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ORIENT HOLDS ATTENTION OF TWO NATIONS

The Far East became the principal news front today with announcements from London that the famous Burma Road, supply line to China, would be re-opened on Oct. 17 and an order from the State Department of the United States that nationals in the Far East would be evacuated.

The Burma Road announcement was made before the House of Commons in London today by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who told commons that the road would be reopened after being closed in July in the belief that its closing might lead to peace between China and Japan.

The State Department ordered all women and children from the Far East as soon as possible, and it is indicated that United States ships might be used in the evacuation. Men who have business in the Far East have been ordered to complete their business as rapidly as possible, and to follow their families back to the United States.

The order, which went out to United States consuls in China, Japan, Indo-China, Manchukuo and Hongkong, was termed by the State department as a precautionary measure, such as was taken in Europe at the outbreak of the war there. It was stated that the order did not mean that there was any cause for alarm.

The British announcement concerning the opening of the Burma Road was received by the Japanese minister to the British Consul in Japan. The original agreement to close the road expires on Oct. 17.

Fire Chief Making Talks In School On Prevention Of Fires

Fire Chief G. A. Murphy made a fire prevention talk at the Ranger High School and Ranger Junior College this morning at 11:30, as part of the local fire prevention program.

Murphy stated that he would make talks in every school in the city during the week, including all schools for white, Mexican and negro children.

"There is the place to really teach fire prevention," Murphy said today in commenting on the operation of the local schools in trying to prevent fires. "When we get it over to the children that they can aid in fire prevention we have gone a long way toward keeping down fires of all kinds."

Schoolboys Will 'Debate' Taxation

AUSTIN, Tex.—Oratorical guns in the Texas Legislature aimed at the Texas tax question will have stiff competition next January—Interscholastic League schoolboy debaters in more than 1,000 Texas high schools will have debated it for three months.

Continuing a yearly practice of debating current questions, the youthful orators will compete for laurels this year by discussing: "Resolved, That Texas Should Increase the Tax on Natural Resources."

Interest in the new question has reached an all-time high, Mr. Bedichek, league director, revealed, with over 14,000 copies of a newly prepared bulletin going out, some even to out-of-state requests.

Questions that have debated in the past cover free medical service, uniform retail sales tax, one-house legislature, federal monopoly of war munitions and of cotton production.

Ranger Masons Will Meet This Evening

A Fellowship meeting of the Ranger Lodge No. 738, A. F. & A. M., will be announced for tonight at 7:30 at the Ranger Masonic hall, by R. C. Stidham, secretary.

U.S. Navy Will Buy Big Merchant Fleet

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The United States Navy today speeded up purchase of 53 merchant ships for auxiliary use, as 39,200 naval reserves were ordered to report for active duty with the fleet.

Uncle Sam Tests Bantam Battle Wagon



Don't grin when you look at that bantam truck which appears so ineffectual compared to the seven-tonner behind it. The Army's Motor Corps has been looking for just such a powerful midget for some time. Now the army is testing it on a 1000-mile "torture course" before starting production on 70 more. It has 80-inch wheel base, a 40-horsepower motor, four-wheel drive, and oversized tires.

PLANE BUILDER SEES CHANGING FLIGHT TENENT

WASHINGTON.—An airplane, which it is said will fly like a bumblebee—vertically, backward, even sideways—has been developed, in model, by a Hagerstown, Md., violin craftsman.

C. E. Warner, Washington, agent for the inventor, Walter R. Custer, said the plane model involves a principle which will completely revolutionize aeronautics.

It is not a gyro type aircraft which develops its lift through an overhead windmill-like blade, but a plane capable of creating sufficient vacuum above its wings to lift it directly into the air.

Ordinarily fixed-wing aircraft are lifted into the air partly by vacuum created through high speed developed over a runway.

Custer's plane instead would create its vacuum with "airtraps" through the aid of fins and elevators set at the sides and back of the propellers.

To help create the vacuum wings and motors, mounted on a metal beam on either side of the fuselage, are tilted upward in front at a 45 degree angle.

The plane then, Warner said, will rise almost vertically and land the same way. He added that tests indicate a plane of this type, equipped with motors of equal horsepower, will better the speed of a regular type airplane by 100 miles an hour.

The new type aircraft, Warner believes, could revolutionize air warfare by means of the amazing maneuverability claimed for it.

It could hover above military objectives, he said, to drop bombs with deadly accuracy or to observe the movements of an enemy.

Fighter planes built on the principle would be able to loop, twist, turn, or stop in mid-air to gain the advantage over an opponent. Instead of requiring a wide arc to loop over, he said, it would flip over as if mounted on an axis.

The physical principle, Warner said, which enables Custer's plane to create a wing vacuum is that air is drawn into a revolving propeller from the side rather than from the front.

He said this had been proved conclusively in tests.

Aeronautical engineers to whom the plans were presented, he added, scoffed at this theory but have consented to attend further tests of the strange aircraft which Custer will conduct soon. Meantime, he is preparing to construct a full scale plane to embody the principles of his model.

In commercial or military use, Warner said, the plane would lift a one-third greater payload in proportion to horsepower as the planes of the type now prevailing.

County Official Is 68 Years Old Today

C. E. (Earnest) Laffoon, employe at the County Tax Assessor's office, is celebrating his 68th birthday today.

"I started to school in Eastland 60 years ago this fall," Laffoon said, "and have been around here ever since."

He stated that while it didn't seem such a long time to him since he first came to Eastland, there were a lot of people who were here when he arrived who have passed on, some of them to other fields of activity and still others who have died.

Laffoon is enjoying good health, is very active and looks much younger than his actual age.

Mahoney Well Is Making 754 Bbbs. Daily by R.C. Test

The C. L. Mahaney of Dallas No. 11 A. S. Jackson, S. H. Key survey, third well in the south, Carby pool in Eastland county, made a number of spectacular flows when tools were pulled from the hole.

The operator reported Saturday that final completion gave the well 754 barrels daily on commission test, flowing through a 1-4-inch choke under pressure of 550 pounds on casing and 190 pounds on tubing.

Production in the Mahaney is from the Caddo lime at 2,543-2,642 feet. The well was shot into production with 300 quarts of nitro.

First Glimpse of Peace



Small wonder these British refugee children climb the rigging to get a better view of New York as they recently arrived from England on the Samaria—one of three ships bringing over 500 youngsters to America. It's their first view of peace in over a year. They may be the last British refugees to come to the U. S., for Britain recently announced no more would be allowed to risk the Atlantic crossing.

School Lunch Room Project Will Be Opened in Ranger At Noon Wednesday In Revis Building, Near High School

A WPA luncheon, sponsored by the Ranger school system, will be opened in the Revis building Wednesday, for the purpose of serving school lunches to all children attending the Ranger High School. The cost of these lunches, which are not limited to members of needy families, but which are for all school children or anyone connected with the school, will be 10 cents each.

The building has been re-plastered, painted and new baseboards installed, making it very attractive on the inside.

Six tables, built of magnolia, have been built by the NYA wood shop and 12 magnolia benches have been completed. The tables are three feet wide by 12 feet long, giving 72 feet of dining space.

In the kitchen two hotel ranges have been installed, along with two large mechanical refrigerators, four large work tables, two large built-in cabinets and new cooking utensils. A stock room in the rear has been built, with ample storage space for carrying a large stock of foods.

Menus are made out by Mrs. Waters, district supervisor of school lunchrooms. The menu furnished for the last three school days of this week are as follows:

Wednesday—Meat loaf and gravy, candied yams, spinach, congealed carrot salad, whole wheat muffins and upside down prune cake.

Thursday—Potato piquant, string beans, cold slaw, cornbread, cookies and cream whip.

Friday—Spanish beans, salmon croquettes, beet salad, cornbread muffins, lemon sauce.

Later it is believed that sweet milk will be served with all meals.

At present H. C. Wilkinson, school tax assessor-collector, is in charge of the luncheon buying, and is supervising the work of installing the fixtures and equipment. Later a supervisor is to be appointed to take care of the project, with all labor being furnished through the Works Progress Administration.

This is the fourth school lunch room project in Eastland county, the others being at Rising Star,

Alameda Club Will Meet Next Thursday

The Alameda Home Demonstration Club will meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Dick Weekes, it was announced here today.

Miss Ruth Ramey, home demonstration agent for Eastland County, will be present and will give a talk on the subject of poultry.

All members have been urged to be present, and visitors will be welcomed.

AIR ATTACK BY RAF MORE POWERFUL NOW

Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons today that Britain is striking back more powerfully than ever at Germany, and that the Nazi air attack upon London appears to have failed of the objectives set by Adolf Hitler.

In an encouraging talk before Commons, Churchill pointed out that British losses by air raids had been materially reduced since Sept. 7 and had been steadily declining since that time, while the number of Nazi planes lost in these raids continued high.

Churchill told the cheering Commons that at the present rate of destruction Germany could continue air raids on London for 10 years before half of the houses in the world's largest city would be damaged or destroyed. He said that the ratio of casualties from air raids had dropped from 10 casualties per bomb early in the air attacks to three quarters of a death for each 10 tons of bombs dropped.

The Prime Minister praised the United States planes and destroyers sent to Britain, saying that they were a decided factor in helping Britain to obtain superiority both on land and on sea.

He warned, however, that all danger of invasion by Germany this fall had not passed, but predicted that Great Britain would carry the invasion against Germany at the proper time. He blamed the Dakar incident on the fifth column movement and said that an investigation into passage of the French ships through Gibraltar was being conducted.

Churchill, in his invasion warning, stated that Germany had massed 80 divisions of troops along the invasion coast of the continent and had equipment for putting 500,000 men at sea at one time in an attempt to storm Britain, when the time was right. He warned the people to be ever on the alert for any signs that such an invasion was starting.

Commons was told that the Burma Road, important supply line to China, which was closed last July by Great Britain at the insistence of Japan, would be reopened at the end of the present agreement, which expires on Oct. 17.

Meantime the German propaganda machine began a campaign designed to spread terror in England, by announcing that Adolf Hitler of Germany and Benito Mussolini of Italy had reached full agreement in their conference in which complete destruction of Britain was planned.

Most of Draftees To be From North

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The National Draft Board announced today that most of the draftees in the first call would be taken from northern states, with only a small percentage being called for active training from the southern portion of the United States.

The report was based upon voluntary enlistments, which have about filled the quota from the south, in some instances towns having filled their quota by enlistments and in some instances exceeding their draft quotas.

Cotton Production Down Nine Per Cent

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The Department of Agriculture today issued an estimate on cotton production in the United States for 1940, placing production at 12,147,000 bales.

This estimate shows a decrease of nine per cent from the total production during the year 1939.

Bodies of Drowning Victims Recovered

RICHMOND, Texas, Oct. 8.—The bodies of Mrs. Edith Marie Kendrick, 26 of Menard, and her six-year-old son, Gerald, who drowned Sunday in the Brazos River, were recovered from the river today.

Willkie Makes Talk To Garment Workers

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Wendell Willkie, republican presidential nominee, told New York garment workers today that "if we do not become unified through love" someone will "unify us through power."

Eastland County Cheshire Family Holds Big Reunion

Members of the Cheshire family, one of the pioneer families of Eastland county, met recently in a reunion at Abilene when Mrs. E. C. Murphy and Mrs. L. H. Barlow were joint hostesses. The occasion was in honor of a brother they had not seen in 13 years.

The families met for dinner and during the afternoon talked over old times and took pictures.

Present were: Mrs. W. T. Webb, Los Angeles; Mrs. Murphy and husband, Mrs. Barlow and husband, all of Abilene; Mrs. S. M. Fowler and husband of Eastland; J. J. Cheshire and wife, Amarillo; E. H. Cheshire and wife, New York; F. C. Cheshire and wife, Cisco. One brother, R. M. Cheshire of New York, was unable to attend the reunion.

Other relatives attending the reunion were: Mrs. Norma Scott and son, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Murphy and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Murphy and son, Mrs. Jesse Milburn and three sons, all of Ranger; Sidney Fowler, Jr., of Eastland; Lulu Belle Cheshire and Bud O'Hara, New York; Bobbie Rae, Fawn Nell, Hadley Jr., Marvin and Dixie Lou Barlow; James and Celeste Cheshire of Amarillo; Clyde Jr., Betye Lou, Claudia Maxine and Jimmy Dan Cheshire, all of Cisco.

Entries From Ranger In County Fair Are Now Being Sought

Fire Chief G. A. Murphy of Ranger, a member of the parade committee of the Eastland County Fair, which opens in Eastland the latter part of this month, stated today that officials of the fair were anxious that Ranger have a large number of entries in the big parade.

Murphy requested that anyone who is contemplating having an entry of any kind in the county fair to contact him so that he would be able to determine how many floats or other entries would be available from Ranger.

Murphy has been on the parade committee for several years, and it has been through his efforts, to a large extent, that Ranger has been well represented in the parade each year.

Singing Convention Planned At Mangum

A. E. LeClaire, president of the Eastland County Singing Convention, has announced that a singing convention will be held at Mangum on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13.

LeClaire reports that a number of good singers from out of the county are expected at the convention, to which the public is invited.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Fair tonight and Wednesday. Increasing cloudiness southwest portion, slightly warmer.

Commands Navy Atlantic Patrol



Rear Admiral Hayne Ellis, above, will command the newly established "patrol force of the United States fleet," consisting of all naval ships and planes in the Atlantic. Over 125 vessels will be under one command for "increased efficiency."

Sheriff Loss Wood's Residence Scene Of Morning Fire

An early morning fire Tuesday morning did considerable damage to Sheriff Loss Wood's residence at 712 West Commerce street, Eastland. The origin of the fire has not been determined and Sheriff Wood said that he had no estimate of the damage. There was no insurance.

Words said when he discovered the fire, which was in Mrs. Wood's bedroom, he called the fire department and threw a bucket of water on the blaze. The fire department was not long in reaching the scene or in bringing the fire under control.

Fire Loss Is Small In Ranger Tuesday

Fire, which was believed to have started in a waste paper basket in the home of Frank Walker, South Rusk and Mesquite Streets, Ranger, did little damage Tuesday morning, it was reported by Fire Chief G. A. Murphy.

The fire spread quickly to the wallpaper and to the ceiling, but the damage was reported to be small. NYA boys from the metal shop assisted the firemen in spreading protective covering over furniture in the house, so no water damage was reported.

Chief Murphy stated today that the last fire in Ranger, in which a loss covered by insurance was sustained, was on Feb. 11 of this year.

UNCLE SAM'S SELECTIVE SERVICE

History and Purpose
1. Q.—What is the purpose of the selective service program?

A.—The program's purpose is to train a body of reserves capable of meeting any military emergency that may confront this nation, and to select the men for this national duty by the fairest method possible—an enrollment of every man between the ages of 21 and 36, regardless of wealth or influence or social position. From this enrollment the United States Army will choose those men whom it deems best fitted to receive a year's training.

2. Q.—Is the selective service program a newly-developed plan?

A.—No. The selective service program was put into effect during the World War after the volunteer system of recruiting soldiers had failed to supply the nation's needs. After the war—in 1926—the United States Congress instructed the Army and Navy to work out a comprehensive selective service plan, and the program now being put into effect is the result of years of active planning by the nation's military authorities.

3. Q.—How many men will be affected by the selective service program?

A.—Military authorities estimate that approximately 16,500,000 men between the ages of 21 and 36 will be registered under the program in the United States and its territorial possessions. In Texas approximately 900,000 men are expected to register. Approximately 1,500,000 are expected to be available for the training program.

4. Q.—Who will administer the program?

A.—The President of the United States will name a national director of selective service. In each state the Governor will serve as the coordinating head, and will appoint a State Director of Selective Service. Governor W. Lee O'Daniel has named Adjutant General J. Watt Page to hold this position in Texas.

5. Q.—When will the selective service program go into effect?

A.—President Roosevelt has issued a call for the registration of all men between the ages of 21 and 36 who are living in the United States and its territorial possessions. This registration will take place on Wednesday, October 16, and the first class of men called will probably begin their training about November 15.

6. Q.—How long will this program last?

A.—The present selective service law, just passed by Congress, will remain in effect until May 15, 1945.

Nine Orphaned Girls Are Burned to Death

JACKSON, Ky., Oct. 8.—Nine orphan girls burned to death today when they were trapped by a fire on the second floor of the orphanage dormitory here.

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Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of this paper will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

Salute!

We, Americans who remain behind at our regular jobs and affairs, salute you, Americans who are leaving all that to learn to defend the land we love.

Regulars, volunteers, National Guardsmen, National Army conscripts, men of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, we salute you! Though you enter now a specialized field of national defense, that of learning how to master machine weapons and the tactics of 1940, you are not apart from us.

We are all parts of a great mosaic picture of a nation rising from lethargy and the quiet pursuits of peace to meet in all its strength any menace which a turbulent world may offer.

Modern war has destroyed the distinction between civilian and soldier as never before. Ask the women and children of London. Ask the middle-aged air raid marshals of Berlin or Birmingham. Ask any citizen of any of the beleaguered countries of Europe, or Asia.

We are all in this together. And as the men of one branch of the service salute proper authority in other branches, recognizing the unifying principle that all are part of a single defense force, so we who remain for the present in civilian life salute you who go to become the first line of defense.

It would be idle to promise that you shall under no circumstances lose anything by the year or more you give to your country. To many it may well mean real sacrifice. Ever effort is being made to make those sacrifices as infrequent and as light as possible.

But on the other hand, many who apply themselves to this new life with a will may make gains by it: there is improved health, the knowledge of how to co-operate and work with others, direct promotion, training in useful trades, associations and friendships with men from all regions, a bigger, broader view of the responsibilities of being an American. These may be won by those who don khaki with the resolve to treat it as an opportunity as well as a duty.

You are going out to do your job. We promise to do ours. Together we shall make America strong, ready to play her part in the world with honor and without fear.

Adolf boasts of Germany's small crime rate, but naturally, that's where murder, arson and blackmail are government monopolies.

English track star suffers broken collar bone falling from horse while hunting. Styles set by the Duke never grow outmoded in Britain.

Germans have confiscated old French wine stores. Presumably their propagandists were in need of new inspiration.

FAMED INVENTOR

HORIZONTAL

- Inventor of cotton gin.
- Great lake.
- Portuguese coin.
- In the midst of.
- Dogma.
- Volumes.
- Tiny sandwiches.
- Half an em.
- Secant of an arc.
- Chief.
- Fountain.
- Pressing tool.
- Fern seed.
- Wheel hub.
- Wager.
- To woo.
- Evergreen tree.
- Preposition.
- Membranous bag.
- Child.
- Advertisement.
- Pen point.
- School of whales.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

MONKEY PRIMATES
ROE AIPRED SAW
ANON PROSE SPOT
RAN APE TADSEPP
BOLEVED LEOLO
RACED CLOOP
ERECTS MALIBI
ALED TROG SABEL
TOE DRAVEL ALIA
PURL ROSE WORN
MIMICS W GENTLE

VERTICAL

- Mine shaft hut.
- Force.
- Every.
- Aviator.
- Secured.
- Region.
- To make a speech.
- Toward sea.
- His machine was called the.
- His gin is the prototype of gins.
- Citrus fruit.
- Part of eye.
- Plural pronoun.
- Goddess of peace.
- Cohesive.
- Tree bark.
- You.
- 10 Idant.
- 12 He was an by birth.
- 13 Stints.
- 14 Rigid.

16 Doves etc.

- Eye tumor.
- Pine fruits.
- Sea gull.
- To grow together.
- Spike of corn.
- The cotton gin separates from cotton.
- Postscript (abbr.).
- Musical note.
- Catchword.
- Enemy.
- Coronet.
- Fowl.
- Clan symbol.
- Helper.
- Puffed.
- Russian village.
- Folding bed.
- Passport indorsement.
- To saunter.
- To lick up.
- Owened.
- White.
- Form of "a."

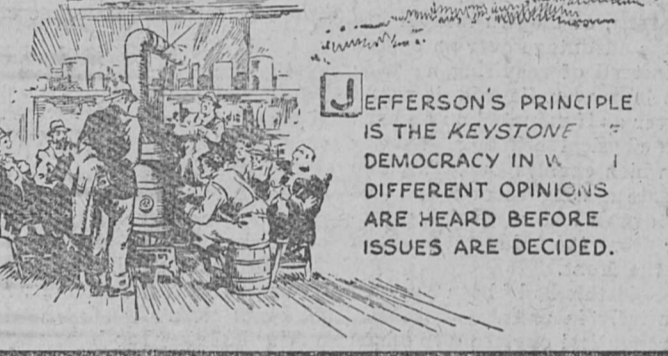
Now Playing—the Return of the Sheik



OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

FREE SPEECH

THOMAS JEFFERSON, WHO WROTE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, SAID: "TO SPEAK HIS THOUGHTS IS EVERY FREEMAN'S RIGHT."



JEFFERSON'S PRINCIPLE IS THE KEYSTONE OF DEMOCRACY IN VARIOUS DIFFERENT OPINIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE ISSUES ARE DECIDED.

DICTATORS SMOTHER FREE SPEECH, SOMETIMES BY DEATH PENALTY — KEEP FROM THEIR PEOPLE THE INFORMATION WITH WHICH TO FORM OPINION.

MODERN MENUS

BY MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX, NEA Service Staff Writer

ADOLESCENT children need large supplies of vegetables. So does every hungry person who wants to achieve vigorous health. Your food budget must allow for four servings or more every day of vegetables or fruit.

Select a vegetable rich in vitamin C, such as cabbage, tomatoes, greens, turnips, rutabagas, for one of the vegetables. Add a yellow one rich in vitamin A and iron, such as carrots, yellow squash, yellow turnips and sweet potatoes. These are low cost sources of essential nutrients for sturdy youngsters. Dried beans, dried peas, peanuts and peanut butter are valuable low cost foods on the limited budget, too.

BAKED SQUASH WITH SAUSAGE

(Serves 4 to 6)
Six squares yellow squash, 1 lb. bulk pork sausage, 6 thick slices cooking apples, pinch of nutmeg. Wash and split squash lengthwise. Remove seeds and excess fiber. Shape sausage into cakes and fill squash cavities. Do not peel apples. Core and cut into rings. Place an apple ring on top of each sausage cake and sprinkle sparingly with nutmeg. Arrange squash sections in shallow pan with a little water in bottom. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees F.)

SKY WRITING TELLS OF TROTH
By United Press
LAKE ARROWHEAD, Cal.—Miss Ethel-Mary Hamilton, Briarcliff Junior College graduate, and Harold Spurrier Anderson, Jr.,

Stanford University man, had their engagement announced with a flourish. At the home of the bride's mother here, 40 guests watched an airplane sky writer link their initials in the sky and encircle them with a heart.

960 NYA Jobs Are Given To Students

AUSTIN, Tex.—With only 37 NYA appointments refused, NYA posts for the 1940-41 long-session at the University of Texas totaled 960—a substantial gain over 1939—it was announced here today.

Nearly 75 per cent of the workers can type so that many have clerical or stenographic assignments. Other jobs include laboratory research, foreign language translation, manual labor, police work, and so on.

About 43 extra jobs are reserved for medical students in Galveston, he said.

ALLEY OOP By Hermlin



Crack Second Division to Be Seen at Fair



The State Fair of Texas will go military, Sunday, October 13. It is officially designated as "Army Day" and the crack Second Division of the United States Army from Fort Sam Houston will be on hand. This is the only completely motorized division in the United States. The Division will stage a parade in columns of four, which also will include its equipment, from the Forest Avenue entrance through the grounds. The parade will be a mile and a half long. The reviewing stand will be in front of the Hall of State and out the grounds for public inspection. The Division is commanded by Major General Walter Krueger.

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SERIAL STORY

NEW YORK JUNGLE

BY WRAY WADE SEVERN

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YESTERDAY, Sidney Braitwood, attorney, and Marta Hempfield, actress, go to Adam Langdon's country home for the weekend. In love with Adam, Marta is puzzled by his failure to see her upon his return from an African game hunt. Sidney, too, is disturbed by the quarrel between Adam and Marta. At the house, they find Adam out for a drive. When the butler, Togi, shows them to their rooms, Marta goes to the one she has occupied on previous visits. Togi explains that it is already occupied, by Adam's wife.

LOCKED IN THE JUNGLE

CHAPTER II

ADAM LANGDON married! And not to Marta!

Too disturbed for the consolation of a cigaret, Sidney paced his room, waiting for the dinner gong. He had advised Marta to leave at once, using the pretext of an imaginary telephone call. Marta had refused. "I came for the week-end and I shall remain," she had said, pride flaming. And nothing he could say could change her decision.

Sidney understood her. If she remained, the other guests, all old friends, might assume that she and Adam had had an amiable break before he left for Africa. On that assumption, her presence would appear less bizarre, her pride undamaged; nor would Adam himself, realize how deep the barb had cut.

Well, since she had courage to play the part, Sidney would do all in his power to make it a success. As for Adam Langdon—his method of letting Marta discover his marriage was so out of character, Braitwood could scarcely credit his own senses.

At last the dinner gong! Still in the grip of incredulity, Sidney descended to the library where the guests always gathered. A room of dark oak, old portraits and wide fireplace, it teemed with pleasant memories of Marta's charm and Langdon's ready wit. Broken lives had no place in it.

Yet, as he entered, the room seemed to have taken on a new character. A sense of uneasiness pervaded the manner of the five present.

Marta had not yet come down, but Adam Langdon—or what appeared to Sidney's shocked perception, the shell of his old friend—stood by the fireplace, talking to a smart young woman in an informal orange satin evening gown. A waxen pallor had replaced Langdon's usual ruddiness, his handsome, oval head moved restlessly, even jerkily, and his eyes had a fixedness oddly at variance with their blinking lids.

With visible effort Langdon seemed to collect himself as he greeted Braitwood. He presented the girl in orange. "My wife."

"AM I a surprise?" Patricia Langdon smiled in lazy insolence. "Rather. How and when did it happen?" Sidney wanted to know.

"I happened to be visiting English cousins who own a ranch at the jumping off place for Adam's jungle. Adam became ill and remained there and so—"

Marta entered then. It was an excellent entrance. Sidney could find no trace of the emotion he knew must be agitating her, but he was sure from the quick surprise in Patricia Langdon's face that she had not expected another guest.

When Langdon introduced them, Marta was all sympathy with the romance of the situation. A great actress, Sidney thought. Her control is superb. The other guests—Nella Langdon, the orphaned daughter of Adam's only brother; Hugh, his cousin; and Craig Gundrum, a young professor of psychology—



Illustrated by Ed Gunder

Adam's voice held a tender note. "I've christened this new lioness 'Marta.'" The actress, standing beneath the great ape, met Pat's angry glance without emotion.

fell back a little and covered their curiosity with talk.

"Ghastly," Nella's pale lips formed rather than spoke the word. "Did you ever know such a cockeyed party, Sidney? Pat was as good as engaged to Craig Gundrum before she left to visit those South African cousins. And to think that Marta should be here too!"

FOLLOWING an old custom, they had coffee in Adam's trophy room, which had been christened the "Jungle." Here Langdon kept his collection of modern and antique weapons and mounted specimens of prizes gathered in his hunting expeditions. Except for a short hall and a furnace and store room, the "Jungle" occupied the entire basement of the house.

Usually a flood of light streamed from the ceiling but tonight many of the globes had burned out. In the shadows and half light, the animals looked larger than they actually were. The elephant might have been a mastodon, the orang-outang, lifting hairy arms near the door, a prehistoric man.

Immediately Adam became the showman. "What do you think of my new lioness?" He placed an affectionate hand on the beast's tawny neck. "Because of her sheathed grace, I've christened her 'Marta.'"

Pat Langdon's eyes narrowed as she glanced toward him. He was speaking directly to Marta Hempfield. His voice held the old tender note. Marta, standing beneath the great ape, met Pat's gaze without show of emotion. Nella covered the situation quickly by calling Pat's attention to an old Turkish sword, a gem in the collection.

"Careful, Pat," Gundrum warned. "That curved point is like a razor." He took the scimitar from her and, rather than ask

her to move to let him replace it on the wall, he crossed to the new lioness and slipped the cord with which the sword had been suspended over the beast's neck so that the curved point protruded beyond the tawny head.

"Careful," he warned. "The lioness is armed." A joke in poor taste, Sidney thought. Why had Gundrum come? As Nella had said, this was a cockeyed party.

IMPATIENT at the dimness, Langdon rang for Togi and ordered fresh bulbs. No one paid any attention as the valet mounted a ladder to his task. Nella, Gundrum, Hugh and Sidney had gathered about the coffee table, cups in hand, Marta and Adam remained chatting near the ape, when suddenly Nella said

"There is someone in the hall." "You imagine it," Pat glanced at the closed door. "I sent the chauffeur into the village for groceries half an hour ago. There is no one else in the house."

"I certainly heard footsteps in the hall," Nella persisted. With characteristic Langdon stubbornness, she crossed to the door to prove herself right.

It was a heavy oaken door studded with nails. For 80 years it had hung where it was. At best, it moved ponderously. Now, when Nella turned the knob, it did not move at all.

"It must be stuck," Hugh Langdon said. "Those hinges need oiling." He joined the others and gave the door a mighty heave. There was no yielding. Then he knelt, lighted a match and peered through the keyhole.

"There is no key on the other side," he announced in a startled voice, "but it looks as though we are locked in."

(To Be Continued)

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams THE PAY OFF



Freckles and His Friends—By Blosser

Fort Bliss Now Is Active With Plans For New Defense

By United Press

EL PASO, Texas—Spurred by the national defense program, Fort Bliss, America's largest cavalry post, is a beehive of activity these days.

Like other military posts over the nation, Fort Bliss is busily trying to train and adjust hundreds of new recruits and is preparing for a huge influx of new men in case conscription becomes a reality.

Strategically located in that it shadows the Rio Grand, boundary between United States and Mexico, the nearby fort has long been regarded as one of the country's most important military centers.

With the recent speed-up in general activity, Fort Bliss' daily schedule makes the civilian inclined to lift a surprised eyebrow. Every minute of the day is allotted for a specific purpose. There is a minimum of lost motion and



THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



ANSWER: Bull and cow; ram and ewe; buck and doe; stallion and mare.

RED RYDER By Harman



BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Service Sports Editor

JIMMY DYKES advises Alva Bradley to give Oscar Vitt a new contract, and make the Cleveland mutineers live together another year. Dykes would make the punishment Vitt the crime. The Reds have turned back more than \$200,000 in world series requests because of lack of accommodations. Bill McKechnie preferred Cleveland as a world series opponent, and not only because the municipal stadium on the lake front seats 81,000. Deacon Bill reasoned that he could match Bob Feller with Paul Derringer, and wasn't exactly crazy about monkeying with the long range guns of McCosky, Gehring, Greenberg and York.

But Derringer had the Tigers well figured. "Good pitching will stop good hitting," said the big right-hander. "The Tigers won't be strangers to us. We play them in the spring. We know the fellows on that club who don't like to hit against side-arm curves."

CHARLEY GEHRINGER finished the season with the Tigers only because the club had a chance. The famous second baseman won't be around next spring unless he shakes the back miseries. Well fixed financially, he is not interested in prolonging his illustrious baseball career in a capacity other than that of a player. He has quietly built up a sizeable automobile parts business in Detroit.

Freddie Lindstrom, whom Bill Terry shipped when he was named manager of the Giants, may succeed Bert Niehoff as manager of the Polo Grounders' Jersey City farm next season. Lindstrom got in good with Horace Stoneham & Co. by developing Bob Carpenter in Knoxville. Carpenter appears to be a pitching prize.

BRANCH RICKEY has fastened a \$200,000 tag on Harry Walker, younger brother of Brooklyn's Dixie. Harry Walker was something in the nature of a riot with Columbus. They compare his work in center field with that of Terry Moore of the Cardinals.

The Yankees wisely rejected Brooklyn's city championship post-season idea. It's the world series or nothing with Ed Barrow, and besides football is in the autumn air.

Judge Still Thinks Girls Could Collect His Traffic Fines

By United Press

DALLAS, Texas—Judge Joe Hill still thinks it was a good idea, even if city fathers didn't take kindly to a proposal that scantily-clad girl car-hops help collect traffic fines at a drive-in corporation court.

Judge Hill proposed that a court building formerly used as a fire station be converted into a drive-in stand where motorists could come to pay traffic fines, speeding up handling of cases and making traffic court appearances more convenient to the motorist.

"I'd be willing to use a few girls in shorts if it would help get drivers to pay fines on time," he said. City officials said the drive-in was not feasible because it would create a traffic problem.

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Society Notes

W.M.U. Has Bible Study and Business Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church met at the church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for a Bible study and business meeting. After the opening prayer which was offered by Mrs. S. C. Mahoney, a study of Second Kings was led by Mrs. David M. Phillips.

In the business meeting which was presided over by the president, Mrs. Bob Hodges, all chairmen made reports on the year's work, and Mrs. Finis King, sponsor for the Y.W.A. reported on that organization. It was urged during the meeting that as many members as possible attend at least one day of the associational meeting to be held in Cisco, Thursday and Friday of this week. Announcement was made that Miss Elkin Lockett will be one of the speakers during the meeting.

The next meeting of the Union will be conducted by the various circles in separate meetings and places of meeting are as follows: Blanche Rose Walker will meet with Mrs. R. J. Taylor; Alma Jackson circle with Mrs. Alex Roberson; Elkin Lockett with Mrs. Colonel Brashier; Anita O'Neil with Mrs. W. W. Davis and the Christina Donath Circle with Miss Sally Ringold.

Missionary Society Meets at Christian Church

The Missionary Society of the First Christian church met at the church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. Glenn Simon conducting the study. Following the opening prayer and hymn, Mrs. L. R. Herring gave the spiritual life paper which had for its subject, "Faith."

After the study the remainder of the afternoon was spent in packing boxes of food and clothing for the orphan's home.

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Ladies Bible Class Meets Monday
The Ladies Bible class of the Church of Christ met at the church Monday afternoon for the weekly Bible study which was conducted by Mrs. Wynn.

The opening song service was directed by Mrs. G. C. Love and the opening prayer offered by Mrs. W. A. Canafax. Following the lesson which was a study of the sixth and seventh chapters of Acts, a round-table discussion was participated in by those attending.

Preceding the dismissal prayer by Mrs. Ivy a collection was taken for a needy family.

Y. W. A. Installs Officers

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist Church met at the church Monday evening at 7:30 for installation of officers.

Officers installed were as follows: President, Miss Velma Brown; vice president, Miss Ora Mae McGee; secretary, Miss Eunice Preslar; treasurer, Miss Marie Myrick; reporter, Miss Faye Norris; pianist, Miss Margaret Jo McCleskey.

Committee chairman are: social, Jimmie Beth Todd; devotional, Monia Robinson; program, Juanita Murray; scrap book poster, Arline Stevens; personal service, Claudia Fae Perdue; music committee, Thelma Compton, Beatrice Reagan, Frances Ussery and Edith Taylor.

A short business meeting followed the installation, after which refreshments were served to the following:

Misses Mona Robinson, Velma Brown, Eunice Preslar, Arline Stevens, Margaret Stevens, Inez Harrell, Jimmie Beth Todd, Dorothy Davis, Margaret Jo McCleskey, Frances Ussery, Juanita Murray, Mary Jane Todd, Claudia Fae Perdue, Marie Myrick, Ora Mae McGee, Sherry Ann King, and Mrs. Finis King.

J. O. Y. Union Entertained

Members of the J. O. Y. Union of the Young People's Training Union of the First Baptist Church were entertained Monday evening at 8:30 with a wiener roast on the shores of Lake Hagaman.

The group was accompanied by the Union sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robinson.

Following the wiener roast, a short business meeting was held, during which time the various

Gleaners Class Entertained

The members of the losing team in a recent membership contest conducted by the Gleaners Class of the First Baptist Church entertained the winning team with a Halloween party in the home of Mrs. John Tibbles, Friday evening.

After the social hour a business meeting was held and the following officers elected to serve the class: president, Mrs. John Tibbles; first vice president, Mrs. B. S. Lemma; second vice president, Miss Ann McEver; third vice president, Mrs. K. F. Kirk; fourth vice president, Mrs. A. N. Bradford; ministerial chairman, Mrs. H. C. Kelley; secretary, Miss Kate Kramer; treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Warden; reporter, Mrs. Roy E. Payne; birthday chairman, Mrs. Wesley Franklin, and group captains, Mmes. E. J. Sneed, A. B. Baker and E. H. Jenkins.

Those attending this affair were: Mmes. A. L. Stiles, E. H. Jenkins, C. O. Ringold, E. J. Sneed, Ruth Musick, H. C. Kelley, W. A. Lewis, A. N. Bradford, G. W. Warden, H. L. Baskin, J. W. Tibbles, Nath Deaton and Misses Ann McEver and Fay Norris.

W.S.C.S. Has Mission Study

A mission study was presented to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service when that organization met at the First Methodist Church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The lesson dealt with conditions of the migrant population of the country and a paper on the "Living Conditions of Migrants" was given by Mrs. Ross Staton. Mrs. S. P. Boon spoke on the Farm Security Administration.

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R. J. C. Freshmen Organize

At a recent meeting of the freshman class of the Ranger Junior College officers for the year were elected and committees appointed. Plans for year were discussed and general organization completed.

Officers of the class are as follows: President, J. D. Litton of Ranger; vice-president, Wilton Rucker, of Strawn; secretary-treasurer, Doris Dudley of Ranger and superintendent of publicity, Carroll Boon of Ranger.

Rebekah Attend Breckenridge Meet

Members of Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 visited the Breckenridge Rebekah lodge No. 97, Friday evening at which time two candidates, Mmes. Aldena Parker and Frenna Fortune were initiated by the Ranger Degree team.

Those attending from Ranger were Mmes. Clara Witt, Gussie Tankersley, Lena McDonough, Mabel Souther, Lucille Wallace, Frances Butcher, Mae Eyley, Dora Fox, Tillie Kelly, Laura Todd, Louie Calder, Kate Marrs, Laura Melton, Ruby Greer, Anna Mae Robinson, Eula Blackwell and Joe Calder and Fred Witt. Refreshments were served to all present.

Just a Bit Personal...

Mr. and Mrs. Cacye Garrett have as their guest, Mrs. Garrett's sister, Miss Clyde Renfro of Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Veal announce the birth of a son, Tuesday morning at the West Texas hospital. The baby has been named Robert Druze.

Miss Mollie O'Rear of Desdemona is a patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. H. T. Schooley and Mrs. Glenn West are in Breckenridge today to participate in the Oil Belt Golf tournament.

Miss Mildred Stevens has been made cashier of Woolworth's replacing Mrs. Jack Rawls who resigned after three years service.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Mills of Kansas City and the Rio Grande

Local Dance Teams Are Registering in Mineral Wells Fete

A number of groups have already registered for the Folk Dance Festival which is to be held in Mineral Wells on October 26. The two Ranger groups who have registered are composed of: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Doss, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cunningham, Frances Sexton, Lorene Crabb, Marvin Gray, J. E. Wharton, Polly Seymour, Marguerite Stevens, Bobby Branton, Lillian Ruth Carter, D. C. Arterburn, James Ferris, Tim Brown and John Ford. Entries have also been received from Stephenville, Mineral Wells, Eastland and several other towns in this district.

The public is invited to attend the festival which is being given jointly by the WPA Recreation Projects in Eastland and Palo Pinto Counties. Those who submit their names by Thursday of this week, however, are eligible to give a demonstration dance on the festival program. Musical numbers, either individual or group, are also being registered for the program.

Any persons who wish to practice either folk dancing or square dancing are invited to do so at the Corral on Tuesday and Friday nights from 7:00 to 10:00 p. m.

Ranger Youth Heads Dental School Frosh

Word was received in Ranger today that Frank Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conley of Ranger, had been elected president of the freshman class at Baylor Dental School at Dallas.

Young Conley graduated from the University of Texas before taking up his dental studies in the school at Dallas.

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