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# Witnesses Tell Of Knock-Down, Drag-Out Fights

## JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL OPERETTA TO BE STAGED HERE FRIDAY NITE

The Eastland Junior High School is presenting for the second consecutive year, a juvenile operetta. This year's production is "Sleepy Head" and promises to be fully as good in song and plot as "Streamlined Cinderella," last year's production. It will be presented Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

According to W. C. Robinson, principal, the production and direction is in the hands of Mrs. Harry Walter and Mrs. Joe Stephen. Each student was given a try-out before any work was done on the operetta and sixty were selected for the various parts. This selection was based on first, the ability to sing, and second, the speaking voice.

The story or plot of "Sleepy Head" is based on the inability of Dopey, played by Charles Collins, to stay awake at any time. Instead of pursuing the activities of a normal boy, Dopey always goes to sleep and misses out on lots of fun. That indeed is unfortunate even if only in story form.

Judy, played by Joy Lynn Robinson, decides to give a party and Dopey, as usual, is asked but fails to appear. He finally comes late accompanied by Ivy, who is La-Quita Fields. He is not particularly interested in the party and at times almost falls asleep standing up. All of the guests try to entertain him and even accuse him of being related to the original sleepy head Rip Van Winkle.

He becomes so interested in reading the story that he does not leave with the others when refreshments are announced. Even the story seems to fatigue him so he falls asleep in the living room. The stage lights go out and suddenly several gnomes appear under a weird blue light and accuse Dopey so realistically that he is Old Rip Van Winkle that even a beard appears on his face. They vanish then as mysteriously as they appeared.

Judy and her guests reappear then and find the scared Dopey who really thinks he is Rip Van Winkle. They convince him that he is not. But he has been so badly frightened that he tells them all that he will reform and no longer will be contented being called Dopey. "Just call me Pepper, or Pep for Short" he says as the curtain falls.

The leads in the operetta are played by Joy Lynn Robinson, La-Quita Fields and Charles Collins. Close friends are Lou Ann Corbell, Pat Linkenhoger, Eabeth Quinn, Jimmy Payne, W. C. Brasher, Harlan Herring, Neil Van Geem, Jeanne Vermillion and Virginia McCord.

Members of the chorus are: Ruth Justice, Olga Segovia, Jeanette Chapman, Billie Jo Trout, Donna Porter, Carol Ann Hill, Joan Liles, Joe Pruet, Jerry Fisher, Harold Armstrong, Melvin Crabtree, Paul Gattis, Bobby Isbell, and Harvey Wilson.

Several specialty numbers have been incorporated in the operetta and include a square dance set which has been coached by Jo Lee Williams. They are Jeanette Caton, Sandra Potts, Janis Little, Donna Mosier, Cecil Hollifield, C. W. Hoffman, Jr., Don Smith and Jimmy Pipkin. Caller is Jimmy Payne.

Another feature number is that of the "Little Sisters" who want to come to the party but are too young. However, they are allowed to remain after they sing "Please let us Stay." The little sisters are Jeanne Hamrick, Doris Day, Jeanette McCrary, Joan Babbitt and Emma Lee Miller.

Shirley Alford, who plays the part of the maid in the home of Judy where the party is being held invites the guests to refreshments with a pretty solo dance.

The games are Harry Walter, who portrays the spirit of Hendrik Hudson assisted by Benny Warren, Alpha Elder, Neal Edwards, A. B. Cornelius, Jr., Raymond Soto and Larry Tankersley. The stage managers who are doing a very excellent job are headed by LaVerne Meroney, assisted by Don Harris, Gerald Ables and George Harris.

The ushers are Norma Sue Gouley, Gwen Sherill, Mildred Thompson, Louelle Lewis, Hazel Spindler, Leona Ellis and Marjorie Franklin.

The music and lyrics of the song "Please let us stay" sung by the

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For Good Used Cars (Trade-ins on the new Olds) Osborne Motor Company, Eastland

### SHARE IN DEMOCRACY

ONLY 4 MORE DAYS TO PAY YOUR POLL TAX

## Golf Course Officers To Be Elected

Officers of the Lakeside Country Club of Eastland will be elected in a meeting Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the Connelley Hotel, Hood King, president of the Eastland Quarterback Club, has announced.

The new nine-hole golf course, located north of the city limits near Eastland Lake, was sponsored by the Quarterback Club. While the course was under construction, Quarterback Club committees directed activities.

A twenty-five year lease between the City of Eastland and the Quarterback Club was signed this morning, whereby the club agreed to pay \$50 annual rent of the property. The agreement also includes a twenty-five year option to buy clause. The document was signed for the City by Mayor W. W. Linkenhoger.

King stated the golf course automatically becomes separated from the Quarterback Club upon signing of the contract with the City. When election of officers Sunday, the course will be operated entirely separate from the sponsoring Quarterback Club.

The Country Club will be incorporated just as soon as a charter may be secured from Austin.

A number of openings remain for charter membership in the Lakeside Country Club at a cost of \$50 annually. This amount may be paid in \$12.50 quarterly amounts, if desired, or all cash at time of joining. The first 150 to join will be eligible as charter members.

The membership committee includes Neil Day, Gayland Poe, Don Hill, Cecil Hollifield and King.

All members and prospective members are urged to attend Sunday afternoon, but only members will have a vote in the election of officers.

## Collie Appeals For Suggestions On Money Raising

T. M. Collie, state representative from Eastland County, has issued the following statement:

"Governor Shivers has issued a proclamation convening the 51st Legislature in special session on January 31st to consider the needs of our eleemosynary institutions. He has stated that the only purpose of the session will be to make appropriations for the year ending Sept. 1, 1951, and to meet the needs for additional housing facilities for the mental patients.

That something must be done to alleviate the deplorable conditions is apparent to all.

I have heretofore expressed my views as to the solution of the problems, but I would welcome the views of the people of Eastland County, as I certainly do not claim to know all the answers. Your suggestions and recommendations will be welcomed by me and will be given my careful consideration.

Communications should be addressed to me at Austin in care of the House of Representatives."

## U. Of T., Legion Study Burnet Plan

AUSTIN, Jan. 26 (UP)—The University of Texas and the state American Legion open a joint conference today on the long-range community development project at Burnet.

The Burnet plan, a 30-month experiment by the Legion to find out what can be done to make a single American Community Self-Sufficient, will be studied at the conference.

## Center Of Controversy



Rev. James W. McClain, rector of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Eastland and former Dr. I. Q. of radio and stage fame, has indicated he will risk contempt of court by refusing to testify in the trial of Mrs. Elva Moad for murder. Rev. McClain said he would decline to testify because a minister revealing information received in confidence would close the only avenue of persons in need of spiritual solace.

## Bishop Defends 'No Testimony' Stand Of Rev. James McClain

(Reprinted From Fort Worth Star-Telegram)

Forcing a minister to divulge from a witness stand information received in confidence would close the only avenue of persons in need of spiritual solace, Rt. Rev. C. Avery Mason, Episcopal bishop of the Dallas Diocese, contended Wednesday.

He referred to the Eastland murder trial of Mrs. Elva Moad of Cisco, where Rev. James W. McClain, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at Eastland, has been subpoenaed as a state witness.

Rev. Mr. McClain has admitted talking with Mrs. Moad after her estranged husband was killed. But the minister maintains she spoke to him in confidence and that he will not violate that confidence.

Under Texas law he could be sent to prison for contempt of court for refusing to testify.

Sending Rev. Mr. McClain to prison, Bishop Mason argued, "would mean that nobody could talk to their doctor or minister about anything in confidence."

Any private individual who has a problem," the bishop continued, "would want to have someone he could talk to . . . not someone to hide behind, but someone to whom he merely can unburden himself."

Bishop Mason thought that a resolution urging a state law exempting ministers from violating confidences from the witness stand "probably" would "come up" at the annual convention of the Dallas Diocese in Dallas Thursday and Friday.

Rev. Mr. McClain has indicated he would bring the matter up personally or would have some delegates from Eastland present it to the convention, "if I'm in jail."

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## Party Chairman Urges People To Pay Poll Taxes

Oscar Lyeria, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Eastland County, has appealed to the voters of the county to pay their poll taxes.

"The Poll Tax Law was not repealed and January 31, 1950 is the last day to pay your poll tax, in order for you to vote in this year's election.

All persons of voting age who were not (60) sixty years of age before the first day of January, 1949 must pay a poll tax. All persons becoming twenty-one (21) after the first day of January, 1949, and prior to the 31st day of January, 1950 must get an Exemption Certificate from the Tax Collector. All persons becoming twenty-one (21) after the 31st day of January, 1950 and prior to or on election day will vote on their affidavit that they are twenty-one (21) years of age.

Everyone should qualify himself to vote and carry out that privilege and perform that duty."

## Oil Problem To Be Studied By National Council

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP)—The National Petroleum Council the Interior Department's Adviser on oil affairs, meets here today with two problems uppermost in mind:

1—Oil imports which the industry feels threaten its health.

2—The threat of increased taxes as suggested by president Truman Monday in his recent message to Congress.

A subcommittee of the council has been studying imports for nearly a year. The heavy flow of oil from abroad has been prompted by the limited domestic production and by increased demand for petroleum both for fuel and machinery.

Several solutions for this problem have been advanced. They include a proposal that imports be limited to the same amount as oil exports.

Exports averaged about 290,000 barrels a day the last half of 1949. Imports average some 670,000 barrels daily, according to recent reports.

Council members also were expected to caution Mr. Truman and secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman against any drastic changes in the tax laws to cut down "depreciation" allowances.

Oil men now can write off as much as 27 per cent of gross income, but not more than 50 per cent of net, as operating depreciation on wells. They contend that this is the minimum needed to avoid "crippling the expansion powers of the industry."

## Officers Seek Cause Of Death, Identity Of Man

MULESHOE, Tex. Jan. 26 (UP)—Officers attempted today to learn the cause of death and identity of a man whose body was discovered in an incinerator at a cotton gin.

Sheriff Hugh Freeman said the man was about 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighed some 140 pounds and probably was 50 to 55 years old. There were no reports of missing persons in this West Texas area.

An employee of the Copley Cotton Gin found the body yesterday when he saw a hand projecting from a burr incinerator. The body was in advanced state of cremation.

## Ducats At CC Office For Show

A limited number of ducats to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth for Eastland County Day, Monday, Jan. 30, are available at the Chamber of Commerce office.

## CIO, CHRYSLER BRACE FOR LONG IDLENESS

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 26 (UP)—The CIO United Auto Workers and Chrysler Corporation braced today for a long, crippling strike.

More than 112,000 workers already were idled by the walkout and industry observers said another 48,000 will be thrown out of work if the strike lasts two weeks.

State and federal mediators hoped to bring union and company negotiators together again "as soon as they cool off a little."

Although UAW president Walter P. Reuther and Chrysler labor relations director Robert W. Conder said they were willing to begin new contract talks, there seemed little chance of immediate resumption of negotiations.

Each denounced the other's contract demands as "foolish" and vowed to stick by their "final and rock bottom" offers for pensions and welfare insurance.

The world's third largest automobile company was shut down when 89,000 production workers dropped their tools and walked from the assembly lines at 9:45 A. M. (EST) yesterday, 15 minutes before the scheduled strike deadline.

## DEFENSE BRINGS OUT DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES

Knock down and drag out fights between Mrs. Elva Moad, 38, of Cisco defendant in a trial of murder in 91st District Court here, prior to the shooting of her estranged husband, Emory E. Moad on September 4, 1949, were described by four defense witnesses this morning.

Court recessed at the noon hour, with trial to resume at 1:30 o'clock. The courtroom resembled a huge cafeteria, with all seats continued to be occupied by spectators who had brought their lunches.

When trial started this morning at 9 o'clock, following a night session Wednesday, a State witness, Justice of the Peace W. E. Brown of Cisco, was recalled to the stand. The action followed testimony by Chief of Police M. L. Perdue of Cisco, who declared on the stand Wednesday that Brown in effect told Mrs. Moad, after the shooting, she should have shot her husband "a long time ago."

## Judge Long To Head Chest Survey Here

Judge Milburn S. Long of the Court of Civil Appeals has been named permanent chairman for a mass chest survey of Eastland citizens.

Mrs. Marine Johnson-Johnson will serve as vice-chairman. H. J. Tanner, manager of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, who acted as temporary chairman, said "we feel very fortunate in securing the service of these two persons to head arrangements for the survey."

A mobile unit of the Texas Department of Public Health will be in Eastland four days, March 23, 24, 27, and 28 to make the survey which is designed to reveal any cases of tuberculosis or other chest diseases. The unit will be located in a downtown business building, with the exact location to be arranged.

## Wage-Hour Clinic To Be Conducted

It was announced today by Bill Braymer, a director of both the Texas Manufacturers Association and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, that these two organizations are co-sponsoring a special Wage-Hour Clinic here on Tuesday, Jan. 31 for all interested persons in Central West Texas.

The meeting, which will be held at 2 P. M. in the ballroom of the Wooten Hotel, in Abilene, will be conducted by officials of the Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Department of Labor from Dallas for the purpose of discussing and explaining the new national wage and hour law which became effective Jan. 25.

A two-hour session will be devoted to an explanation of the law, whom it affects, and how employers may comply with it. Following the meeting, private interviews may be arranged with the Labor Department representatives by employers with special problems relating to the new law.

Brown said that when he saw Mrs. Moad shortly after the shooting, he asked if the slain man came back to the house. She said "No" he stopped in front of Mrs. A. J. Olson's house" (a next door neighbor.) "I said for God's sake, Emory, leave me alone. He said he would get out and beat me to death. He reached for the door and I shot him."

Brown said he then said to Mrs. Moad, "if those facts are true, I think you were justified in shooting him." He added that since no complaint was filed, he didn't put her on bond, but released her on promise to remain at home."

Joe Lea Moore, Cisco druggist, that state witnesses identified as being with the defendant on the night before Emory Moad was shot, took the stand for the defense and denied having been with her on the night in question. He said he worked that night.

R. C. Farmer, former Cisco policeman, Mrs. L. Mendenhall, Mrs. Minnie Biggs of Elk City, Okla., and Benny Everett of Putman, described alleged "knock down and drag out" fights between Mrs. Moad and her husband prior to the shooting.

Farmer said he was called to the Moad home in 1947 and found the Moad couple in the living room. "She was crying. He was standing there rearing. He demanded to know what I was doing there. I told him I had been called. Moad said this was his home, his wife, and he could fight her or have intercourse with her." Her face was swollen, but not bloody."

Mrs. Mendenhall said she was visiting in the Moad home in May, 1947, saw Moad come in and beat his wife with his fists. The same fight was described by Mrs. Biggs, sister of Mrs. Moad. She said Moad came in and hurled insults in the presence of women that were there at the time. "He knocked a coffee cup out of Mrs. Moad's hand, knocked her down, stomped her, dragged her across the floor. Broke her teeth in the fight that lasted into the night. The fight was resumed the next morning when he threw her into the bathtub and out like a rubber ball."

Everett described a fight between the couple that occurred on Aug. 31, 1949, a few days before the shooting. He said Mrs. Moad's eye was blackened and her arm injured, but not broken, requiring it to be carried in a sling.

Looming in the background was the possibility that Father James (Continued on page two.)

## THE WEATHER

By United Press  
EAST TEXAS—Cloudy and much colder in north, cooler in south and west, occasional light rain in extreme east this afternoon. Partly cloudy and colder tonight, except in extreme south. Lows tonight 12-18 in north, 24-32 in central, 32-46 in south, except 70's along extreme lower coast. Friday partly cloudy and rather cold, except not so cold in northwest. Fresh to locally strong southerly winds on the coast, shifting northerly tonight.

WEST TEXAS—Fair, colder in Panhandle, South Plains and east of the Pecos this afternoon and tonight. Friday fair, not so cold in Panhandle and South Plains.

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## Medals Awarded For Heroism

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 26 (UP)—An 11-year-old boy and a 39-year-old newspaper reporter who lost their lives in rescue attempts were among 15 persons awarded bronze medals for heroism yesterday by Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

All 15 heroes recognized by the commission at its annual meeting were awarded bronze medals. Five

of the awards were made posthumously.

John Krupo, Jr., 11, the youngest hero recognized by the commission, lost his life while attempting to save a roomer from his burning home at Lost Creek, Pa., April 3, 1949.

The commission said that John was removed to safety by his father, John Krupo, Voorheesville, N. Y., but reentered the burning building in an unsuccessful attempt to save Charles Pronishon, 31, a student. He was fatally burned and died nine hours later.

## Junior High—

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Little Sisters were composed and written by Mrs. Walter, and "The Friendship Waltz" sung by Joy Lynn Robinson and the chorus was composed by Mrs. Walter with Mrs. Stephens collaborating on the lyrics, according to Robinson.

Robinson further stated that the entire faculty of the Junior High School and the student body have helped very materially in the making of posters, ticket sales and other work not actually showing on the operetta but which must be done to make it successful.

The help of the mothers and fathers in the designing and making of the costumes, the preparation of the scenery and stage techniques have made this show possible. Without their support and hard

James Waldron, Webster, Mass., a newspaper reporter, lost his life while attempting to rescue Stanley W. Nelson, 29, from the surf at East Sandwich, Mass., last July. Nelson was saved but Waldron was drowned by a strong undertow.

The commission said no silver or gold medals were awarded. In addition to the medals, the commission also awarded pensions totaling \$2,409 in three cases and death benefits of \$500 in one case. Awards amounting to \$3,750 were made in eight cases for educational purposes home purchases or other worthy purposes.



JOHN BEN SHEPHERD, 33-year-old Gladewater attorney, has been named one of the 10 outstanding young men in the United States for 1949 by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, the first time a Texan has been included on the list since 1936 when James V. Allred was selected. Shepherd gained worldwide fame during 1948 while serving as national president of the Jaycees. This year he won acclaim for originating the "Democracy Beats Communism" idea, known as the Gladewater Plan, which has spread over the country. More recently, he has been conducting a campaign for reorganization of the State government which he has dubbed "Our ex-cart State government with the fringe on top." Shepherd will receive his award at a banquet in Peoria, Ill., on Jan. 21.

## MOAD—

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W. McClain, rector of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Eastland, would be called by Special Prosecutor Frank Sparks tonight or in the morning as a state witness. Rev. McClain has indicated he will risk contempt of court by refusing to divulge the nature of a conversation between him and Mrs. Moad following the shooting.

Father McClain was in the Court house this morning for the first time since opening day of the trial Tuesday. His wife was taken to a Ranger hospital last night, with a child expected at anytime.

Justice of the Peace W. E. Brown of Cisco read the statement he said he took from Emory Moad as he lay in Graham Sanitarium, mortally wounded on Sunday, Sept. 4.

Brown said he asked Moad: "What did your wife say to you on the street?" The justice said Moad answered: "She said come on over and I'll whip you with this one hand. I told her I loved her and always have loved you and have taken good care of you. I still love you and don't want to hurt you. She answered, 'I hate you, I hate you, I hate your guts.' She then pulled a gun out of a sling she had her arm in and shot me twice."

Other star witnesses for the state Wednesday were the slain man's brother, Roy Moad of Cisco; his sister-in-law, Mrs. Irene Moad, wife of Roy; and his father, the Rev. C. S. Moad, 69, pastor of the Cisco Church of God.

Roy and Irene Moad said that for five hours between 2 and 7 a. m. on the night preceding the shooting, they chased Mrs. Elva Moad as she rode in a car with Joe Lea Moore, Cisco druggist. They said Moore's car outdistanced them in a wild pursuit through Cisco.

They said they saw Elva Moad and Moore at least four times during the period. One time, Elva Moad hurled a rock at their car, they testified.

Mrs. J. E. Culbert, mother of Mrs. Irene Moad with whom Roy and Irene Moad live, said she was awakened about 5:30 Sunday morning, Sept. 4, day of the shooting, by someone knocking at her back door.

She testified: "A voice said, 'It's Elva. Are Irene and Roy here?'" Mrs. Culbert said they were not. "They've got Emory," Mrs. Culbert then quoted Elva Moad, "they've pestered me all night.

work, "Sleepy Head" could not be produced. Thanks also are due the many business men for their aid publicizing the show.

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## HAIR-BREADTH HARRY



They were on my porch at 2:30 this morning. I threw a rock at them and I'm sorry I missed them. Tell Irene and Roy to keep their nose out of my business. I could whip all three of them with one hand."

Roy Moad said he and Emory arrived at his (Roy's) home at 7 a. m. on the morning of the shooting, and went to bed. About 12:30 Roy said, Emory woke him and said "I've just talked to Elva and she said she was coming down here to kill you and Irene."

Emory left and returned in less than eight minutes, Roy Moad testified.

"He drove up beside my house and called me three times before I could get out there to him," Roy testified. "He told me that he was dying and that she (Elva) had shot him three or four times."

Moad died Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Graham Sanitarium in Cisco.

When Cisco Police Chief M. L. Perdue was on the stand, a defense attorney asked:

"Didn't Justice Brown make the statement to her (Elva Moad) that

she should have done it (killed Moad) a long time ago?" "Well not exactly in those words," Perdue replied.

Special Prosecutor Frank Sparks interposed: "You mean to say that Judge Brown made a statement to that effect and with the same import?" Perdue said "Yes."

Defense Attorney Earl Conner, Jr., said he will recall Brown for further quizzing on this.

Allen Farley of Cisco, said the pistol used in the slaying belonged to him. He said he was out of town the day of the shooting, and the last he had seen of the gun, it was in his chest of drawers. When he returned at 2 p. m. Sept. 4, Farley testified, Elva Moad told him that she had gone in his house and got the pistol Sunday morning.

Mrs. George Sharp of Breckenridge, Don Johnson of Cisco, E. C. Forbes of Fort Worth and Mrs. Virgie Chambliss of Midland all testified they heard shots and afterward saw Elva Moad snapping

a pistol at Emory Moad, but it did not fire again.

Mrs. A. J. Olson, Cisco, a next-door neighbor of the Emory Moads, said as she lay on a bed at her home, she overheard Elva Moad talking on a telephone 20 minutes before the shooting.

"She was cussing somebody over the phone, and said she had borrowed a gun," Mrs. Olson testified.

Other witnesses were Dr. E. L. Graham, Cisco, who described the wounds; Sharley Joe Cooper, 18, Cisco dishwasher, who said he went through most of the night's chase with Roy and Irene Moad; Sheriff J. B. Williams, who identified the death weapon, O. G. Lawson, who notified the police of the shooting, Guy Morris, Cisco druggist who witnessed Moad's deathbed statement to Justice Brown, and Bill Rainwater, Ranger insurance man.

Rainwater said two weeks before the shooting, Moad changed the beneficiary on three life insurance policies from his estate to Elva Moad, personally.

**Room For Two**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—Mrs. H. E. Robinson's brother and cousin found an equitable way to share their bed, since they had been squabbling over who got the larger portion. They stretched a rope from head to foot and divided the bed exactly in half.

**Innocent Abroad**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—The Rev. Eugene L. Beggs of Alameda, Cal., will carry identification on his next visit to Memphis. He reached town in the midst

**Wears The Loot**  
ST LOUIS (UP)—George Beadles, 21-year-old Negro, broke a clothing store window and grabbed two leather jackets. Twenty minutes later, a cruising police car crew grabbed Beadles, who was wearing one of the jackets and carrying the other.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



## VIC FLINT



## BY MICHAEL O'MALLEY and RALPH LANE

## ALLEY OOP



## BY V. T. HAMLIN

## KERRY DRAKE



## MARY WORTH'S FAMILY



## The CAMEO

WHEN Charlie Reddy tried the big oak door at Bob's place he found it locked. He hammered on it with his fist. He rattled the iron handle, then pounded once more.

He heard a key turn in the lock. When the door swung open, Bob Knox himself stood in the aperture.

"Sorry, friend," he began. "Place's closed." He paused, squinting. "Well, look who's here! Charlie Reddy, no less, sleuth, barista and, lately, a hermit! Come in, sir!"

Reddy walked past the outflung, welcoming arm and Bob closed the door. His voice was going on in genial fashion:

"Law says nothing alcoholic shall be sold after 2 a. m., but it'll be a privilege to play private host to you, Charlie."

Reddy's roving eyes had paused at one of the booths where a white-haired head was nodding over the dark gleam of a copper cup.

"Old Tom's a fixture," Bob explained. "I walk him home almost every night after I get things ship-shape."

"Pretty far gone, is he?" he asked Bob.

"Well, yes and no. He's had only five of those mules since about 8 tonight, but since his wife died he seems to be in kind of a stupor that has nothing to do with alcohol. Like he was sleep-walking, kinda."

Reddy climbed onto a stool and glanced down at the perpetual fish among the perpetual coral below the surface of the bar.

Bob poured Scotch into a pony glass. "Thanksgiving's only 10 days off." He passed the whisky across to Reddy. "Water?"

Bob leaned his good elbow on the bar: "Out late tonight, aren't you? Case getting you boys down? No solution yet?"

Reddy gave him a wry grin.

"The police confess they are baffled, but are investigating new evidence in the case."

REDDY gave him a significant glance, quirked an eyebrow and made a concealed gesture toward Tom. Bob came closer and leaned across the bar interestedly.

Reddy narrowed his eyes, spun a quarter across the bar and asked casually:

"How about some nickels for the juke box?"

Bob handed him change and watched him walk over to the machine, insert the coins and punch five buttons at random.

A bolero arrangement spread a screen of music between the bar and the booths. When Reddy sat down again, Bob took an easy stance directly opposite him and went on polishing the stack of tumblers.

Reddy helped himself to another pony of Scotch. He sniffed it and spoke to Bob in a low voice:

"You know for certain that O'Neill was in your back room sleeping it off when Falter was murdered? Between 5 and 7 that night?"

Bob lifted a glass toward the light, squinted through it and wiped off a speck of lint:

"Like I told Chief Peters," he murmured, "I saw him go into the back room about 5:30 and come out again a little before 7 o'clock."

"There's a window in that room, isn't there?"

"Yeah, but like I told the Chief, it's stuck—been painted over. And it's high and narrow, more like a transom."

"I'd like to have a look at it."

Bob glanced significantly at Tom O'Neill. Reddy's eyes narrowed, and he drummed his fingers on the glass above the undulating fish. He slid off the stool and walked over to the booth.

O'Neill glanced up, eyes half-

closed, as Reddy placed a hand on his shoulder.

"Hi, Tom. I'm going past your place—like me to drop you off?"

Tom opened his eyes and focused them on the face above:

"Generous of you, my friend. Considerate, kind and generous, indeed. I most certainly accept. Shall we have a stirrup cup before taking the trail?"

"Bar's closed now, Tom. Maybe we could have a nightcap at your place?"

O'Neill slapped the table. "Splendid idea!" He struggled out of the booth and stood up, adjusting his coat and tucking his shirt more firmly into his trousers. He marched quite steadily to the bar.

"Bob, I shall take my leave. My thanks to you for a fine evening. My friend, Mr. Reddy, is driving me home."

"Hasta luego!" Bob called after the two departing figures. "The door is always open," he added with marked emphasis on the last two words.

TOM stopped outside to inhale "the cold, salt-freshened air: "The sea air keeps life in a man," he declared. "Wonderful place, Dolorosa. Clean." He climbed into Reddy's car and settled himself with one elbow out the window. He nodded his white head. "Clean," he repeated.

Reddy put the car in gear, made a U-turn and headed back toward Tom's studio.

"Tom'll feel a lot cleaner to me," he commented, "when these murders get cleared up."

"Murders?" Tom mumbled. "Oh, yes, murders." He leaned his white that against the back of the seat. "What're you doing these days, Charlie?"

Reddy turned startled eyes toward O'Neill. Now the white head was sagging forward, the chin resting on the chest. Reddy returned his attention to the road, two deep creases of concentration appearing between his brows. As he turned the car onto Dolorosa's main street, his passenger lurched against him and remained there until the car came to a stop in front of the O'Neill studio.

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You are invited to attend the regular meeting of the VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS next Thursday night (Jan. 26th) at the VFW Post Home on U. S. Highway 80 one-and one-half miles East of Eastland.

COLORED GAME: The Douglas Colored School will play the Breckenridge Colored School Thursday January 26th. Game time 7:45. Admission will be Adults 35 children 20c, at the Eastland High gym.

Stalls On Track  
FORT WORTH, Tex., (UP) — D. T. Viard, 51, Fort Worth carpenter, stopped for a train, but it was the wrong place—on the tracks. Viard was unable to move the stalled vehicle before it was demolished by a train. Viard escaped injury.

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PIONEERING POOCH—Faun, the seeing-eye dog of Anita Blair, 28, above, became the first dog in history to hear a Senate debate, after Sergeant-at-Arms Joseph C. Duke broke a long-standing Senate rule against animals by permitting Miss Blair and her dog to enter the galleries. Miss Blair, who was blinded 10 years ago in an auto accident at El Paso, Tex., is in Washington to protest a bill which she fears would put her out of business as a lecturer.

## Three Texas Cities To Hear Toscanini

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (UP)—Atruro Toscanini will conduct the NBC Symphony Orchestra in three Texas cities during his coast-to-coast concert tour this spring.  
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## TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

By United Press

BY UNITED PRESS  
AUSTIN, Jan. 26 (UP)—Gov. Allen Shivers left here today for Fort Worth, where he will confer with local officers and attend the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show opening Friday.

AUSTIN, Jan. 26 (UP)—Next Friday will be "foreign oil importation protest day" in East Texas, according to the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association.  
B. B. Orr, vice president of Tipro, said a protest day meeting will be held in the Wood County courthouse at Quitman for royalty owners, landowners and independent oil producers.

WICHITA Falls, Jan. 26 (UP)—One man died and four others were seriously injured in a two-car collision at an intersection west of here last night.  
Killed was Bloyce C. Floyd, 25, Electra. The injured included: Forrest M. Jones, Wichita Falls trucking firm operator.

The Columbi River is 1,400 miles long.  
ZEPHYRE, Jan. 26 (UP)—

Brown County's first traffic fatality of 1950 was recorded here with the death of Joseph William Hanks, 65, operator of a service station.  
Hanks was killed last night when a car driven by a 24-year-old A&M College student, struck him as he crossed a street.

AUSTIN, Jan. 26 (UP)—Master Sergeant Arthur Marroquin of Brownsville today received an award from Gov. Allen Shivers for his role as "Champion recruiter" in the Texas National Guard's 1948 campaign.  
The sergeant was given a hunting rifle with a telescopic sight.  
Company B at Harlingen, one recruiting company, received a special plaque from the governor.

SAN BENITO, Jan. 26 (UP)—Funeral services were planned today for Henry Durand Redmond, 25, the valley's best known polio patient.  
Stricken with polio in 1948, Redmond had spent every day since then in iron lungs and respirators. A year ago he made a radio recording of his life in the mechanical lung, which a radio network (Mutual) broadcast.  
He died Wednesday night in a Houston hospital.

Who Took Whom?  
FORT WORTH, (UP)—Robert G. Jones, a commercial photographer, went to take a picture of the "continuous membership" committee of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. He got it, but when he left, he also was the latest Chamber of Commerce member.

Too Much Sand  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—Sand buckets didn't spell \$50,000 to a federal court jury. Eugene S. Perry claimed he was hurt lifting heavy buckets of sand and sued the railroad for \$50,000. The railroad said Perry should have known better than to put 72 pounds of sand in a bucket, then try to lift it. The jury agreed.

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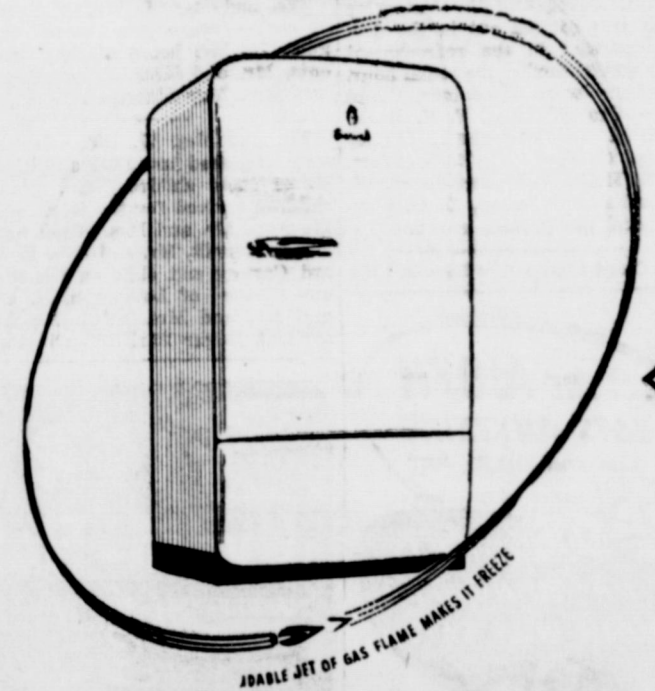
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# Woman's Page

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## Miss Marjorie Spain Honoree At Formal Gift Tea In Dabney Home

A group of friends honored Miss Marjorie Spain, bride elect of Mr. Harold Courtney, when they entertained with a formal gift tea Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Allen Dabney, 605 South Seaman Street. Assisting Mrs. Dabney were Mesdames Johnnie Aaron, Jack Lusk, and W. W. Linkenhoger.

Mrs. Linkenhoger alternated with Mrs. Baxter in presiding over the tea table in the dining room. The table was laid with a white cutwork linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of pink sweet peas and decorative chrysanthemums.

A tall silver candelabra decorated with white satin bows and sweet peas, stood at one side of the centerpiece and a matching candelabra decorated the buffet.

White cake squares trimmed in pink, mints, nuts, coffee and tea were served.

Assisting in serving the guests were Mesdames Robert Childress of Abilene Mrs. Steve Potts, and Mrs. Johnnie Aaron. Mrs. Frontias Jones displayed the gifts to the more than 60 guests who called during the hours three to six.

The wedding date of the couple is Feb. 4th and will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spain 712 West Commerce Street. Mr. Claud Smith of Weatherford, former Eastland Church of Christ minister will officiate.

In Hagerstown, Md., it is illegal to cross the street on a rope suspended above the street, according to The American Magazine.

## Ed T. Cox Talks On History Of Eastland, Here

Ed T. Cox gave a resume of the History of Eastland for the members of the Eastland County 50 Year Pioneer Club at their meeting Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Jones.

The group enjoyed a covered dish luncheon. Mrs. Jones presided over the short business session and appointed Mesdames Maud Braly, Ora B. Jones, and Minnie Love on the membership committee.

Announcement was made of the next meeting on Feb. 28th in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mullings.

Present were Mesdames Ora B. Jones, W. H. Mullings, Julia Weston, Maud Braly, Minnie Love, Ida Morris, W. S. Barber, Sallie Hill, J. A. Beard, Hannah Lindsey, L. J. Killough, E. E. Wood, T. M. Johnson, Ida Harris and the following guests Mr. and Mrs. Ed T. Cox, E. E. Wood, J. A. Beard, W. H. Mullings, Joan Steele of Walters, Okla. who also told of Eastland's good old days, Mrs. Russell Hill and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

## Mrs. O. M. White Hostess To S. S. Class Party

Members of the Martha Dorcus Class of the First Methodist church met in the home of Mrs. O. M. White at the Leon Plant for their monthly social and business meeting.

Mrs. Guy Quinn and Mrs. Roy Stokes were co-hostesses. Mrs. Quinn greeted guests at the door. Mrs. B. O. Harrell, president, presided. Mrs. W. P. Leslie gave the prayer and the group sang, "Stepping In The Light."

Mrs. Hubert Jones gave the devotional using as her subject, "Religion practiced in the home, for the training of the children." The home was decorated with nandina berries arranged with natural leaves and the Valentine motif was carried out in the decorations and in the refreshment plate served during the social hour.

Present were Mesdames, Claud Bales, Ora B. Jones, T. E. Burkhead, J. L. Cottingham, Wilber Laney, C. E. Owen, R. E. Sikes, W. H. Mullings, Hubert Jones, W. P. Leslie, Bill Jessop, B. O. Harrell, and the hostess group.

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## Stages Of Polio Explained By Local Doctor

Dr. James Connelle Whittington spoke on Polio, Tuesday afternoon to members of the South Ward P-TA at their meeting at the South Ward School.

Mrs. Milton Day, president, presided and appointed Mesdames Johnnie Kilgore, E. E. Layton and J. E. Freese on a committee to make improvements on the water fountain situation.

Mrs. H. M. Hart, teacher and mothers of the third grade pupils were hostesses to the group for a social hour in the school cafeteria following the program.

Present were the honor guest, Dr. Whittington and Mesdames L. A. Scott, J. H. Hart, H. B. McMeoy, L. W. Dalton, W. B. Armstrong, Edwin Ellis, Ted Carey, L. H. Latham, Layton, Josie K. Nix, Freese, A. B. Cornelius, L. E. Hucakab, D. A. Toliver, Marvin Hood, H. H. Durham, D. E. Frazer, H. M. Hart, Frances Cooper, J. T. Cooper, Gayland Poe, O. B. Shirley, Jack W. Smith, Leo Brooks, J. M. Burkin, G. E. Bendy, Bailey Hinton, Milton Day and Kilgore.

## Chairman Of Paper Drive Thanks Public

Mrs. Frank Castleberry, chairman of the paper of Christian Serivice of the First Methodist Church said today that the group had collected and shipped 12000 pounds of old papers and magazines for which they want to express their appreciation to the many friends who saved the material for them. Mrs. Castleberry asked that the public continue to save the papers and magazines as there would be another shipment made latter.

## Personals

"Buick For Fifty" Is Nifty And Thrifty  
Muirhead Motor Co., Eastland

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Beard of Dallas were the week end guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beard and Mrs. May Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carney were surprised last week end when all of their children, and grand children arrived for the week end. They are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carney of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carney and children Charles, and Elaine of Lovington, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Paschal and son Edgar Earl of Arlington.

## Police Fire On Communist Mob In Bombay, India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (UP)—Police opened fire today on a Communist demonstration in Bombay protesting proclamation of the Independent Republic of India. Ten demonstrators and eight policemen were injured.

The proclamation of the New India Constitution, under which India's 200 year old ties with Britain were broken, was read this morning in Government House in New Delhi.

The new government immediately was sworn in and at the same time new local governments were installed in the 26 states of the Republic.

India's 33,000,000 (M) people greeted the proclamation by starting two days of celebrations. The celebrations were orderly in New Delhi but trouble broke out in Bombay.

Communists organized a demonstration and attempted to march through the industrial section of Bombay in protest against creation of a non-Communist government of India.

Police said two men identified as known Communists threw acid bombs at them when they tried to break up the demonstration. The acid seriously injured two police inspectors and six police officers. Police opened fire, wounding 10 demonstrators, then they arrested 55 persons.

Heavy security forces were spread throughout New Delhi to prevent similar Communist demonstrations but none developed as the day wore on.

Edith Allison has returned to her home here following a visit in Houston with friends. While there she attended the wedding of Miss Doris Durdin and Mr. Jack Dyson at West End Baptist Church.

Miss Allison was formerly secretary to Rev. Charles L. McClain, pastor of the Houston Church.

Mrs. J. C. Looney is visiting in Fort Worth with her sister.

Mrs. Ardis Taylor and sons, Freddy and Roddy, of Tyler are here visiting with her sister, Mrs. Hubert Jones and family.

Joan Steele of Walters, Okla. has been the guest here in the homes of his sisters, Mrs. Robert F. Jones, and Mrs. Sallie Hill.

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## TRUMANS TO HEAD GUEST LIST AT WEDDING TODAY

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By RUTH GMEINER  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP)—President Truman will cut short his work schedule today to attend the wedding of his daughter's childhood playmate—Drucie Snyder.

Miss Snyder, only child of secretary of treasury and Mrs. John W. Snyder, weds Maj. John Ernest Horton, a White House aide, at 5 P. M., EST.

Margaret Truman will be her maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Truman head the list of distinguished guests who will attend the ceremony in the

morning in Government House in New Delhi.

The wedding will be a family occasion for the Trumans and the Snyders. The president and Snyder were World War I buddies in battery D. Their daughters have been chums since Missouri days when Drucie was eight and Margaret nine.

Like Margaret, Drucie has been a "career girl." The tall, almond-eyed brunet had her own radio and television show until her engagement was announced. Margaret took a week off from her new York voice lessons to come home for the pre-wedding festivities.

vaulted great choir of the Washington Cathedral. Also present will be Vice President and Mrs. Alben W. Barkley, most of official Washington, and other prominent in the nation's political, business and social spheres.

The bridegroom will lose one job as soon as the vows are exchanged that of White House aide to Mr. Truman. All of the personable young men assigned to that detail, a part-time assignment from their career military duties, must be bachelors.

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Miss Snyder will be wed in an Elizabethan-style gown of exquisite Japanese brocade, brought from the far east by her father. The dress, made from 48 yards of silk, was designed by the American Designer Madame Brune.

The bride has pledged her friends to secrecy on details of the wedding costumes "so I can surprise Johnnie." She insists she did not splurge on a trousseau, selecting only a few classic-line suits and dresses.

More than 2,000 invitations have gone out for the wedding reception at exclusive Chevy Chase Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Truman apparently will go to that too. At any rate secret service men have been giving the club a close scrutiny the last few days. Best man will be Craig Stevens, husband of movie actress Alexis Smith.

The Aga Khan is the leading race horse owner in England, with 20 winners in 35 races.

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# SMITHWICK SAYS HIS CONSCIENCE IS CLEAR

By O. B. LLOYD, JR.  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
BELTON, Tex., Jan. 26 (UP)—Burly Sam Smithwick, former deputy sheriff sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of newscaster W. H. (Bill) Mason, said today he had a "clear conscience."

He proclaimed his innocence, even after a district court jury found him guilty of murder with malice and ordered the life sentence.

Smithwick, 62, testified that he shot Mason in self-defense. He said Mason cursed him and grabbed at the pistol which Smithwick had drawn.

His attorneys announced they would appeal the verdict.

Mason, outspoken news commentator for radio station KBKI, was killed last July 29 at Alice, one day after a broadcast in which he accused Smithwick of operating a bawdy night club, Rancho Alegre.

"My conscience is clear," Smithwick told jailer Dick Knowles as he was led back to his cell, "I am an innocent man."

Smithwick repeated his statement to three sons who went to his cell late last night to comfort him.

When the verdict was returned Mrs. Mason, the slain newscaster's widow, threw her arms around District Attorney James K. Evetts' neck.

"I think the verdict is wonderful," she said.

Evetts, who has never lost a case in his dozen years of prosecuting, was the object of an assassination attempt Monday night.

An unknown gunman fired two shots at the chief prosecutor as he emerged from the garage at his home. Both shots missed him. A citizen's committee last night announced a \$1,000 reward for capture and conviction of the would-be assassin.

Four youths of Latin-American descent voluntarily submitted to questioning last night about the attempt on Evetts' life. They were released.

Police have maintained an around the clock guard at the Evetts' home since the attempted ambush.

After the jury returned its verdict last night, Judge Wesley Dice asked each of the 12 men if he had heard of the shooting incident. Each said: "No." The jurors had

not been permitted to read newspapers, listen to radios or talk to unauthorized persons.

Before the jury retired to deliberate, Evetts referred to Smithwick as "Sammy, a sanctimonious Christian character who didn't care if they used it (the night club) as a house of prostitution, so long as he sat out front in his car, checking them in and out."

## Prosecutor Never Has Lost A Case

BELTON, Tex., Jan. 26 (UP)—District Attorney James K. Evetts, who emerged from the Sam Smithwick murder trial as a prosecutor of state wide renown, has long been recognized in his home territory as a hard-driving and phenomenally successful trial lawyer.

He has not yet heard a jury bring in a "not guilty" verdict in any case he has prosecuted and masterminded from its inception.

A thin, 130-pound six-footer, Evetts has been district attorney in the 27th Judicial District since 1936, except for a three and one-half year Army hitch.

In the Smithwick trial, he worked under tremendous pressure after the Monday night attempt upon his life. The incident was never mentioned in the courtroom, until after the jury brought in its guilty verdict last night.

But one or more armed officers escorted Evetts from his home to the courthouse each morning, and back again at night. His two children rode to school daily in a police car. And during the dark hours, there always was a watch kept on his home.

Evetts disclosed he had received "several" threatening letters on the Smithwick case. These were not new. He had received lots of similar mail on the hundreds of other cases he has handled in the past.

The attempt upon his life was the first try at bodily harm upon him in civilian life. He was wounded in the war, however.

"I don't know if it was even connected with this trial," Evetts said, "I have a lot of enemies. I just don't know."

The 45-year-old prosecutor received his legal education at Southern Methodist University.

According to law, a man may not marry his son's widow in Michigan.



GLAMOR-GO-ROUND—This "merry-go-round" number is one of the features of a spectacular new review titled "Middle of the Century" at the Paris nightclub, the Bal Tabarin. Riding mechanized stage props, the chorines go through their routines as the merry-go-round rises from the floor. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Rene Henry.)

day, that'd be too bad."

Veteran Fort Worth attorneys could not recall a single instance where a minister was imprisoned for refusing to testify at a trial. They pointed out that certain Eastern states have laws of privilege that cover ministers. These are states where there is heavy Catholic population.

Sidney Samuels, attorney, stated, "I think the laws of privilege in Texas should stay as they are. Changing them would throw open the gates to concealment of crimes. The church and the state," he argued, "should be separated, and the Constitution so says."

A high-ranking Catholic clergyman in the Dallas Diocese, who asked his name not be used, declared that a priest, "as a commissioned agent of God, would not be free to divulge anything heard in the confessional. No priest could or ever has divulged anything," he said.

The Catholic clergyman stated, "I don't see how the courts could force a professional man—minister, doctor or lawyer—to divulge something given to him in confidence." He said this included the Protestant minister who does not hear confession.

Rev. Louis F. Martin, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, said the courts "always in the past

have observed confidences of bona fide clergy. I think the whole thing could have been avoided with a little different approach."

Members of the Legislature from the Eastland area, State Rep. T. M. Collier of Eastland and State Sen. Pat Bullock of Colorado City, agreed that if statutory protection were needed by the minister they would favor such a bill.

Collier however, contended that confidences given to a minister were "privileged communications" anyway.

Bullock declared, I definitely think that clergymen should have some protection under law, as do lawyers. I don't know as I'd sponsor such a bill," he said "but I'd be for it if it came up."

He pointed out that such a measure could not come up at the forthcoming special session of the Legislature unless the governor proposed it.

Voice of People Wasted  
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## BISHOP —

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Rev. G. Richard Kuch, pastor of the Fort Worth Unitarian Church, however, took the opposite viewpoint.

"The ministry does not inherently have any exemptions from the responsibilities of citizenship," Rev. Mr. Kuch thought. He felt that passage of a state law exempting ministers from testifying—as lawyers are exempted—might result in the statute being used as a "cloak."

"I would hate to see the church get into the situation of being a cloak to hide a crime," Rev. Mr. Kuch declared. "Clergymen," he went on, "are not little gods, but men."

On the other hand, he con-

tinued, "if I felt I could not divulge something told me in confidence by someone speaking to me as a minister of God, I would not. And if the court said I had to go to prison for a year and a

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**Phoenix Solidly Behind Hogan**

PHOENIX, Ariz. Jan. 26 (UP)—Phoenix was a city united today behind game Ben Hogan, its sentimental favorite in the \$10,000 Ben

Hogan Golf Tournament which opened this morning.

Twice a winner of the event back in the days when it was the Phoenix open, little Ben became the "heart" choice when the tourney was re-christened in his honor. Phoenix was Hogan's last stop in 1949 prior to his near fatal bus accident at Van Horn, Tex.

He came close to taking the melon in the 1949 Phoenix open, losing a playoff to Jimmy Demaret, of Ojai, Calif.

Hogan, who staged one of the greatest comebacks in sports history in tying Sam Snead for first in the Los Angeles open earlier in the month, went around the Phoenix Country Club course yesterday in par 71.

His score came in the annual prelude to the open—the pro-amateur, He and his partner, Bob

Goldwater of Phoenix, posted a best ball 66—three strokes back of winners Johnny Palmer of Badin, N. C., and Bill Sufley of Phoenix. "I guess I've licked the flubbug" Hogan said after completing the 18 holes. "I'm feeling 100 per cent better, and I think I'm ready." He was temporarily bedded down Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning with what he described as flu.

**BASKETBALL RESULTS**

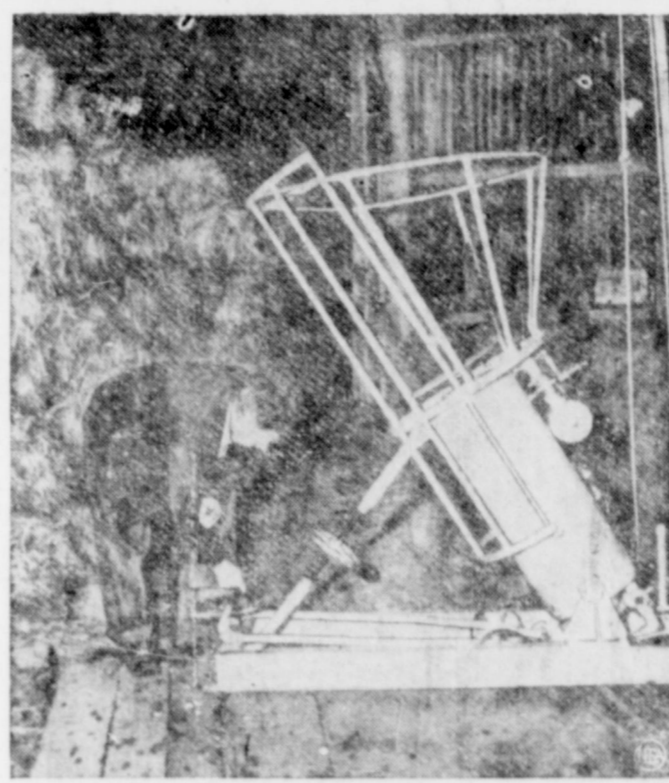
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Seton Hall 64, Texas Wesleyan 58.  
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**SOUTH**  
North Carolina State 79, Louisville 53.  
Georgia 67, Georgia Tech 55.  
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of 1949, as chosen in the poll, was offered by the editors as evidence of "What Rural America wants in the way of entertainment." The pictures are as follows:

Little Women; The Stratton Story; Come to the Stable; Rose-

anna McCoy; I Was A Male War Bride; Jolson Sings Again; In the Good Old Summertime; Look For the Silver Lining; Neptune's Daughter; Home of the Brave.

The Country Gentleman Rural Motion Picture Poll is conducted

**Rural Movie Fans Oust Bergman From Her Throne**

For the first time in four years the nation's rural movie-goers have ousted Ingrid Bergman as their favorite feminine star, according to the Seventh Annual Rural Motion Picture Poll conducted by Country Gentleman. Results of the poll will be announced in the February issue of the magazine.

Replacing Miss Bergman as Rural America's favorite is June Allyson. Bing Crosby, for the fourth successive year, tops the Country Gentleman list of male stars, followed by Roy Rogers, Montgomery Clift, Alan Ladd and Peter Lawford. Miss Allyson, who also starred in the top two pictures selected as best in the magazine's poll, led Esther Williams, who claimed second place, with Loretta Young, Shirley Temple, Jane Wyman, and Ingrid Bergman in that order. The list of the ten best pictures



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each year through Country Gentleman's pages and the Country Gentlewoman League. It is designed to get a true sample of the movie opinion of Rural America. Results of the seven years indicate that rural audiences are as discriminating as urban audiences in movie tastes.

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**CALVES**: 250: Slow, steady. Good and choice slaughter offerings 21.00-24.00, common and medium 16.00-20.00, culls 14.00-16.00. Few medium to choice stocker steer calves 19.00-24.50.

**HOGS** 1,300: Butcher hogs mostly 25 lower than Wednesdays average, sows and feeder pigs steady. Good and choice 19.00-26.00, 16.75 and 17.00, good and choice 275-375 lbs. and 160-180 lbs. 14.75-16.50. Sows mostly 13.00-14.00, few to 14.50. Feeder pigs 11.00-14.00.

**SHEEP** 500: Slaughter lambs and feeders steady, other classes scarce Good and choice fall shorn and No. 1 pelt slaughter lambs 22.75. Good feeder lambs 22.50.

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