The literary, track and field events will be held April 14-15. Only first and second places in each county in each track and field events, Class A and Class B, will be permitted to compete in the district meet, due to the fact that there are sixteen units in District 8.

A new event, high school boys' and girls' junior declamation has been added this year. There will be a javelin throw held as usual, and to the discredit of several district officials, there will not be a 440 yard relay. No substitution will be allowed in individual events, however a substitution may be made to fill a vacancy on a team.

Makers Of Tires Changing Policy

AKRON.—The Hood Tire Corporation, Akron, Ohio, has announced change in policies governing the distribution and sale of Hood tires effective March 21.

Only two lines of automobile tires and one truck tire line will be sold by Hood, making possible substantial economies in distributing and inventory costs and generally simplifying the business for both the corporation and its distributing organization, according to company officials.

The program was adopted, Hood executives said, after careful consideration of the many problems now confronting the tire industry and in the effort to permit dealers to stock two complete lines of tires in all sizes, a practice now almost impossible.

The Hood statement said that in the opinion of the company's management, the consumer public was generally confused by the many tires offered bearing various brands of widely-differing quality and that the new plan would clarify tire buyers' understanding of both prices and product.

Revisions in price will now be possible on a sound economic basis due to the direct savings resulting from this constructive merchandising reform, Hood officials stated.

Flewellen's Service is local dealer in Hood Tire Corporation products.

Lower Taxes Battle Cry In Many States

Legislatures Being Pressed To Lower Costs Of Government

CHICAGO, Ill. (UP)—Tax reductions is the battle cry in the several State Legislatures and apparently the State taxpayers can look forward to reductions approximating at least \$100,000,000.

In some States, however, the tax structure remained untouched; in others, new forms, particularly sales and beer taxes, have been voted to reduce other taxes, and in a few the taxpayer will be harassed to meet unbalanced budgets.

A survey of tax legislation showed:

New York—Increased gasoline taxes, sales tax, higher gross income tax and lower income tax exemptions considered because of \$100,000,000 deficit.

Illinois—Three per cent sales tax effective, beer and licensing tax voted. Economies expected to reduce other forms of taxes.

Iowa—Ten million dollars already saved and \$15,000,000 additional reduction sought.

Michigan Plans Sales Tax Michigan—Proposed to cut down \$12,000,000 annually on the budget and to reduce school and property

taxes through substituting sales tax.

North Dakota—7 1/2 per cent budget halved to \$5,000,000; 2 per cent sales tax and 2 per cent property tax plan enacted; tax levy to be set by board of equalization later.

Georgia—Cigarette tax automatically fell off from 20 to 10 per cent April 1 by previous legislation; sales tax defeated; no mobile license fees reduced to save about \$3,500,000 through Governor's order.

New Jersey—Mandatory appropriations by municipalities and counties repealed with estimated savings of \$7,000,000; additional \$5,000,000 expected to be saved through a law permitting towns in 1933 to appropriate only half their school budgets.

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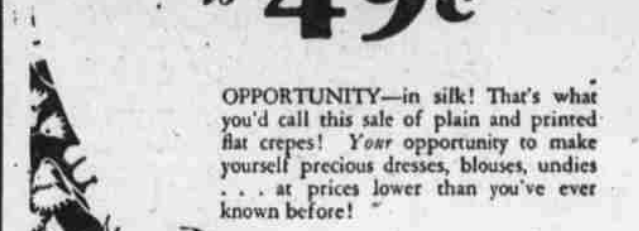
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