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Behind the Scenes in Washington

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WASHINGTON, March 11. — The newly announced naval policy calls for a battle fleet big enough to protect both coasts simultaneously. But the fleet will be kept in just one ocean—the Pacific.

What Admiral Leahy referred to as a "long standing policy" to maintain a single fleet in one ocean still stands. The policy is "long standing" only to the extent that it dates back to 1932, when the fleet was massed in the Pacific during the Manchurian unpleasantness.

The gesture was designed to give force to Secretary of State Stimson's stern attitude against Japanese aggression, which collapsed when England left him holding the bag.

The proposed \$800,000,000 naval expansion program won't be enough to assure simultaneous protection in both Atlantic and Pacific, according to previous statement by Leahy. So the "fundamental naval Vinson of the House Naval Affairs Committee—with administration approval—apparently will require an even bigger program.

Stop to Isolationists.
BUT the present fleet is admittedly ample protection of the West Coast, Alaska, Hawaii and the Panama Canal. Hence a bigger navy will mean a force in the Pacific which will be definitely more than ample in that area. Yet no one is proposing a navy which would be anywhere big enough to wage an aggressive war.

Chairman Vinson's statement, followed by Secretary Hull's assurances, was designed to placate isolationists and pacifist forces which have been bedeviling the administration in Congress by demanding to know what its foreign policy really is. A fleet big enough to protect both coasts sounds good because it fits in with the isolationist, stay-home idea—which, however, is not the administration foreign policy, even though that was the intended implication.

Plenty of Leeway.
THE objectives — "to protect... our insular possession" (which include Samoa, 2600 miles beyond Hawaii), and to protect "our citizens and commerce abroad"—leave plenty of scope for naval action far from American shores.

But the real mile-wide loop-hole is the assertion that it is fundamental naval policy "to insure our national integrity and to support our national policies." Since "national policies" remain undefined, except that Hull says present policy is somewhere between the extreme internationalism and extreme isolation, there'll be plenty more hollering on that point.

Congressional furor already has slowed up the administration's campaign to "educate" public opinion into a more hard-boiled, less pacifistic mood. But despite the vagueness of American foreign policy—which consists chiefly of acting like a tough guy with the hope other fellows will think you mean it, plus certain interesting talks with the British Admiralty—the administration acts somewhat as if it had been caught with its hand in the gooseberries.

Dinner Decision.
MUCH sarcastic comment has been ended and probably even more averted by the decision that Elliott Roosevelt will be unable to entertain present or prospective customers with victuals at the White House.

Elliott, who is head of the Hearst broadcasting chain and has been organizing a firm to represent broadcasting stations in their dealings with advertising agencies and others in New York, had invited a group of broadcasters to dine with him inside those sacred portals. But he withdrew the invitation, explaining that he would have to leave soon.

SIDE GLANCES By George Clark



Indian Memorial Palace

HORIZONTAL

1. 4 Beautiful mausoleum in India.
8 It was built by Shah in memory of his wife.
13 To work.
15 Bee line.
17 Possessed.
18 Heavy blows.
20 Being.
21 Noise.
22 Upon.
23 Mother.
25 Aeriform fuel.
27 Electric unit.
28 Is in debt.
30 Bones.
32 Babylonian city.
33 2000 pounds.
34 Small tablet.
36 Energy.
38 Astringent.
40 Kindness granted.
42 East Indian plant.
44 Electrified particle.
45 Inorganic.
46 Membranous bag.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

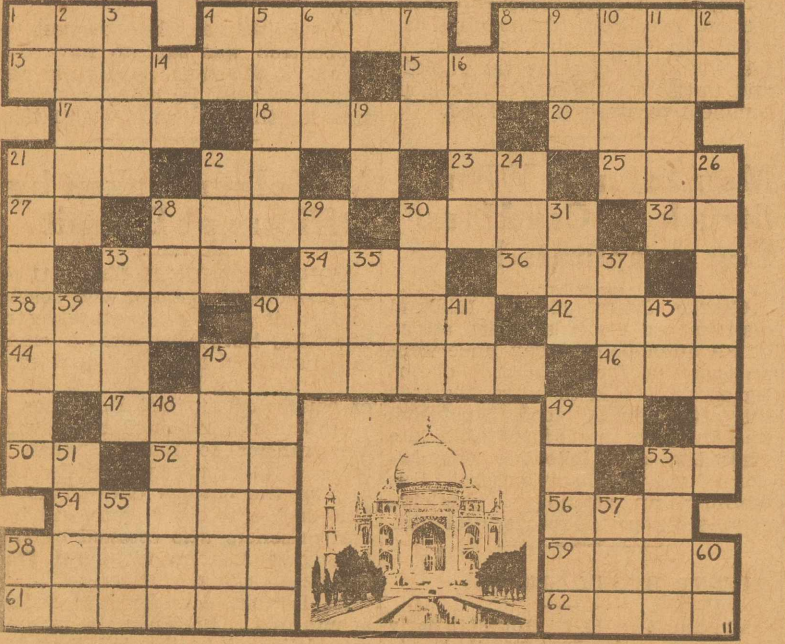
BALBOA SPANISH MAUSOLEUM IN INDIA
TOMB BURIAL STONES
POT MUST NOT BURN
EAT CANE FEAR
APART TILLAR BALBOA
SAVE CASTLE
ONE PORT TILL
NO TINE COS
ROUTE WONT AS
FATTY SAME ERIA
OMIT PERI SPURN
PACIFIC CLAIMED

mausoleum is rich in decorative

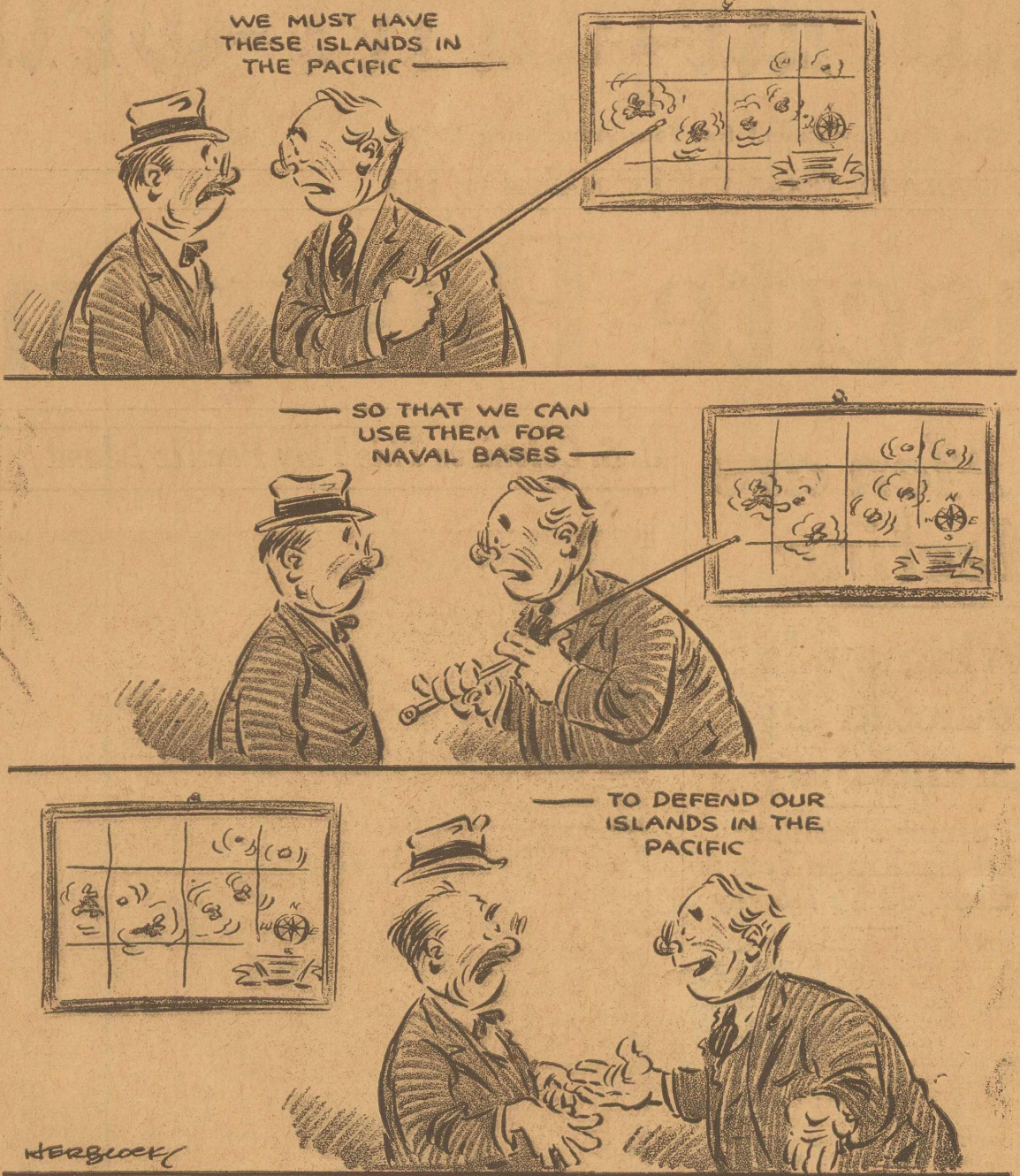
22 To possess.
24 Venomous snake.
26 It is one of best examples of architecture.
28 Uncle.
29 Spread of an arch.
30 Smell.
31 Bronze.
33 Large casks.
35 Farewell.
37 Office.
39 Behold.
40 Artifice.
41 Sun god.
43 Musical note.
45 Fireside shelf.
48 Fine coal dust.
49 Larval stage.
51 After the manner of.
53 Pertaining to wings.
55 Your and my.
57 Limb.
58 Afternoon.
60 North America.

VERTICAL

1 Toward.
2 Genus of plant lice.
3 Twilled cotton cloth.
4 Mother.
5 To make amends.
6 Female fowl.
7 Gibbon.
8 Junior.
9 Beer.
10 Variety of asfetida.
11 Handles.
12 Northeast.
14 Road.
16 Distinctive theories.
19 Sound of surprise.
21 This



See?



The Town Quack

violently."

The Reporter-Telegram's ninth birthday got by pretty well unnoticed yesterday until Ily Pratt got to reading over on the back page of the day before and found that we were observing the same. He got up at the Rotary club and paid this hard struggling sheet a glowing tribute. He hasn't forgotten those lean years of the depression when Midland was probably the smallest town in Texas to keep a daily paper alive. We haven't gotten too far from that stage yet but, thanks to the good support of the Midland people, the sheet has been able to do a little expanding since.

Which reminds me that our circulation department is gaining more rapidly now than at any previous time. Citizens who have been here for several months are enjoying the home news now whereas they weren't too interested at first. We don't want to brag but we believe this paper is a bargain at the price we charge for it.

A local man said he wanted to put in a long distance call to Waxahachie. The operator asked: "How do you spell it?" He replied: "If I could spell it I would write instead of paying for a phone call."

Here's a swiped verse:
There was a young man, an Epswichan,
Who cleaned his pants in the kitchen.
He used gasoline,
That's the last that was seen
Of the man, his pants, or the kitchen.

I've always heard that a foolish question may get a foolish answer, but Professor Georges Vorbe, in his geology class the other night, asked a sensible question and got an astounding answer.

The question was, "What causes earthquakes?"

Pat Riley, A-student in the class in all but deportment, answered that the last earthquake came about as follows: "The devil was working some PWA hands and they let the fire go out. The resultant cooling of the subterranean formations caused a contraction which caused a fault, thereby shaking the earth

Washington in the afternoon. The nature of Elliott's important engagement elsewhere hasn't been disclosed and suspicion runs high that the party was called off because someone in high position decided it was a bit too much.

There has been no end of talk among the broadcasting fraternity, what with invitees boasting and beaming and the much larger group of uninvited feeling sore and aching that he would have to leave soon.

Hold Everything!

Cowboy Netters to Meet Bears Mar. 19

ABILENE, March 10. — Hardin-Simmons University netmen, who opened their 1937-38 campaign last fall by defeating the Texas Tech Red Raiders, will continue their schedule of dual meets by engaging the Baylor Bears on the H-SU courts March 19.

This promises to be one of the most difficult meets of the season, according to the H-SU tennis coach, M. M. Ballard. Baylor has a strong team, and the Cowboys will be handicapped from the loss of four letter men.

The Cowboy's will bank heavily on their first doubles team, consisting of C. H. Boyd and James King. Boyd, the No. 1 H-SU netter, is showing good form and can be relied upon to give Fickett, of Baylor, a good battle. King has shown rapid improvement, and is especially strong in court-covering.

The second H-SU doubles team will be composed of Bill McKinney and Sam McCollum. McCollum's height and powerful serve stand him in good stead, while McKinney's speed and good judgment in placements make him a worthy player.

All Cowboy netmen have been working out hard the last few days, and are expected to be in good condition for the Baylor fray.

H-SU's schedule for the remainder of the season calls for two contests with Texas Tech, one in Lubbock on April 18, and one in Lubbock on May 7. April 30, at College Station, the Cowboys will oppose the Texas Aggies. May 3, R. K. Jaggar, tennis coach of the Northeastern State Teachers College of Oklahoma, will bring his squad to Abilene for an encounter. Meets will also be held with the local Abilene

"Before you shut it, dear, don't forget to put in Junior's Easter egg."

Your Income Tax

DEDUCTIONS FOR TAX ON MOTOR GAS.

If an automobile is used for both business and pleasure, all of the maintenance and operating expenses connected therewith, which constitute allowable deductions for Federal income-tax purposes, should be allocated to the two uses on the basis of the time that it is used for each. For example, if the total expenses of operation and maintenance, plus depreciation, for the taxable year amounted to \$800, and the car was used three-fourths of the time for business and the balance of the time for pleasure, the allowable deduction for Federal income-tax purposes would be \$600.

If a law which imposes a tax on gasoline shows that the tax is imposed on the consumer and not on the dealer, the consumer may deduct as a tax, for Federal income-tax purposes, the amount of the gasoline tax paid by him; but the taxpayer must have kept records of the payment of such taxes in order that the deduction may be substantiated as is required by the law and the regulations. The Federal gasoline tax is not deductible by the consumer. A taxpayer may ascertain whether the gasoline tax is imposed by a state is deductible by the consumer or by the dealer by addressing an inquiry to the collector

Christian College squad, and with the Cowboy's traditional rivals, the Howard Payne Yellow Jackets.

Air Defense Will Be Given Major Study at Aviation Conference

OKLAHOMA CITY (Special). — National air defense will be given major attention at the Southwest Aviation conference to be held in Oklahoma City March 11 and 12, Moss Patterson, chairman of local committees, announced today.

With high ranking officers of both the U. S. Army Air corps and U. S. Navy bureau of aeronautics on hand at the air parley, new light is expected to be thrown on the much-discussed subject, Patterson said. Legislation for air defense now pending in congress will be explained.

"We expect the various officers of the military branches to use this conference as a vehicle to get across some pointed facts to the public," Patterson said today. "National air defense is on everyone's mind today. Many are confused on the various issues. No doubt a great many different things will be made more clear at the conference."

Information to stimulate public interest in air defense is expected to be turned loose in a talk given by Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover, chief of internal revenue for his district.

In any case where the gasoline purchased is used for business purposes the tax may be added to the cost of the gasoline and deducted as a business expense; but where that is done, the gasoline tax cannot be deducted separately under the item of taxes.

of the U. S. Army Air corps, Washington, D. C.

A driving effort is being made by Patterson's committee to bring to the conference the six "flying fortress" planes that recently flew to South America setting several different world records. Other types of late military planes are scheduled to make their appearance in the city to take part in the free air show Sunday, March 13, which closes the conference.

Army officers from the nation's capitol are expected to indicate just what the highly publicized "aerial minded" are and how they operate, Patterson said.

Recently before the house naval affairs committee, it was claimed aerial mines were able to devastate areas up to 100 square miles and could blanket large cities with deadly gas. Invented by Lester F. Barlow, aeronautical expert, the mines have not yet been given official tests.

Headline speakers at the conference on military phases of aviation will be Major Al Williams, noted writer and pilot, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Major James Doolittle, former holder of the world's speed record, St. Louis, Mo.; Brig. Gen. H. H. Arnold, assistant chief of the air corps, Washington, D. C.; Brig. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, commanding officer, March field, Calif.; Col. James H. Johnson, assistant secretary of commerce, Washington, D. C., and others.

British visitors to France number more than a half million annually.

Mother Offers Eye to Save Sight of Son



Mother love and modern science soon may combine in a New York hospital to give 2-year-old Charles Laverty happier birthdays for the rest of his life. Happier because Charles, shown above with his mother in their North Wales, Pa., home with his second birthday cake, may have his sight restored. Charles lost the sight of his right eye after an attack of measles a year ago. Inflammation now threatens the left eye. Only hope for the boy is an operation transplanting the cornea of a good eye to his own, and his mother has offered to give the cornea from one of her own eyes as soon as such an operation can be performed safely for the lad.

Where Torrents Ravaged City of the Angels



Swirling down from the mountains, the worst flood in the history of Southern California isolated Los Angeles and its far-flung suburbs, causing scores to lose their lives, driving thousands from their homes and resulting in tremendous property damage. This map shows the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Los Angeles itself and Long Beach apparently were hardest hit by the rampaging Los Angeles river, where the water ran at 20 miles an hour. Communication from those cities was possible only by radio telephone. The low flat suburbs were swamped; the only access was by boat. In those stricken areas were Venice, Santa Monica, Compton, Lennox, Bell, Van Nuys, Lomita and Culver City. Movie stars were marooned at their Malibu Beach colony. Less seriously hit was Burbank.

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Faculty Play to Be Produced Here On March 16
Nine members of the Midland schools faculty will step out of their classroom roles to assume dramatic characters behind the footlights, when the faculty play is staged, Wednesday, March 16.
"The Family Upstairs" is the name of the three-act comedy which is being directed by Miss Agatha Bruner, with Miss Vera Hefner as assistant and Miss Ruth Carden as make-up artist.
Following is the cast of characters:
Joe Heller, the father—M. A. Armstrong.
Emma Heller, the mother—Merle

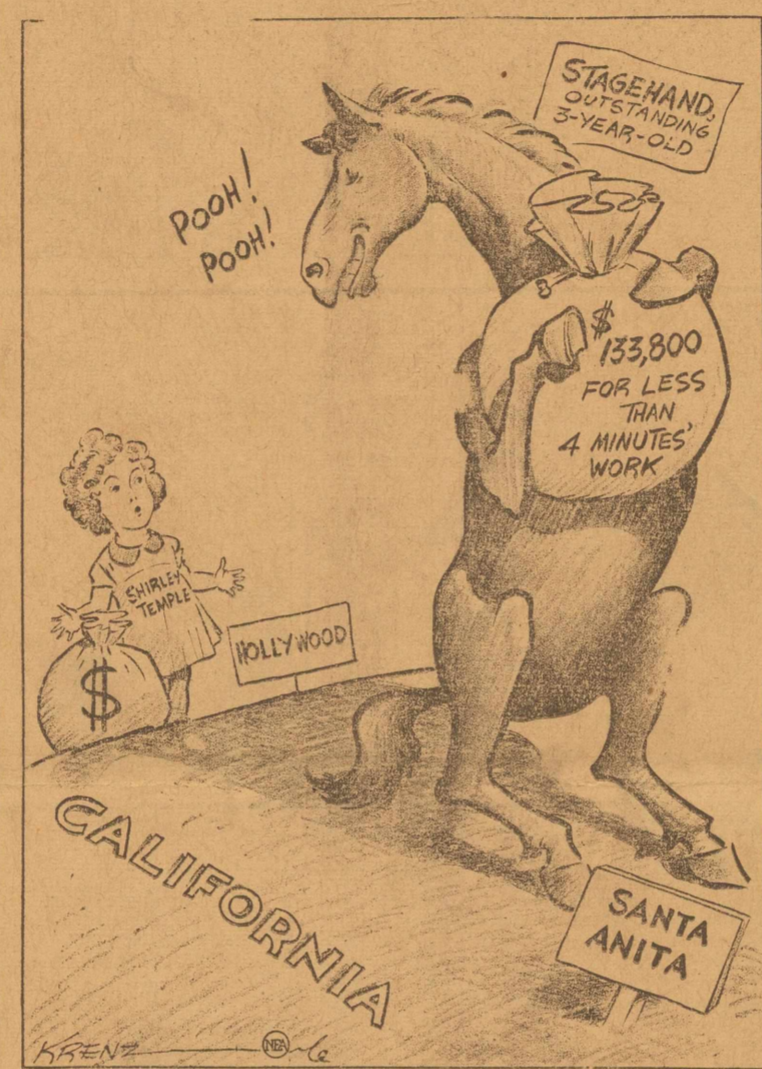
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"I think it's awfully brave of you to stick to a diet, Fanny. Would it help any if I ate your desserts so you won't be tempted?"

Child Stars



Need Half Billion For South Central Road Modernizing
WASHINGTON, D. C. March 11.—Because of today's traffic pressure, obsolescence, and general safety demands, more than \$450,000,000 is needed to bring up-to-date the highways of five south-central states, according to reports made by state highway departments to the American Association of State Highway Officials. This sum is needed to rebuild, relocate and widen the roads and bridges of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.
These facts were assembled to show the need for continuing Federal highway aid on its present basis. Comprehensive data on all states was presented recently at the congressional road hearings by the highway officials' association.
"This figure proves beyond question that the highway job is far from finished," said C. H. Purcell, president of the association. "The projects listed by the highway officials are all urgently needed for safety and cheaper vehicle operation, and, in fact, the \$450,000,000 mentioned is very conservative, for only about one-fifth of the state highways were covered in the reports."
State highway officials in this area report a total of 4,962 miles of highways which should be rebuilt at a total cost of \$126,775,000. Roads too narrow to safely carry their present traffic are listed at 2,809 miles. The cost of widening these roads to meet present-day needs would be \$47,620,000.
More than 5,957 miles should be relocated to avoid abrupt curves, dangerous grade crossings and blind spots in the highways which endanger the motorist's life. This would cost \$24,350,000. Inadequate bridges, considered by highway engineers as one of the greatest danger factors, could be widened or rebuilt in these five states at a cost of \$42,200,000, according to the reports.
The total cost of these improvements to the highways in these states, as estimated by the state highway officials, would be: Missouri, \$49,725,000; Kansas, \$108,000,000; Arkansas, \$45,500,000; Oklahoma, \$63,520,000; and Texas, \$184,200,000.
"Naturally, initiation of these needed projects would provide work for many thousands of men," Mr. Purcell added. "So not alone for the welfare of motorists, but for the welfare of workers, there is definite need for the continuation of Federal aid on its present basis by Congress."

Increased Tax on Liquor Is Voted

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP).—Warnings that the bootlegger would thrive once more failed to deter the House Thursday from voting to increase the hard liquor tax 25 cents a gallon.
As an "easy way out" for members who had cut the potential yield of the administration tax bill by deleting a surtax on closely held corporations, Representatives Robertson (D-Va.) offered the amendment to raise the liquor levy from \$2 to \$2.25 a gallon.
The House approved it by a 160 to 34 standing vote.
Edging the measure toward a final vote tomorrow, the House also inserted tentatively a new excise tax of 6 cents a pound on imported pork and 3 cents on imported pork products.
Robertson said the liquor tax increase would produce \$35,000,000. Representative Thompson (D-Ill.) placed the yield of the pork tax at \$5,000,000.
The revenue loss from removal of the levy on closely held corporations has been estimated at \$30,000,000 to \$45,000,000.
Some legislators appealed for more deliberate consideration of such major revenue law changes as the liquor tax increase.
"Without a study of this thing," Representative Dingell (D-Mich.) said, "we might do something that would increase bootlegging."
"Pretty soon you'll get the tax so high the bootlegger will come back," Representative Dirksen (R-Ill.) asserted.
Robertson said the 25 per cent increase would "not be added to the cost to the consumer."

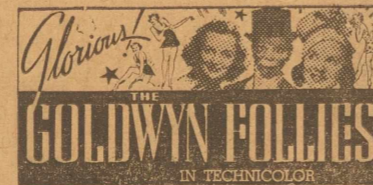
Girl Scouts Have New Home; Now They Need Chairs

Through the courtesy of Fred Wemple, owner of the property, permission has been granted to Girl Scouts to hold their meetings in the old Presbyterian church building at the corner of Big Spring and Wall streets.
Mrs. R. V. Lawrence, lieutenant, reports that the girls are pleased with the roominess of the new meeting place.
"But what is home without a chair?"
Chairs are badly needed, and Mrs. Lawrence asks citizens who have chairs or other furniture they would donate to the Girl Scouts to telephone her at 338 and she will see to transporting the pieces to the church building.
Use of a piano would also be appreciated, if anyone has an instrument he would let the girls have for their care.
The Midland Girl Scout troop is an independent organization without financial backing and hence has no fund for the purchase of equipment for its new home.
French girls, wishing to avoid being "old maids", pay prices ranging from \$25 to \$3500 to men in temporary marriages so that they may add Madame to their names. French courts are going a rushing business granting divorces to these women.
"The origin of the ceremony of laying a cornerstone is of great antiquity and, according to some historians, sacrificial rites were practiced when laying the foundations of a building."

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foot troubles—all of the Dr. Scholl's Foot Comfort Appliances and Remedies.

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Potential Officers Of ROTC Will Start Training in June

FORT SAM HOUSTON.—Potential officers of the United States Army reserve, 886 Reserve Officers' Training corps students from the Eighth Corps area, will begin a six-week period of intensive military training with the regular army in June, it was announced today at Eighth Corps area headquarters.
These students represent 12 educational institutions in the Eighth Corps area with established senior ROTC units.

Personals

Mrs. M. A. Nicholson of Monahans visited her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Howe, here the first of the week.
Jean Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lewis, is quarantined at the Lewis home on Kansas street, because of an attack of scarlet fever.
Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Knight have returned to their home at Odessa after spending several days in Midland.
Mrs. W. C. Hinds left Thursday for a week's stay in Fort Worth. She will visit her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Garrard and family and her son Marshall Hinds, who is a student in Texas Wesleyan College.
The Rev. Marlin, pastor of the Odessa Methodist church, was a visitor to Midland Thursday.
Mrs. J. Fleming of Chicago, will leave Sunday after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. O. C. Harper. The Harpers will drive her to Dallas on her return journey.
The process by which the temperature of milk is raised high enough or maintained long enough to destroy all germs and spores is known as sterilization.
British women spend more than \$30,000,000 annually on beauty aids, including creams, lipstick, powders and perfumes.

from June 5 to July 16. A feature of this camp will be its operation in conjunction with the recently established School of Military Sanitation.
A group of 27 students enrolled in the Chemical Warfare service unit at the Texas A. & M. college will be sent to Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, early in June.
The enrollment of 886 from the Eighth Corps area will be augmented by 20 students from the Seventh Corps area.

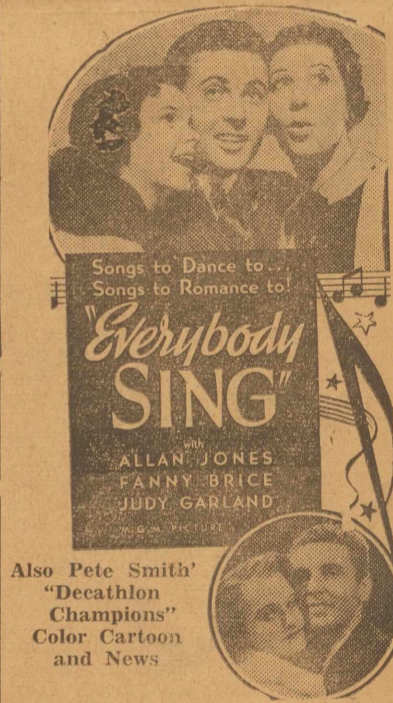
A tablet in Chigwell Church, Essex, England, is in memory of George Shillibeer, London's first busman.

According to records, the total population and criminal population of the United States increases at about the same ratio.

Bears do not hibernate on a full stomach. They fast for several weeks before going into their dens.

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