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BRECKENRIDGE, March 17.—Deputy Constable Ollie Parks, 35, was shot to death early today in a gun battle at a dance hall following an attempt to arrest a man who dropped a pistol on the floor during the dance. Though struck by four bullets, he managed to fire the same number of shots himself before dying.

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Fido, a bedraggled and half-frozen Shepherd dog, was rescued from a drifting ice floe at St. Louis after a 25-mile drift down the Missouri and into the Mississippi river. An orphan, he wandered out on slush ice and away he went, as shown in chilly picture above, taken at rescue.

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AMERICAN WHEAT FOR THE HUNGRY

A huge store of farm board wheat, 40,000,000 bushels in all, has been placed by congress to the credit of the unemployed and needy of the republic. Moreover, the American Red Cross will distribute the government donation. First, the wheat must be milled. Second, the flour must be baked into bread. Third, the Red Cross workers must distribute it. There is a clause of the measure which won the angry opposition of John Barton Payne, chairman of the Red Cross. It reads as follows: "In cities of over 25,000 population the American National Red Cross or any other organization designated by it may have the flour baked into bread, provided that no part of the expense incident to such baking or processing shall be paid out of said wheat or flour and no part of the expense shall be borne by the United States or the federal farm board."

Is it a dole? If it isn't a dole, name it. President Hoover signed the measure. Now the Red Cross directors must see to it that the wheat is milled, the flour is baked, the bread is distributed, and all expenses must be borne by the contributors to the Red Cross fund. Well, American taxpayers paid for the wheat. Why should the Red Cross be compelled to pay the cost of turning the wheat into bread for "the unemployed and the needy?"

SPEAKING OF THE GENERAL SALES TAX

There is a political revolution in Kentucky predicted and all on account of introduction of a state sales tax bill. Kentucky democrats are said to be worried. Governor Mike Conner of Mississippi recommended a state sales tax. His measure was voted down in the senate and then defeated in the house by three votes.

After the World War, many European nations adopted the sales tax to increase their revenue. Germany led off in 1918. France adopted a two per cent sales tax in 1920. Belgium followed in 1921. Austria in 1922. And in recent years Poland, Roumania, Turkey, Russia, and Hungary, and two or three of the Balkan countries followed in the wake of the more important governments of Europe.

Now there is a fierce battle on in the house of the American congress. Democrats reported out of committee a general sales tax and Speaker Garner may be kept busy for weeks and weeks to come before he is successful in whipping into form the original measure, or a substitute and then send it on its way to the senate. Believe it or not, the speaker and the democratic leaders are up-against the real thing in providing heavy additional revenues for their government.

AMERICANS AS MEAT EATERS

America produced more and ate more meat last year than in 1930. American farmers brought 10,777,000,000 pounds of meat to the buying counters in 1931. Production and consumption in 1930 was the smallest since 1922. Total per capita consumption of meat was 132.1 pounds. It was a great year for meat eating.

Democrats Start National Victory Campaign Fund

With more than 20,000 volunteers now at work and over 40,000 contributions reported, further indication of the unanimous party endorsement of the Democratic National committee's country-wide drive for a \$1,500,000 preparedness fund for the coming presidential battle is given in a leaflet just published by the Democratic Victory campaign under the title "Leaders of Democracy Speak," and containing statements by 24 of the Party's outstanding leaders. The leaflet was made public today by John W. Davis, general chairman of the Victory campaign and includes among other statements by virtually every Democrat mentioned as a possible nominee for the presidency.

The statements are by Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War in the Wilson administration; former Gov. Harry Flood Byrd of Virginia; James M. Cox, democratic presidential nominee in 1920; George, Georgia; Senator Cordell Hull, Tennessee; Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, Illinois; Gov. A. Harry Moore, New Jersey; Gov. William H. Murray, Oklahoma; Gov. John G. Pollard, Virginia; John J. Baskob, Democratic national committee chairman; former Senator James A. Reed, Missouri; Gov. Albert C. Ritchie, Maryland; Senator Joe T. Robinson, Democratic leader in the Senate; Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt; J. M. Thomsen, Democratic National committee executive chairman; former Alford E. Smith, Maine; A. Taylor of Chicago; Senator Thomas H. Walsh, Montana; Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Montana; and Owen D. Young of New York.

As further indication of the scope and usefulness of party endorsement of the victory campaign, the leaflet stresses the fact that the more than 20,000 campaign volunteers constitute the membership of forty-eight state victory committees and of local committees in more than one-third of the 3,572 counties in the United States. In addition, the leaflet points out that the 40,000 contributions reported in the

Dr. C. C. Craig III At Ranger Home

Dr. C. C. Craig, who was taken ill early this week, is still confined to his bed at his home, but it was said today that he was showing some improvement.

AUTO GIVES FIRE ALARM

ELK CITY, Ok.—A car, owned by Raymond Parman, Elk City, turned in its own fire alarm when a short in the wiring caused it to blaze. Attracted by the continuous blowing of an automobile horn in the garage, Parman found the automobile blazing. The short in the wiring that caused the blaze

"The Crime Trust!"



WASHINGTON CIRCUS

—BY DAVID WRIGHT—

Special Correspondent. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Treasury officials are expecting that this year's federal income tax collections will be the smallest ever collected since the income tax law went into effect.

Returns for 1930, filed a year ago, dropped more than \$500,000,000 below the figures for 1929, and it is expected that the country-wide depression has caused an even heavier decline during the last 12 months.

There is no way by which to estimate what the total tax receipts will be. Payments since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1 are more than \$600,000,000 below the amount collected up to a year ago today on the 1931 returns. In round figures, last year's drop, as finally tabulated, was \$225,000,000 below the 1930 totals. How much of a drop this year's returns will take, nobody knows.

During the years of plenty more than four million people paid an income tax. Last year the number had decreased to approximately 2,500,000. Probably half a million of these will drop out of the list this year, and it is not improbable, say treasury officials, that fewer than 2,000,000 will make returns.

Such a situation is causing the treasury much uneasiness. The department cannot get blood out of turkeys. No matter what happens to the income taxes, money must be raised. It is a subject nobody connected with the administration likes to discuss privately and refuses to discuss for publication. Yet everybody, republicans and democrats, realize that the problem must somehow be met. If income tax collections do not bring home the federal bacon, then more taxation is inevitable, say the experts.

It will interest you to know that the National Association of Broadcasters is vigorously opposing the automatic copyright bill. It took the same position last session, claiming that it was a violation of the infringer in the plan offered by the American Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers.

The N. A. B. (ominous combination of letters, this would let nabbers of copyright material) would not penalize any sort of infringing could be proved to be "innocent infringement." Keep your eyes on the wants, desires and wish of N. A. B.

No matter what Radio Corporation of America decides finally to do in the matter of its proposed patent pool, RCA's related benevolence will not prevent its going to trial for violation of the anti-trust laws. Assistant to Attorney General John Lord O'Brien told the house appropriations committee the other day.

The case has perhaps the widest scope of any anti-trust case ever instituted," said O'Brien. It is extraordinarily complicated, not only because of the intercorporate relationships of the parties involved and various agreements between them, but also because of the cross-licensing of patents.

RCA's associates will also be tried on grounds of their intercorporate relationship, and on other matters. General Electric corporation, the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company, the American Telephone & Telegraph company and General Motors corporation are among the associates, said O'Brien, who stated that their combined capital "runs into many hundreds of millions of dollars."

As a matter of fact, G. E. and Westinghouse are more than "associates." They are in a very intimate sense the owners of Radio Corporation—that is, if control of stock may be taken to indicate ownership rather than "association."

Economy is a word with immense political value, especially at a time like this, when the well known taxpayer is not enjoying his

Daily WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER

WASHINGTON, March 16.—A large, knotty, old Norse farming man, Gilbert N. Haugen of Iowa, on March 23 will break the past record for continuous service in the House of Representatives.

He arrives at that distinction nearly 73 years old, after a life spent in agriculture and in the service of agriculture as a member of Congress since March 4, 1859. He was chairman of the agriculture committee of the House in the period when farm relief became a foremost national issue and his name was perpetuated in legislative history by his co-sponsorship of the McNary-Haugen bill.

He recalls no more spirited uprising in congressional history. These, he says, are days of harmony. Meanwhile, however, he had begun to study the competition with the present act under which the Farm Board operates. But he insisted that the surplus crops must be sold rather than held and that the costs and benefits must be equalized among the producers. Hence the equalization of the McNary-Haugen bill.

He has been a widower since 1912 and lives here in a hotel. A son works at the National City Bank in New York and a married daughter lives in Iowa. One of active farming, he likes flower gardens and sometimes picks flowers to take to his office.

Accustomed prosperity. Mr. Borah's proposal to cut salaries of elected officials was given the cold shoulder by members of congress. They are not averse, however, to cutting salaries of government workers under civil service, though there is not much likelihood of their cutting expenses to any marked degree by lopping off a few dollars from the pay of filing clerks and such.

The civil service commission announced the other day that in the federal executive branches at the end of the calendar year 1931 there were 39,912 more persons than at the close of 1930. In fact, there are more on the payroll now than at any time since 1920. So you see how economy works.

Among the first loans extended by the \$2,000,000,000 reconstruction finance corporation was one to the receivers of the Wahash railroad. The process of unfreezing frozen assets has begun, and Mr. Hoover's friends are hopeful that that country will be out of the trenches not later than June 1.

Just when congress was busy studying the president's plan to put business back onto its feet, word flashed into Washington that a man somewhere in the middle west had confessed to having maintained three establishments for 12 years. He doesn't deserve to be sent up for bigamy. The judge ought to have recommended him as an authority on economics and let him tell the solons over here in Washington how to balance the national budget.

The senate committee on civil

will then," Haugen recalls. He went on the agriculture committee at once, but you didn't hear much about farm relief. He'd say the first step in that direction was the packers and stockyards act in the Roosevelt administration. That was when the western insurgents began to appear as such. We were fighting the battle of the ranchmen and the small, independent packers in the west."

Remembers Cannon Fight THE next high spot in Haugen's memory is the famous House insurgent revolt against the "boss rule" of Speaker Joe Cannon about 1909, led by the now Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska. Haugen says, proudly, that he was in the ranks.

Of A Social Hue Mr. Gus L. (Guzzels) Coleman, the sage of Eastland, brightened the otherwise drab and sluggish life of this department last evening with a pop call. There was no ulterior motive in Mr. Coleman's visit. He just dropped over, as it were, for a slice of rich cream pecan pie and a glass of sweet milk and a chat, or a couple of chats, depending upon our reception. Our welcome, we fear, was rather warped inasmuch as Mr. Coleman did not arrive until a very late hour indeed, and we, as a general rule are snoring snugly at very late hours. Mr. Coleman crashed into our slumber without ceremony, babbling his song, and doing his dance. From the entwining clutches of Morpheus he dragged us.

Says Tariff Issue Now THERE'S no issue today between the parties except tariff," Haugen says. "I don't remember that there was ever any other."

He owns more than 4900 farm acres in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and Canada and superintended them until the war. Now he leases them to tenants and this year, with expenses paid, didn't make half enough to pay taxes.

Brazil Makes Plans For Sample Fair RIO DE JANEIRO.—Brazil's Fifth National Samples Fair is scheduled to open here early in June, according to an announcement by the executive commission. Entries already are being received and exhibitors are preparing their samples and position of their stands.

GRIPINGS

By GUS

This column is published as a daily feature and may not be construed as representing the editorial views of this paper. What follows is merely what one man thought at the time it was written, and the writer reserves the right to change his mind concerning any subject without notice, explanation or apology.

Something new in the way of a racket appeared in Ranger this week when an itinerant photographer dropped in on the folks and told them that he was arranging a baby show at one of the theaters and wanted a picture of the baby. The theater managers got wise and after each one found that neither show nor anything about the matter they proceeded to get in touch with the said shadow snatcher and insisted that he take his pictures without bringing them into it.

Any way to get the picture. That's the motto of traveling photographer. After they get the picture taken they'll use every subtle means of salesmanship to sell you a dozen or so pictures and if that fails then they'll really bear down. Often they become insulting in their expressions of sympathy for themselves in having used up their good time and material making a picture that they can't seem to sell.

It might be well to remember that we seldom get something for nothing and to be on the watch-out for rackets. The home town photographer can take your picture if necessary as he'll be here for a while in case you'd like to see him again.

Corroboratory testimony is often necessary to the proof of the credibility of the witness. For that reason, mainly, and for the reason that it helps fill up this column, I shall take the liberty today of lifting an extract from the column of the great Lord Chesterfield (Bobby) Campbell. He agrees that I was hunting pecan pie in his city, and that statement was questioned by more than one.

But draw right, thin chair in the statement, "Mr. Coleman's natty roadster." It wasn't a roadster. I wasn't natty. It wasn't Mr. Coleman's. Mr. Coleman isn't even behind any payments on it.

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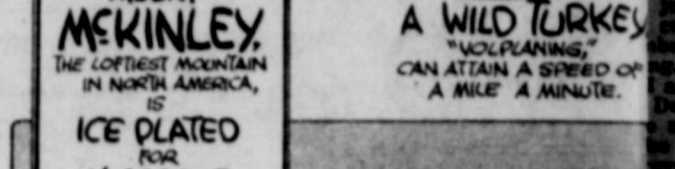
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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

ST. PATRICK WAS NOT AN IRISHMAN AND WAS NOT BORN IN IRELAND, BUT NEAR PRESENT SITE OF GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.



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HOPEWELL, N. J., March 17. State police today reported new discouragement and the blasting of what had seemed promising leads to the kidnapers of Baby Lindbergh.

The forenoon bulletin to the press was entirely negative and acknowledged the failure of latest leads which police have investigated.

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Criticize Hoover
John N. Garner

President Hoover's criticism of the women may feel for him that he may be the warning of Garner to Democrats and Republicans. Mr. Hoover does not know where he is going and no one does, the Speaker told Garner, editor of Redbook, contrasting the Democratic policies with those of the Republicans. His views on farm, tariff and taxation and questions for handling problems are revealed in an article in Redbook for April. Mr. Hoover criticized him at all," said Garner. "Man, we want to see Hoover at the polls next November. If he gets criticized much more than he has, he'll vote for him. I'll say everything favorable about Mr. Hoover. Remember, there'll be a lot of women voters."

Mr. Hoover is not only Speaker, but boss of the Democratic party. Certainly I know my own view of what ought to be done. One thing certain, the Democrats will not support an administration measure which would benefit the Republicans, simply because the Republicans would not support it. I would be a Republican if we'll get behind any measure that the administration proposes.

We want a constructive government administered. No one knows how good a law may be, if it is put in the hands of weak or corrupt people to execute, they will do a debauchery out of it. There is plenty of cause to include in the program. Collision between rackety and fair to make it another year of paper.

Prohibition cannot be a party issue. It cuts right down the line. The election should be settled by the people, not through a party election—or partisan politics. Spoils politics should be a thing of the past. The right way to determine the will of the people is through congressional elections, in a non-partisan manner, who have the highest regard for the people; but I do object to the kind of his policies. The principal living issue is—nobody seems to know, save he is headed for, and he is headed for lack of conviction. It is a matter of political conviction. If they do not believe in his policies, they are in an allied down and new kite. He may be grasping for widely, trying to figure out how he can tie up the largest support.



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS By Blosser

HURRY UP JAY, ALEX, CAME OVER AN TOLD ME FRECKLES WANTS TO GIVE UP POODLE, TO SOME KID OVER IN KRINSTOWN WHO SAYS ITS HIS DOG!!

LISTEN TO THIS SLIM AN' JAY, I MEAN FELLA COODIES—WILL WE GIVE UP POODLE? WILL WE? YES OR NO!!

PLEASE, I TELL YOU UNLOCK THE CLUB HOUSE AN LET ME HAVE POODLE... DON'T ACT LIKE BABIES!!

WELL, CAN WE HELP IT, IF WE LETS THE DOG-CATCHER GET HIS DOG?

YOU HEARD 'EM, DIDNT YOU? WELL, I HAVE THE KEYS, SEE IT TO THE CLUB HOUSE, AN I'M GOING TO KEEP POODLE LOCKED UP, SAVVY?

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To Speak At Murray Rally

Hugh Jones, old friend of Gov. W. H. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, who will be the principal speaker at the Murray Rally at Eastland on Saturday, March 19.

Ellen Rositer, beautiful 20-year-old, falls in love with Larry Harrowgate, young artist whom she meets at Dreamland, a dance hall where she works as a hostess. Larry is engaged to Elizabeth Brown, debutante, but pays attention to Ellen until his fiancée returns from Europe.

Believing Larry is lost to her, Ellen agrees to marry Steven Barclay, 57 years old and wealthy, who has paid hospital expenses for her brother, Mike, injured in a street accident. Ellen knows such a marriage will provide for her mother, Molly Rositer, and make it possible for her sister, Myra, to marry Bert Armstead.

Barclay has been married and divorced. Scandal accompanied his divorce from Leda Grayson, dancer, and, fearing this talk is revived, he and Ellen agree to keep their marriage secret until they sail for Europe. Barclay wants to settle a fortune on Ellen but she persuades him to wait until after the ceremony. Barclay's lawyer, Symes, regards Ellen as a gold-digger.

In a double marriage in a small Connecticut town Barclay and Ellen and Myra and Armstead are married. They depart and almost immediately Symes arrives, demanding to see Barclay. No one knows where the couple have gone.

Ellen and Barclay drive to his Long Island home. The girl is terrified, knows her marriage has been a mistake. She reads in a newspaper that Larry's engagement to Elizabeth Brown is broken. Barclay comes to Ellen's bedroom. The girl faints from terror, recovers consciousness to find that her husband has suffered a heart attack. She calls for help and doctors and nurses arrive. Symes arrives. Ellen believes her husband is dying and is overwhelmed with grief.

Now go on with the story CHAPTER XXXVIII

It was 6 in the morning when Ellen entered Steven's bedroom and looked dazedly about the circle of white, exhausted faces, hoping for reassurance. She found none. Then she sat down beside Steven, her small hands clasped, waiting for the opening of his eyes. He must know that if he would only live she would love him with all her heart.

"You might speak to him," someone suggested.

Ellen was on her knees beside the bed. She was holding the cold slender hands and begging Steven to speak to her.

"Steven! Steven, can't you hear me? It's Ellen!"

She looked up at Symes. "I think he stirred."

In a passion of grief and fear Ellen watched Steven's gray, lined face. The heavy eyes opened. They were vacant as empty windows.

"It's—It's Ellen!" she whispered.

This time she saw the shadow of a smile on the stricken man's face. The colorless lips were forming words:

"My—beloved—wife."

She bowed her head, sent up a silent and grateful prayer. She felt confident and strong, believing that she could match him back from death. Steven's heavy hand was on her hair, rested against her cheek. She knew he was struggling to speak and shook her head. She whispered that he must be quiet. The man's eyes turned to Ellen and seemed to call the lawyer to the bedside. Symes drew closer.

Ellen did not see the faces of the watching physicians. She did not know that no matter how passionate Steven's desire to live might be he had no chance. His overtaxed heart was beating more and more slowly.

"Let him talk, Mrs. Barclay," said one of the watchers. "It can do no harm now."

At that Ellen knew. She knelt on the floor, stroking Steven's hand as the slow, bitter tears she restrained seemed to drop one by one on her hair.

"Symes," Steven's voice barely stirred the stillness.

"Here am I, my man," Symes said heavily. "It's all right," he told the dying man. "Don't worry about the settlements. I'll take care of—Mrs. Barclay. Everything shall be as you wished."

The girl stepped back from the pool of light circling the bed. Ellen was to have those last few minutes alone with Steven. She clung to his hand more tightly. No one thought he would speak again. Slowly he was sinking into the darkness. Just before the end his lips moved again. The words were barely above a whisper.

"Smile—my darling—smile for me."

Ellen smiled.

The rest was nightmare. The girl remembered being taken away from the bedroom. She remembered crying because Steven was dead and crying for her mother and that presently someone told her her mother would come. She remembered drinking something hot and refusing food brought to her on a tray.

The nurse came and went from the room where Ellen lay huddled on the golden divan on which Steven had sat the night before. Outside the sky was of brass and not a breath of wind stirred. Ellen cried softly, steadily, endlessly, with a horrible conviction that her tears would never stop. Why was Molly so long in coming? Why needed her desperately.

After a while Fergus appeared and said that Symes would like to see her. Ellen arose and went



Rifle Club Will Meet To Talk On Plans for Shoot

Jim Ingram, president of the American Legion Rifle Club of Ranger, has called a meeting of the members, to be held at the office of the Chamber of Commerce for tonight at 7 o'clock.

Plans for the opening of the Ranger rifle range will be discussed at the meeting tonight and arrangements made for all the events.

Each visitor to the opening shoot, whether a member or not, will be allowed to fire five rounds over the rifle range, free of charge. All interested in rifle firing are invited to be present at the opening of the range on Sunday, March 20.

Pistol ranges, rifle ranges, skeet grounds and the new small-bore range for .22 calibre rifles, have all been worked over and remodelled and are ready for the opening shoot.

Dirt dumps have been built up behind the pistol ranges, both at the 25- and 50-yard distances and a similar dump has been installed on the small-bore range.

A pistol match between the pistol teams of Ranger and Breckenridge will be held during the meet and a rifle match between teams from Ranger and Eastland will be featured on the program.

Plenty of ammunition has been secured so that all visitors may be given an opportunity to shoot five rounds over the rifle range. Free ice water will be on hand for everyone.

Entertainment to Be Planned By Carl Barnes Post

The regular weekly meeting of the Carl Barnes post of the American Legion is to be held tonight at the Legion hall.

All members are urged by Lonnie R. Herring, post commander, to be present. Plans for the open house meeting, at which the entire citizenship of the town will be invited to attend a free entertainment, will be among the matters to be brought up at the meeting tonight.

Clint Davis, chairman of the entertainment committee for the free entertainment, has been arranging a program and has reported that he has about arranged the details for the entertainment.

Keeping Up With Eastland County Students at C.I.A.

DENTON, Texas, March 17.—Kenneth Wier visited in Dallas the past week-end with friends and his brother, Truett Wier, who is a student in Baylor Medical college of Dallas. Miss Wier is a junior in the Texas State College for Women (C. I. A.) and a voice major.

Miss Wier and Frances Glaxner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Glaxner, 207 Six street, Ranger, sang with the college choir in the open forum of the municipal auditorium of Dallas, Sunday afternoon at 3. This was the third of a series of concerts in which the choir is being presented.

Just what a sisay is on the campus was revealed through the answers of its well-known students.

A sisay is, according to these girls:

- A person who reminds the professor that notebooks or term themes are due;
- A person who asks you what you made an exam just to show off his own grade;
- A person who makes a practice of going to the library on Sunday afternoons;
- Somebody who brags about "never cracking a book";
- One who says "Oh, dear" when he means "Damn";
- One who tries to act sophisticated when he's not;
- A person who never reads "The Ballyhoos";
- A person who wears long-sleeved poppins and chambrays;
- One who wears galoshes and carries an umbrella;
- One guilty of wearing white stockings;
- One who stays home from the picture show on Saturday night to study;
- One who carries a compact around in a chambray pocket.

PORTLAND WEATHERCOCK SAID TO BE 144 YEARS OLD

By United Press.

PORTLAND, Me.—One of the oldest weathercocks in America roosts atop the First National bank building. It was first installed on the original Cumberland county courthouse, built 144 years ago.

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Liquid or Tablets used internally and externally, make a complete and most effective treatment for Colds.

Fast Speedy Remedies Known

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This paper is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the Democratic primary election July 23, 1932:

Judge 88th District Court: **W. L. BARKER.**

County Clerk: **BURETTE W. PATTERSON.**

County Sheriff: **VIRGIE FOSTER (re-election).**

District Clerk: **W. H. (Lewis) CROSSLEY** and **W. H. (Bill) McDONALD.**

County Clerk: **C. BEDFORD.**

County Representative, Eastland County: **W. COCKRILL.**

CARD OF THANKS

We are very grateful to our neighbors and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended us in the loss of our husband and father. We appreciate the beautiful flowers and bank of sympathy and the help of our friends. May the souls of our dear ones rest in peace.

W. L. PATTERSON AND FAMILY.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—Hulova wrist watch Sunens of a Methodist church or cement light gray—Mrs. O. V. DAVENPORT.

SPECIAL NOTICES

C. L. ELVIN, exclusive agent for Baldwin Piano Co. Phone 211 Main st., Ranger.

WAGON TO LOAN on auto or trailer. C. E. MADDOCKS & Co., Ranger.

PERMANENT WAVES, in the Loflin Hotel, Ranger.

WETTE OIL WAVE, \$1.00, setting included. Miss Johnie Moore, 101 North Austin st., Ranger.

POULTRY, PET STOCK

EGGS FOR SALE—Bred down and up. Meat rabbits. John Tibbitt, 309 S. Hodges, Ranger.

SALE—Four-gallon Jersey fresh milk, with young calf. G. O. Jackson, call 208-W, Ranger.

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Eastland

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SCOUT NEWS

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Boy Scouts of the Comanche Trail Council have set out to raise \$7,000 to carry on the work through the coming year and to pay off some accumulated debts. The new council is made up of the following counties: Stephens, Eastland, Erath, Brown, Comanche, Mills, San Saba, and Lampasas.

It is entirely probable that the Boy Scouts will raise the money. There is no question as to the fact that it is about the best investment the citizen and business man can make. You may invest in land, in stocks, in bonds. Yet, none of these investments can be compared to the investment in the growing boy. Here, truly you have invested in good citizenship, in improved community morals, in character. Nothing can bring returns to a community that can compare with the investment in the growing boy. Here, truly you have invested in good citizenship, in improved community morals, in character. Nothing can bring returns to a community that can compare with the investment in the growing boy. Here, truly you have invested in good citizenship, in improved community morals, in character. Nothing can bring returns to a community that can compare with the investment in the growing boy.

Eastland County To Get Road Aid

AUSTIN, March 17.—Orders for 326 miles of road surfacing as "maintenance construction" were issued today by the state highway commission. Bids on the work will be opened April 5. Estimated cost totals \$495,500.

A large part of the work will be double bituminous surface treatment with rolling. Included in the list of projects are: Stephens county, 34 miles of highway 67 and 17 miles of highway 157 near Breckenridge; Eastland county, five miles of highway 23 and a half mile of highway 1.

SATTERWHITE CANDIDATE.

ODESSA, Texas.—Lee Satterwhite of Odessa, former speaker of the house of representatives, has announced his candidacy for reelection as representative from this district. He hopes to secure for counties of this section refunds from the state on highway building.

into the green and gold bath and dashed cold water on her face. She managed to stop crying.

Fergus was still waiting when she returned.

"Did you telephone my mother?" she asked.

The butler only looked at her a little strangely from his sunken eyes and hurried out the door. She felt dull surprise at his manner but that was all. When Symes strode into the room her face was pale, ravaged with fatigue and tears, but it wore a valiant smile.

"Sit down, my dear," the lawyer told her. "I know you've had a terrible ordeal."

The note of sympathy in his voice, the first she had heard that morning, almost blasted Ellen's self-control. She wondered why she had thought once that she disliked Symes.

"That's good of you," she said forlornly. "I've been crying and crying—oh, if only there were something I could do for him!"

"There is," Symes told her. "You can be brave."

"I know," she said, raising helpless, childish eyes to him. "I'm—I'm trying but if only my mother would get here—"

The man hesitated, cleared his throat, looked with infinite pity at the little figure before him. He drew her, hesitatingly, to the sofa beside him, cleared his throat and again fell silent. At last he spoke.

"Your mother isn't coming."

"She's not coming?" Ellen repeated and felt a cold hand on her forehead.

"What is it?" she cried in a loud, strange voice. "Is it my brother? Is he worse. Is that what you're keeping from me?"

Her hands trembled and her eyes were pits of horror as though she could not bear this second calamity.

"No, it's not that," Symes was quick to reassure her. "Your brother's in no danger. I asked Fergus not to carry out your request because I think it would be better if I took you to your mother's for a few days."

Ellen shook her head as though she could not understand what he was saying.

"My place is here with my husband," she insisted, clasping and unclasping her cold hands.

"My dear child," Symes said patiently, "you're making this uncommonly difficult for me, but I must tell you."

Again Ellen felt herself in the grip of rising horror. Symes' eyes frightened her.

"Go on," she whispered.

Her bravery wrung the man's heart. He had not known it could be so hard.

"There's a technicality about the marriage," he muttered in an uncertain note in his voice. "I think it would be best for you to avoid reporters for a few days."

"If it's about the money," Ellen said slowly, her pale cheeks flushing. "I told Steven and I told you too that I don't care about it. He—did so much for me before. I don't want any more. I just want to be with him till the end—"

"It isn't about the money," Symes said, avoiding her eyes. His glance was on the tips of his trim, immaculate boots. "It's about the marriage."

Ellen's bewildered eyes were watching him.

"I don't know what you mean," she said in a nervous effort, "but if it's something about the license, we didn't get one. The minister was going to mail it later—"

Symes resisted with difficulty the pleading, frightened glance. He felt the girl's cold, desperate fingers tugging at his wrist.

"I tried to reach Steven yesterday," he explained fumblingly, cursing himself for his lack of ease. "I tried all last evening but he wouldn't answer the telephone. He didn't know what I wanted."

RIVER AIDS JOBLESS.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Employment for hundreds of men in this vicinity has been promised by contractors working for the government in straightening and deepening the Missouri river between St. Louis and Kansas City. The unemployment situation in Central Missouri is better than for many months.

Don't let them count you out!

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"Mother, I do wish you were well and strong."

Gain new strength... a clear skin!

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